

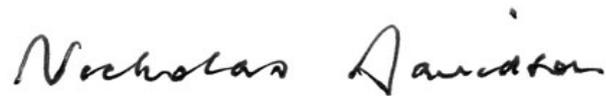
Introduction

Nat Connell was the subject of a provisional suspension dated 24 April 2008 on the application of Basketball New Zealand for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation involving cannabis.

Decision

At a hearing convened on Friday 16 May 2008, Mr Connell admitted the violation, and the Tribunal records its decision that the athlete is suspended from all participation in basketball, with Cross-Code effect, up to and including Sunday 1 June 2008. This Decision brings to account the effect of the provisional suspension to date, and for reasons which will be developed in the full Decision, has the overall effect of a six week suspension.

Dated this 20th day of May 2008



Nicholas Davidson QC
Deputy Chairperson (for the Tribunal)