

27 July 2015

Mr Nicholas Mastrodomenico
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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Mastrodomenico

Determination: Anti-Doping Rule Violations

I refer to the:

1. Infraction Notice from the ARU to you dated 15 June 2015; and
2. your response to the Infraction Notice, being the executed Annexures A and B outlining your agreement and acknowledgment of the contents of the Infraction Notice, including the conditions placed on you as a consequence of the suspended sentence you received for your substantial assistance.

Unless otherwise stated, terms in this letter shall have the same meaning as defined in the *National Anti-Doping Scheme* as contained in Schedule 1 to the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Regulations 2006 (Cth) or the ARU Anti-Doping Code 2014 (**Code**).

Determination of contravention of the Code

Under clauses 5.2.2 and 5.2.7 of the Code, the ARU hereby determines that you have committed the following anti-doping rule violations (**ADRVs**):

- Use or Attempted Use a Prohibited Substance in contravention of clause 5.2.2; and
- Trafficking or Attempted Trafficking in any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method in contravention of clause 5.2.7 of the Code.

As previously advised in the Infraction Notice, both ADRV's relate to you using the Prohibited Substances, Testosterone esters (Sustanon 250) and Trenbolone; and Trafficking or Attempted Trafficking of the Prohibited Substance, Testosterone.

Determination of applicable sanction

As previously advised in the Infraction Notice, under clauses 23.1 and 23.2 of the Code, the period of Ineligibility:

- for a violation of clause 5.2.2 (Use or Attempted Use of a Prohibited Substance) is two (2) years; and
- for a violation of clause 5.2.7 (Trafficking or Attempted Trafficking) is a minimum of four (4) years up to a lifetime.

Clause 23.1 of the Code provides as follows:

“Ineligibility for Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Method

The period of Ineligibility imposed for a violation of Clause 5.2.1 (Presence of Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers), Clause 5.2.2 (Use or Attempted Use of Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Method) and Clause 5.2.6 (Possession of Prohibited Substances and Methods) shall be as follows, unless the conditions for eliminating or reducing the period of Ineligibility, as provided in Clause 23.3 and 23.4, or the conditions for increasing the period of Ineligibility, as provided in Clause 23.8, are met:

First violation: Two (2) years’ Ineligibility”.

Clause 23.2(b) of the Code provides as follows:

“Ineligibility for Other Anti-Doping Rule Violations

For violations of Clause 5.2.7 (Trafficking or Attempted Trafficking) or Clause 5.2.8 (Administration or Attempted Administration of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method), minimum of four years up to lifetime unless the conditions provided for in Clauses 23.4, 23.4(b), 23.5, 23.6, 23.7 are met. An Anti-Doping Rule Violation involving a Minor shall be considered a particularly serious violation and, if committed by Page 45 of 93 Player Support Personnel for violations other than Specified Substances referenced in Clause 7.4, shall result in lifetime Ineligibility for Player Support Personnel. In addition, significant violations of Clauses 5.2.7 or 5.2.8 which may also violate non-sporting laws and regulations shall be reported to the competent administrative, professional or judicial authorities”

As you have violated clauses 5.2.2 and 5.2.7 of the Code, the applicable period of Ineligibility in relation to the ADRVs is a period of four (4) years. However, given the substantial assistance you have provided to ASADA and your acceptance of the conditions outlined in the Infraction Notice, your period of Ineligibility will be reduced (by suspending eighteen (18) months) from four (4) years to **two (2) years and six (6) months**.

The start date for your period of Ineligibility is 10 September 2014, the date on which you were provisionally suspended by the ARU pending final resolution of the matter. The start date is in accordance with clause 23.11.1(c) of the Code.

Accordingly, you are able to recommence competing in sport from **11 March 2017**.

Status during Ineligibility

Clause 23.12(a) of the Code provides (in part):

“Prohibition Against Participation During Ineligibility

No Player or Person who has been declared Ineligible may, during the period of Ineligibility, participate in any capacity in a Match and/or Tournament (international or otherwise) or activity (other than authorised anti-doping education or rehabilitation programs) authorised or organised by the IRB or ARU or Tournament Organiser. Such participation includes but is not limited to coaching, officiating, selection, team management, administration or promotion of the Game, playing, training

as part of a team or squad, or involvement in the Game in any other capacity in any Union in membership of the IRB”.

The ARU notes that its decision has a cross-sport effect. Under the mutual recognition of decision rules, you are also prohibited from competing or participating in all other sports with a World Anti-Doping Agency compliant anti-doping policy as well as in competitions authorised or organised by any professional league or any international or national level event organisation or any elite or national-level sporting activity funded by a government agency. If you do compete in such Events then your period of Ineligibility which was originally imposed on you will start over again as of the date of your prohibited participation.

10.12.2. Return to Training

Under the 2015 Anti-Doping Code Article 10.12.2 you are entitled to return to training prior to the conclusion of your period of Ineligibility:

As an exception to Article 10.12.1, a Player may return to train with a team or to use the facilities of a Union, Club, Rugby Body or other member organisation of World Rugby, an Association or a Union during the shorter of: (1) the last two months of the Player’s period of Ineligibility, or (2) the last one-quarter of the period of Ineligibility imposed.

As a result, you will be entitled to return to training and using the facilities of an ARU affiliated club from midnight on 10 January 2017.

Please note however that this does not prohibit you from participating in sport on a purely recreational level. Should you have a question as to what level of participation constitutes “recreational participation”, please contact Phil Thomson at the ARU on (02) 80055641 or Kate Corkery at ASADA on (02) 6222 4247 to discuss.

Yours sincerely



Phil Thomson
ARU Integrity Manager
Australian Rugby Union Limited

DECISION & SANCTION



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9 September 2015

Mr Nicholas Mastrodomenico
[REDACTED]
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Dear Mr Mastrodomenico

DECISION AND SANCTION UNDER THE LEAGUES ANTI-DOPING POLICY

1. This is the decision and notice of sanction imposed on you pursuant to Rule 63 of the Leagues Anti-Doping Policy 2015 (**2015 ADP**). It relates to the following contraventions of the Leagues Anti-Doping Policy 2013 (**2013 ADP**) which were alleged against you in a Notice of Alleged Anti-Doping Rule Violation dated 20 July 2015 (**Notice of Alleged ADRVs**):

(a) **ADRV 1 – Presence of 17a-Trenbolone**

A Prohibited Substance, namely 17a-Trenbolone (a metabolite of Trenbolone) was detected in a Sample that you, being an Athlete within the meaning of the 2013 ADP, provided on 23 August 2014, in contravention of Rule 32 of the 2013 ADP [WADC 2.1].

(b) **ADRV 2 – Use of 17a-Trenbolone**

On or before 23 August 2014 you, being an Athlete within the meaning of the 2013 ADP, Used a Prohibited Substance, namely 17a-Trenbolone (a metabolite of Trenbolone), in contravention of Rule 37 of the 2013 ADP [WADC 2.2].

(c) **ADRV 3 – Use of Trenbolone**

Between in or about April 2014 and May 2014 you, being an Athlete within the meaning of the 2013 ADP, Used a Prohibited Substance, namely Trenbolone, in contravention of Rule 37 of the 2013 ADP [WADC 2.2].

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(d) **ADRV 4 – Trafficking of Sustanon 250 and Trenbolone**

Between in or about March 2014 and April 2014 you, being an Athlete within the meaning of the 2013 ADP, Trafficked Prohibited Substances, namely Sustanon 250 (a testosterone ester) and Trenbolone, in contravention of Rule 44 of the 2013 ADP [WADC 2.7].

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Background

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Findings

■ [REDACTED]

Considerations relevant to Sanction

13. [REDACTED]

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Sanction

16. For the above reasons I impose on you a sanction in relation to the ADRVs of **Ineligibility for a period of four years**, which period:
- (a) shall be taken to have commenced at midnight on 10 September 2014 and to expire at midnight on 9 September 2018; and
 - (b) 18 months of which shall be suspended on the condition you comply with the terms of the Acknowledgment of Conditions signed by you and attached to this Decision.



17. Accordingly, if you continue to comply with the terms of the Acknowledgment of Conditions you will be permitted to return to competition after midnight on 9 March 2017, upon which date the remaining 18 month term of your Ineligibility will be suspended. In that case, and as provided by Rule 102(2) of the 2015 ADP, you will be permitted to return to training with a team from after midnight on 9 January 2017, but must not compete until after midnight on 9 March 2017.

Rights of Appeal and Review

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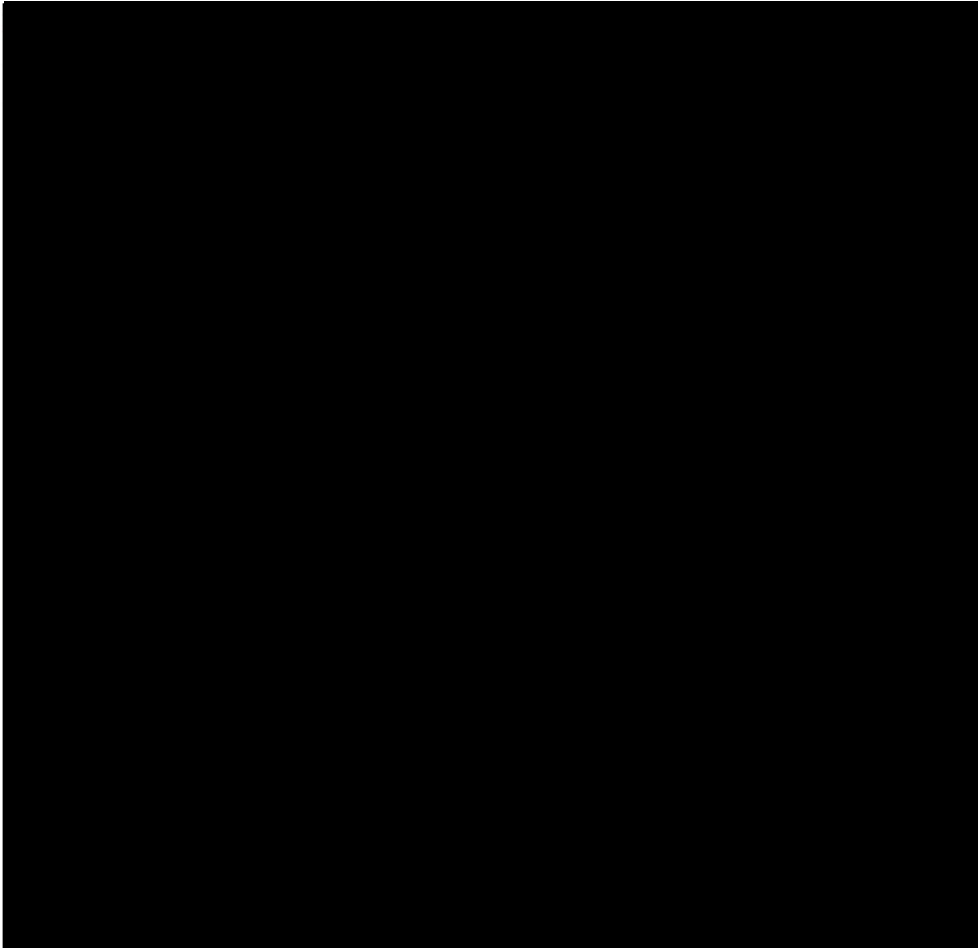
Yours faithfully

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Anti-Doping Co-ordinator
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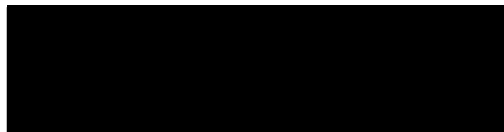
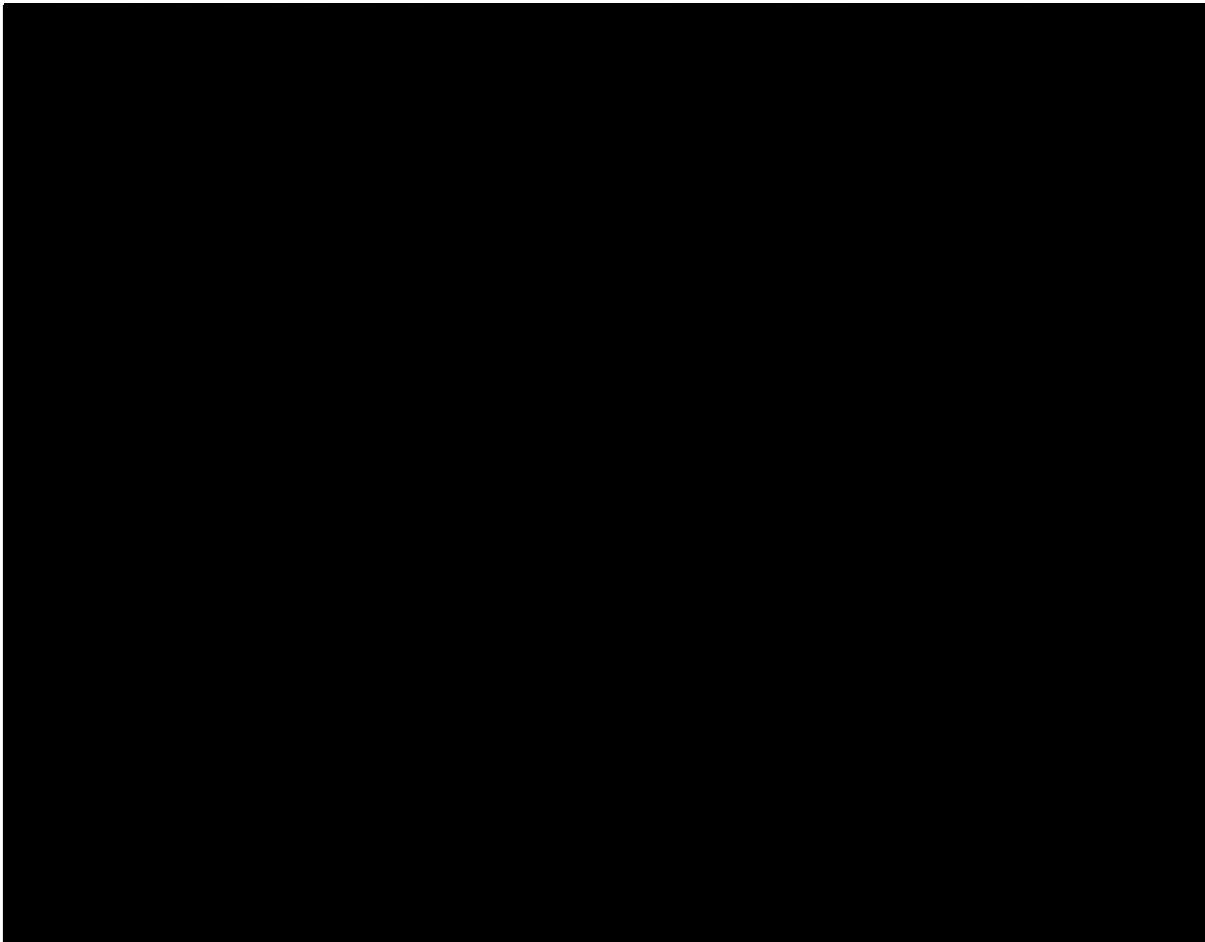
cc: Stephen White, ASADA

NOTICE OF ALLEGED ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS
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