

## **Decision**

by

the FIBA Disciplinary Panel established in accordance with  
Section H.7.8.3 of the  
Internal Regulations governing Doping Control  
in the matter

**Anthony Williams**  
**(born 14 December 1983)**

**("the Player")**  
(Nationality: USA)

**Whereas**, the Player underwent a doping test in Norway on 11 February 2007 (the "Test"); the Test was initiated and directed by Anti-Doping Norway;

**Whereas**, the analysis of the Player's sample was conducted at the Aker University Hospital HF in Oslo which is WADA-accredited. The sample showed the presence of metabolites of cannabis in excess of 15 ng/ml (level reported: 47 ng/ml);

**Whereas**, the Player does not contest the adverse analytical finding and, in fact, in an e-mail to Anti-Doping Norway of 6 March 2007 admits "to making this mistake. We [i.e. the Player and an additional player in a similar situation] would like to apologize to ... We're sorry that one careless act is leaving us and the club in this situation ... And we're ready to take whatever punishment we will receive.";

**Whereas**, on 2 August 2007 a hearing via telephone conference was held with the Panel members, the FIBA Anti-Doping Officer and the FIBA Legal Advisor; the Player did not attend despite having been advised of the hearing;

NOW, therefore the Panel takes the following

### **DECISION**

**Mr. Anthony Williams is suspended for a period from 11 February 2007 until 10 August 2007.**

### **Reasons**

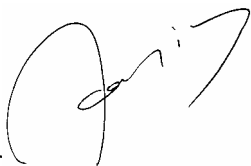
1. The Player admitted to having committed an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Section H.7.2.1.1 of the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Doping Control (the "FIBA Doping Regulations")
2. Cannabis is a prohibited substance which falls under the category of specified substances according to Section H.7.8.2.2. An anti-doping rule violation in connection with such a substance entails a sanction in the range of a reprimand to one year's ineligibility if the person concerned can establish that the use of the substance was not intended to enhance sport performance. In his 6 March 2007 e-mail (see above) the Player stated that "(T)his was a one time thing at a party the weekend we had off, one week before the game against Kristiansand". On this basis, the Panel is satisfied that no intention to enhance sport performance was involved.
3. Due to the Player's failure to attend the hearing, the Panel was unable to establish any additional elements in connection with his anti-doping rule violation and thus decided to impose a sanction in the middle of the available range of sanction.

In favour of the Player the Panel decides to set the starting date of the period of ineligibility on the date of the sample collection (H.7.8.2.7) because, according the available information, the Player stopped playing for his club immediately after the adverse analytical finding and has not been playing since.

4. This decision is subject to an Appeal according to the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Appeals as per the attached "Notice about Appeals Procedure".

Geneva, 7 August 2007

On behalf of the FIBA Disciplinary Panel:



For

Antonio Mizzi

President of the Disciplinary Panel