

BETWEEN DRUG FREE SPORT NEW ZEALAND

Applicant

AND MAHDI NAMDARI

Respondent

AND NEW ZEALAND OLYMPIC WRESTLING UNION

Interested Party

**PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION ORDER AND
MINUTE OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
DATED 11 MAY 2021**

Present: Adam McDonald, counsel for Applicant
Hayden Tapper, Drug Free Sport NZ
Matt Rhodes, counsel for Respondent
Nick Lane and Marlene Pouri-Lane, for NZ Olympic Wrestling Union

Chairman: Sir Bruce Robertson

Registrar: Neela Clinton

1. Mahdi Namdari is a member of the New Zealand Olympic Wrestling Union which has adopted the 2021 Sports Anti-Doping Rules (SADR) promulgated by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) as its anti-doping policy.
2. DFSNZ alleges that analysis of a sample collected out of competition from Mr Namdari on 20 March 2021, confirmed the presence of the prohibited substance Stanozolol. Stanozolol is a non-specified substance prohibited at all times under class S1 – Anabolic Agents of the 2021 Prohibited List.
3. On 6 May 2021, DFSNZ filed an Application for the Provisional Suspension of Mr Namdari alleging breaches of SADR 2.1 and 2.2.
4. A telephone conference was convened by the Tribunal Chairman on 11 May 2021 in respect of the Provisional Suspension Application. Counsel for the Respondent advised that Mr Namdari consented to the provisional suspension application. He also advised that the Respondent wish to exercise his right to request that the “B” sample be analysed.
5. Accordingly, and being satisfied that there was no substantive reason why provisional suspension should not be imposed, the Tribunal Chairman ordered the provisional suspension of Mr Namdari with immediate effect from 11 May 2021. Mr Namdari may not take part in any way in any event or activity, organised, sanctioned or authorised by New Zealand Olympic Wrestling Union or by any other sporting organisation which is a signatory to the SADR.
6. A further teleconference is set for 9.00am on 1 June 2021 to allow time for the “B” sample results to be processed. If following receipt of the B sample test results the parties can file timetabling directions for the substantive proceedings, this teleconference may be vacated, and Orders made accordingly.
7. A copy of this Provisional Suspension Order and Minute will be sent to the parties but otherwise should remain confidential until publication of the final decision on the Anti-Doping Rule Violations. All other process steps under the SADR should similarly remain confidential.

Dated: 11 May 2021



**Sir Bruce Robertson
Chairman**