

1. Travell Ngatoko is a member of New Zealand Rugby League which has adopted the Sports Anti-Doping Rules (SADR) promulgated by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) as its anti-doping policy.
2. DFSNZ alleges that on 18 March 2017, Mr Ngatoko violated the prohibition against participation during ineligibility, by competing in a pre-season rugby league match for the Coastal Cobras rugby league team in New Plymouth.
3. On 22 November 2017, DFSNZ filed an Application for the Provisional Suspension of Mr Ngatoko alleging a breach of SADR 10.12.1
4. A telephone conference was convened by the Tribunal Chairperson on 29 November 2017 in respect of the Provisional Suspension Application. Mr Ngatoko did not oppose the Provisional Suspension Application.
5. Accordingly, and being satisfied that there was no substantive reason why provisional suspension should not be imposed, the Tribunal Chair ordered the provisional suspension of Mr Ngatoko with effect from 29 November 2017. Mr Ngatoko may not take part in any way in any event or activity, organised, sanctioned or authorised by the New Zealand Rugby League or by any other sporting organisation which is a signatory to SADR.
6. The following timetabling orders were made in relation to the substantive anti-doping rule violation proceedings:
 - (a) DFSNZ is to file and serve its Form 1 and written material in support by 5.00pm on Wednesday 13 December 2017.
 - (b) the Respondent is to file and serve his Form 2 together with any evidence and other written material in support by 5.00pm on Monday 15 January 2018 (this allows for the intervention of the holiday period); and
 - (c) a further telephone conference will be convened at 9.15am on Tuesday 23 January 2018 to provide timetabling directions as to the filing of submissions and any further material required and to set the matter down for hearing.

7. A copy of this Provisional Suspension Order and Minute will be sent to the parties but otherwise should remain confidential until publication of the final decision on the Anti-Doping Rule Violations. All other process steps under SADR should similarly remain confidential.

Dated: 29 November 2017



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Sir Bruce Robertson
Chairperson