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Sports Tribunal suspends rugby league player for cannabis violation

A Central Falcons rugby league player, Jacob Croot, has been declared ineligible by the Sports Tribunal of New Zealand to play any sport for 31 days from 28 August until 27 September 2007 because of an anti-doping violation relating to cannabis.

At an urgent hearing today in Wellington, Jacob Croot admitted he had tested positive for cannabis in a sample taken after a game between the Central Falcons and Auckland Lions at Mount Smart Stadium in Auckland on 30 June 2007.

The Tribunal announced its decision this afternoon.

Full reasons for the decision will be released in due course.

The decision in this case will soon be made available for download from the website of the Sports Tribunal (www.sportstribunal.org.nz). See *New Zealand Rugby League Inc v Jacob Croot* (ST 13/07). Copies of the decision can also be obtained directly from Brent Ellis, Registrar, Sports Tribunal of New Zealand (telephone: 0800 55 66 80; e-mail: info@sportstribunal.org.nz).