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## DOPING VIOLATION

### Sports ban for cannabis served by athlete Sam Campbell

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The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) today acknowledged the decision of the Victorian Athletic League (VAL) to conclude the sports ban of competitor Sam Campbell for an anti-doping rule violation committed in 2010.

ASADA collected an in-competition sample from Mr Campbell on 12 December 2010 at the VAL's Northcote event at Glen Waverly Reserve, Melbourne. This sample returned a positive result for a metabolite of cannabis.

The VAL provisionally suspended Mr Campbell from competition on 17 January 2011.

In making its final decision, the VAL informed Mr Campbell on 12 October 2011 that the period of ineligibility for the violation was time served during the provisional suspension and that he was now eligible to return to sport.

The results Mr Campbell obtained at the event on 12 December 2010 are disqualified, with all resulting consequences, including the forfeiture of any medals, points, and prizes.

Cannabis is classified as a specified substance on the 2011 World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List, where bans can range from a minimum of a warning to a maximum of four years' ineligibility.

Any athletes unaware of their anti-doping 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:** Under the World Anti-Doping Code's public disclosure requirements, ASADA is obligated to publicly report the details of an anti-doping rule violation once a final determination has been made by the relevant sporting administration body or the Court of Arbitration for Sport.