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## Methylhexaneamine bans served by NSWRL players

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The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) today acknowledged the 19 May 2011 decision of the New South Wales Rugby League (NSWRL) Anti-Doping Tribunal to conclude the bans of NSWRL players Tom Humble and Brendan Oake.

The players were provisionally suspended from competition on 12 October 2010 for the presence and use of methylhexaneamine after this prohibited stimulant was detected in samples ASADA collected in-competition on 19 September 2010 at Leichhardt Oval in Sydney, NSW.

The NSWRL's decision meant the players were eligible to return to sport on 19 May 2011.

Methylhexaneamine, also referred to as dimethylamylamine and dimethylpentylamine, is classed as an S6 stimulant on the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List and is prohibited in-competition.

Generally, stimulants act directly on the central nervous system to speed up parts of the brain and body. They can increase alertness and reduce fatigue in athletes.

Over the last year ASADA has issued warnings about methylhexaneamine and is continuing to work with the sporting community to educate athletes and support personnel about this substance and supplements.

Any athletes unaware of their responsibilities are encouraged to seek additional information online at ASADA's website [www.asada.gov.au](http://www.asada.gov.au)

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**Media note:** Cases involving other athletes who have tested positive to methylhexaneamine are ongoing. Due to ASADA's strict legislative requirements, ASADA will not discuss these positive test results (including identifying the athletes or sports involved) until the matters are concluded.

**Media note:** This statement follows the NSWRL's public announcement on the same matter in late May.

