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DOPING VIOLATION

Powerlifters Scott Hill and Odell Manuel get three-month bans for doping

Powerlifting Australia's decision to impose three-month sanctions on national-level powerlifting competitors Scott Hill and Odell Manuel for the presence and use of a prohibited substance was today welcomed by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA).

ASADA collected in-competition samples from Mr Hill and Mr Manuel at the Australian Powerlifting Championships on 18 and 19 July 2009 respectively, which returned positive tests for the stimulant methylhexanamine.

Mr Hill and Mr Manuel provided evidence to ASADA that established that the presence of methylhexanamine was due to the use of supplements. Powerlifting Australia and ASADA were satisfied that their use of methylhexanamine was not intended to enhance their sporting performance and as such, a sanction of between a warning and two-years ineligibility was applicable for first offences.

Mr Hill is ineligible to compete in any national and international sports that have adopted the World Anti-Doping Code until midnight on 3 March 2010. Mr Manuel is also ineligible to compete in such sport until 11 March 2010. The results obtained by Mr Hill and Mr Manuel at the Championships are disqualified and any medals, points and prizes awarded to them are forfeited.

Methylhexanamine is considered to be a drug that is similar in structure to another banned substance, tuaminoheptane, and therefore is prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Authority. Athletes in possession, using or attempting to use this prohibited substance potentially face serious penalties, including a two to four year-ban for second offences.

Jamaican athletes Yohan Blake, Marvin Anderson, Allodin Fothergill and Lansford Spence were suspended for three-months after each returned positive tests for methylhexanamine from samples taken during the June 2009 Jamaica National Track and Field Championships.

Any athlete unaware of their responsibilities are advised to seek additional information online at www.asada.gov.au or to call the ASADA Anti-Doping Hotline on 13 000 ASADA (13 000 27232) for more information.

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