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Anti-doping violation proven against Cyclist

The Sports Tribunal has found that Karl Murray, a cyclist, has committed an anti-doping rule violation.

Mr Murray was a cyclist competing in the Tour of Northland, and tested positive for Clenbuterol in a sample he provided on 18 March 2017.

Clenbuterol is a non-specified substance prohibited at all times, and its presence is a violation of the Sports Anti-Doping Rules (SADR).

Mr Murray was provisionally suspended without opposition on 11 May 2017. Mr Murray defended the anti-doping violation, raising two issues. Mr Murray first alleged that he was wrongly deprived of his right to have a representative during the testing process. Second, he maintained that he was not given a choice of sample collection beakers, but was provided with an unsealed beaker chosen by the Doping Control Officer.

At the hearing, there was conflicting evidence from the witnesses about what took place during the sample collection process. However, the Tribunal was satisfied that the appropriate process was followed and the anti-doping violation was proven.

The issue of sanction has been adjourned.

The decision in this case is available for download from the website of the Sports Tribunal (www.sportstribunal.org.nz). See *Drug Free Sport New Zealand v Karl Murray* (ST 02/17). Copies can also be obtained directly from the Registrar, Sports Tribunal of New Zealand (telephone: 0800 55 66 80; e-mail: info@sportstribunal.org.nz).