

## **Pakistani Spinner Banned For Two Years**

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has banned spinner Raza Hasan on Monday after he tested positive in anti-doping test conducted by the PCB in January.

The urine sample of Hasan was collected during the Pentangular Cup held in Karachi. According to an announcement by the PCB, the 22-year-old had been give time of 14 days to appear for the hearing. Hasan did not turn up for the hearing and was subsequently suspended for two years.

The banned substance was not named by the PCB but according to Pakistani media, the spinner was under investigation for using cocaine.

A PCB news release said under the Pakistan Cricket Board's Anti-Doping Rules PCB conducted in-competition dope testing through an independent collecting agency during the Pentangular Cup held at Karachi and added that the agency also collected the urine sample of Raza Hasan during the match played on Jan 7. It was further remarked that the sample was forwarded to a WADA-accredited laboratory for analysis which, vide its Analytical Report, gave an Adverse Analytical finding for the presence of a Prohibited Substance.

The PCB release also disclosed that Raza Hasan was issued a Notice of Charge by PCB on March 24 which he received in person, and as per [Anti-Doping Rules](#) he was to send a written request for hearing within 14 days which he failed to do so and therefore in accordance with the Anti-Doping Rules and with the approval of the competent authority, Raza Hasan is being imposed with a ban that will make him ineligible to participate in the sport of cricket for a period of two years. According to the release, Hasan will not be entitled to participate in any capacity, in any cricket match or activity authorized or organized by the PCB during the period of ineligibility, except for approved anti-doping education or rehabilitation programs.

Hasan featured in a one-off Twenty20 international against Australia in Dubai in December before he made his one-day debut against the same opponents at the same venue a few days later. The 22-year old Hasan made his debut in September 2012 and

has played 10 Twenty20 matches for Pakistan. He participated in the World T20 in 2012 and took three wickets in four matches at an economy of 4.93. He last played international cricket in December 2014 against New Zealand.

It is not the first time that a cricketer from Pakistan has failed a drug test. During the 2006 ICC Champions Trophy in India, Pakistan pace duo Shoaib Akhtar and Mohammad Asif were sent back from India after they failed anti-doping test for [Nandrolone](#) in testing conducted by the PCB. Akhtar was banned for two years and Asif received a ban of one year. The bans were later overturned on appeal.

A year later, Mohammad Asif tested positive for a banned substance during in the inaugural edition of Indian Premier League when he was a part of the [Delhi Daredevils](#) and was also detained in Dubai on a drugs possession charge. He was subsequently banned for one year from cricket.