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DOPING VIOLATION

Court of Arbitration for Sport issues one-year ban to Corey Webster for second offence

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) today acknowledged the decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport to issue a one-year ban to New Zealand Breakers basketball player Corey Webster for the presence of a prohibited substance.

Mr Webster tested positive to metabolites of the synthetic cannabinoid JWH-018 from a sample collected by ASADA at Challenge Stadium, Perth following an 11 April 2011 preliminary final between the New Zealand Breakers and Perth Wildcats.

This was Mr Webster's second anti-doping rule violation after he received a two-month ban in 2010 for testing positive to cannabis in a sample collected in New Zealand.

JWH-018 is classified as a prohibited substance in competition on the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List. Under the World Anti-Doping Code a sanction of one year is the minimum ban available for a second offence involving cannabinoids.

Mr Webster's ban, which was backdated to the date of his provisional suspension by Basketball Australia, means he is ineligible to participate as an athlete or support person until 15 September 2012, in any sports that have adopted a World Anti-Doping Agency compliant anti-doping policy.

This case demonstrates that the use of synthetic cannabinoids is detectable, particularly through the sophisticated screening procedures carried out on samples collected by ASADA.

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

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Media note: Details of Mr Webster's first anti-doping rule violation can be found on the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand's website here: www.sportstribunal.org.nz/decisions-10/Webster_Media_Release.pdf

