

**BETWEEN                    NEW ZEALAND RUGBY LEAGUE**

**Applicant**

**AND                         GREIG DEAN**

**Respondent**

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**DECISION OF TRIBUNAL**

**Dated 8 December 2009**

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Hearing Date:    8 December 2009

Tribunal:           Alan Galbraith QC, Deputy Chairperson  
                         Dr Lynne Coleman  
                         Adrienne Greenwood

Registrar:         Brent Ellis

Appearances:     Greig Dean in person  
                         Witness in support of Greig Dean  
                         Paul David and Jayne Kernohan for Drug Free Sport New Zealand  
                         Kevin Bailey for New Zealand Rugby League Inc

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### Introduction

1. Greig Dean underwent an in-competition drug test after playing for Wellington against Auckland at a rugby league game on 13 September 2009. He subsequently tested positive for the prohibited substance cannabis.
2. As the result of an application from Rugby League New Zealand, Mr Dean was provisionally suspended by this Tribunal from 28 October 2009.
3. Drug Free Sport New Zealand subsequently submitted an application to the Tribunal alleging that Mr Dean had committed an anti-doping rule violation.
4. The hearing in this matter was held by telephone conference today.
5. Mr Dean admitted the violation.

### Decision

6. The Tribunal records its decision that Mr Dean is ineligible (i.e. suspended) from participation in sport up to, and including, 29 January 2010.
7. Full reasons for this decision will be issued shortly.
8. Mr Dean informed the Tribunal at the hearing that he was active in a number of sports apart from rugby league. The Tribunal draws Mr Dean's attention to Rule 14.10 of the Sports Anti-Doping Rules 2009 which applies to Mr Dean during the period he is ineligible. This rule prevents a suspended athlete from participating in any capacity in any sport that is a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Code.
9. Mr Dean is therefore prevented from participating in rugby league and other sports until his period of suspension expires on 29 January 2010.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2009

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Alan Galbraith QC, Deputy Chairperson (for the Tribunal)

Dr Lynne Coleman

Adrienne Greenwood