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Sports Tribunal suspends Wellington rugby league player for cannabis violation

The Sports Tribunal has suspended a Wellington rugby league player, Greig Dean, from participating in sport because of an anti-doping violation relating to cannabis.

Upon receiving an application for provisional suspension from New Zealand Rugby League, the Sports Tribunal provisionally suspended Mr Dean from 28 October 2009. Drug Free Sport New Zealand subsequently submitted an application to the Tribunal alleging that Mr Dean had committed an anti-doping rule violation.

The Sports Tribunal heard the matter today. Mr Dean admitted the violation.

The Tribunal advises its decision that Mr Dean is suspended from participating in sport up to and including 29 January 2010.

The Tribunal has taken the provisional suspension into account in reaching its decision.

Full reasons for the decision will follow in due course and will be made publicly available.

The advice of the Tribunal's decision and the provisional suspension decision in this case will be made available for download from the website of the Sports Tribunal (www.sporttribunal.org.nz). See *Drug Free Sport New Zealand v Greig Dean* (ST 12/09). 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).