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Laurier suspends student athlete after positive doping test

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WATERLOO – It is with regret that Wilfrid Laurier University announces jointly with Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) that one of our student athletes, Derek Medler, has been suspended from CIS participation for four years as a result of a positive doping test. The university is a strong advocate of CIS policy and, in supporting its zero tolerance policy in such situations, has academically suspended Medler indefinitely and restricted the student from Laurier campuses.

Wilfrid Laurier University is committed to the student athlete development model and we are deeply discouraged and disappointed with the circumstances surrounding this particular situation. We understand as well that this student may be facing serious criminal charges.

Based on the information available to us at this point in time, indications are that this is a single, isolated circumstance. However, as a result of this situation, the university has asked David McMurray, Dean of Students to review within the next 30 days, current education and drug control programs in place for Laurier student athletes. The university will continue to aggressively advocate against illegal drug use.