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**Softball Player Suspended for 2 years for Anti-Doping Violation**

The Sports Tribunal has suspended softball player, Kurt Allan, for two years for testing positive to D-methamphetamine and D-amphetamine in competition at the Men's Final of the National Fastpitch Softball Championships on 9 December 2012.

Mr Allan admitted the violation. He later advised that he did not wish to present any further information about the violation and would abide by the decision of the Sports Tribunal.

The Sports Tribunal therefore suspended Mr Allan for two years, which is the mandatory penalty for this type of violation under the Sports Anti-Doping Rules. The two year period runs from 10 January 2013, which is when he was provisionally suspended by the Tribunal.

The decision in this case is available for download from the website of the Sports Tribunal ([www.sporttribunal.org.nz](http://www.sporttribunal.org.nz)). See *Drug Free Sport New Zealand v Kurt Allan* (ST 08/12). Copies can also be obtained directly from Brent Ellis, Registrar, Sports Tribunal of New Zealand (telephone: 0800 55 66 80; e-mail: [info@sporttribunal.org.nz](mailto:info@sporttribunal.org.nz)).