

BETWEEN SOFTBALL NEW ZEALAND
Applicant

AND THOMAS CAMERON
Respondent

**DECISION ON APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION GIVEN
ON 30 MARCH 2009**

Hearing: Conference call 30 March 2009

Present: Dane Dougan and Megan Harlick for Applicant
 Respondent in person
 Paul David and Jayne Kernohan for Drug Free Sport

Tribunal members: Hon Barry Paterson, QC (Chair)
 Ron Cheatley
 Anna Richards

Registrar: Brent Ellis

1. Mr Cameron was tested in competition by Drug Free Sport on 28 February 2009. On 24 March 2009, the applicant was notified of an adverse analytical finding as the test showed a positive result for cannabis. The applicant in accordance with the Sports Anti-Doping Rules (2009) applied for provisional suspension.
2. The hearing took place by telephone conference on 30 March 2009.
3. Although not selected in the Black Sox team, Mr Cameron is a member of the extended Black Sox squad. He intends to play winter softball in Brisbane and the season commences on 19 April. He has indicated that he does not wish to have the B sample tested.
4. The Tribunal does not see any reason not to provisionally suspend Mr Cameron. He is therefore provisionally suspended as from today's date.
5. The Tribunal will expedite the substantive hearing when Drug Free Sport brings the application. It is asked to do so without delay. Mr Cameron will be entitled to have a reduced sanction considered if he can establish to the satisfaction of the Tribunal how the cannabis entered his body and that it was not intended to enhance his sports performance.

Dated 30 March 2009



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Hon B J Paterson QC (Chair)