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## DOPING VIOLATION

### Cyclist Gregory Ball receives two-year sports ban

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Cycling Australia's decision to impose a two-year ban on cyclist Gregory Ball for the presence and use of a prohibited substance was today acknowledged by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA).

Mr Ball tested positive for stanozolol in a sample collected in-competition on 4 February 2011 at the Australian Track Cycling Championships in Sydney, NSW.

Mr Ball's two-year 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 adopted a World Anti-Doping Agency compliant anti-doping policy until 9 March 2013.

This ban means he will be excluded from consideration for the Australian team competing at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

The results Mr Ball obtained on 4 February 2011 are disqualified, with all resulting consequences, including the forfeiture of any medals, points, and prizes.

Mr Ball must also repay to the Australian Sports Commission \$6,500 received through an Australian Government Sports Training Grant, and \$21,000 received through an Australian Government Direct Athlete Support Agreement.

Stanozolol is categorised as an anabolic agent and is prohibited under the World Anti-Doping Code. Athletes in possession, using or attempting to use prohibited substances potentially face serious penalties, including a lifetime ban for second offences.

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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