




1. Robert Knight is a New Zealand amateur archer and is registered with Archery New Zealand. Archery New Zealand has adopted the 2023 Sports Anti-Doping Rules (SADR) promulgated by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) as its anti-doping policy.
2. A sample was collected from Mr Knight on 8 April 2023 in competition at the North Island Senior Target Champs. On analysis the sample was found to contain metoprolol and its metabolite a-hydroxy-metoprolol which is a specified substance prohibited in competition for Archery Athletes under class P1 - Beta Blockers on the 2023 Prohibited List.
3. On 2 November 2023, DFSNZ filed an Application for Provisional Suspension alleging breaches of 2023 SADR 2.1 and 2.2. That same day, DFSNZ confirmed service on Mr Knight.
4. On 9 November 2023, a joint memorandum of Counsel was filed with the Tribunal advising that Mr Knight voluntarily accepts a provisional suspension. The memorandum further advised that Mr Knight will pursue a retroactive TUE application to be considered by the DFSNZ TUE committee.
5. Counsel requested that further steps in the substantive ADRV proceedings be adjourned pending the determination of the TUE application.
6. The Tribunal Chair was satisfied that there is no substantive reason why provisional suspension should not be imposed and also agrees further steps in the proceedings be adjourned.

## **Orders**

7. The Tribunal **orders that** provisional suspension of Mr Knight will have effect from 10 November 2023, prohibiting his participation of any kind in any event or activity organised, sanctioned or authorised by Archery New Zealand or any other sporting organisation that is a signatory to the SADR.
8. The Tribunal **orders** further steps in the substantive proceedings be adjourned pending the determination of Mr Knight's retroactive TUE application.
9. A copy of this Provisional Suspension Order will be sent to the parties but otherwise will remain confidential until publication of the final decision on the alleged Anti-Doping

Rule Violations. All other process steps under the SADR should similarly remain confidential.

Dated: 10 November 2023



**John Macdonald**  
Chair