



AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

WADA REFERS THE CASE OF 34 PLAYERS TO THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

Lausanne, 12 May 2015 – The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has filed an appeal at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against the decision issued by the Australian Football League (AFL) Anti-Doping Tribunal dated 31 March 2015. In such decision, 34 current and former players of Essendon FC were found not to have breached the AFL Anti-Doping Code.

WADA requests that the CAS issue a new decision based on an appropriate burden of proof and evidentiary standards. It goes on to request that each of the players be found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, and that an “appropriate sanction” be imposed.

The Australian Football League (AFL) and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) have been nominated as interested parties and, as a consequence, may participate in the proceedings.

The CAS arbitration procedure has been opened and the parties will exchange written submissions before a hearing is held in front of a panel of CAS arbitrators. The CAS will not comment any further at this time.