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Boxer Suspended for 3 Months for Anti-Doping Rule Violations

Boxer, Shannon Drake, has been suspended by the Sports Tribunal for three months for the presence and use of the prohibited substance cannabis (Cannabinoids/Carboxy-Tetrahydrocannabinol).

Mr Drake was provisionally suspended by the Sports Tribunal without opposition on 30 July 2025 following an Adverse Analytical Finding from an in-competition test at the South Island Golden Gloves event in Blenheim on 1 June 2025. Mr Drake confirmed that he did not wish to have his B sample analysed and the Sport Integrity Commission filed anti-doping rule violations (ADRVs) against Mr Drake.

Mr Drake admitted the violations but sought to be heard on sanction on the basis that his use of cannabis occurred out-of-competition and was unrelated to sport performance.

On 13 October 2025, the parties filed a joint memorandum of counsel in which the Commission, after considering the evidence, accepted Mr Drake's position. The parties also confirmed that there was no basis for further reduction as Mr Drake had not been able to locate and complete a substance of abuse programme.

The Sports Tribunal accepted the joint proposal from counsel and imposed an ineligibility period of three months on Mr Drake, which was backdated to commence on 30 July 2025 (date of the provisional suspension order) and thus ended on 30 October 2025.

The decision in this case can be found at www.sportstribunal.org.nz – see *Sport Integrity Commission v Shannon Drake (ST06/25)*.

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).