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DOPING VIOLATION

Cyclist Graham Rootes receives six-month sports ban for cannabis

Cycling Australia's decision to impose a six-month ban on cyclist Graham Rootes for the presence of a prohibited substance was today acknowledged by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA).

ASADA collected an in-competition sample from Mr Rootes on 31 October 2010 at a Cycling Australia team event held in Victoria Park, South Australia. The sample returned a positive result for a metabolite of cannabis.

Cannabis is classified as a specified substance on the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) Prohibited List, where bans can range from a minimum of a warning to a maximum of four years' ineligibility in the case of aggravated doping.

Mr Rootes' ban, which was backdated to the date of his provisional suspension, means he is ineligible to participate, as an athlete or support person, in any sports that have a WADA compliant anti-doping policy until 8 October 2011.

The individual results Mr Rootes obtained on 31 October 2010 are disqualified, with all resulting consequences, including the forfeiture of any medals, points, and prizes.

Any athletes unaware of their responsibilities are encouraged to seek additional information online at ASADA's website www.asada.gov.au

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