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Athlete Suspended for 3 Years for Anti-Doping Rule Violations

Morgan Foster, an athlete who was registered with both Surf Lifesaving New Zealand and Athletics New Zealand, has been suspended for three years for the possession and trafficking of substances prohibited under the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List 2024.

On 30 September 2024, the New Zealand Customs Service (Customs) intercepted a parcel addressed to Mr Foster that contained the prohibited substances of Ipamorelin, Tesamorelin, TB-500 and BPC-157. Customs referred the matter to the Sport Integrity Commission (the Commission) who filed anti-doping rule violations (ADRVs). Mr Foster was provisionally suspended by the Sports Tribunal without opposition on 22 December 2024.

After Mr Foster provided evidence as to his personal circumstances and how he came to import the substances for another person (who he said was not an athlete), the Commission subsequently filed amended ADRVs for possession and trafficking. Mr Foster admitted the amended ADRVs and accepted the asserted periods of ineligibility.

On 15 May 2025, counsel for the parties filed a joint memorandum setting out their view as to the appropriate sanction – a period of ineligibility of four (4) years, based on a low level of seriousness for the more severe sanction for trafficking, with a one-year reduction for Mr Foster's early admission and acceptance.

The Tribunal accepted the joint proposal from counsel and imposed a final sanction of three (3) years ineligibility on Mr Foster, backdated to commence on 22 December 2024 (being the date of the provisional suspension order).

The decision in this case can be found at www.sportstribunal.org.nz – see *Sport Integrity Commission v Foster (ST20/24)*.

Additional information about prohibited substances, anti-doping rule violations (ADRVs), and sanctions can be found in the WADA Prohibited List (www.wada-ama.org/en/prohibited-list) and the Sports Anti-Doping Rules (www.sportintegrity.nz).