

## **Pakistan Spinner Banned For Doping Violation**

Pakistan leg-spinner [Yasir Shah](#) has received a ban of three months after he admitted to a doping offense. This announcement was made by the International Cricket Council (ICC) after Yasir tested positive for a banned substance in December. ICC's general manager Geoff Allardice said this announcement reminds all international cricketers from all parts of the world that they remain personally responsible to ensure that anything they eat, drink or put into their bodies does not result in an anti-[doping rule violation](#).

The ICC provisionally suspended the leg-spinner on December 27 after the 'A' sample of the 29-year-old was found to contain the presence of [Chlortalidone](#), a Prohibited Substance that appears in Section 5 of the WADA Prohibited List. This sample was provided by Shah in an in-competition test that was conducted on 13 November 2015.

In January this year, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) had made an appeal against provisional ban imposed on the cricketer. The PCB contended that Shah had mistakenly taken the blood pressure medicine of his wife. The ICC accepted his claim but stressed on its zero-tolerance to doping. The ban was backdated to December 27, 2015.

Yasir Shah would now be available to play again from March 27, 2016. He holds the record of fastest Pakistan bowler to reach the milestone of 50 wickets. He can make a return to Pakistan's touring party to England this summer. Yasir made his international debut in 2011 and has since played in 12 Tests and 15 one-day internationals. Shah took 12 wickets as Pakistan beat Australia 2-0 in a Test series in 2014 and then won the hearts of all with his stunning wicket tally that brought a 2-1 win for Pakistan over Sri Lanka in 2015.

In a statement, Yasir remarked he assures all the followers of the Pakistan cricket team and his fans that he had never taken a performance enhancing drug. Yasir also added he never had the intention to mask any such substance. The Pakistani bowler, who will miss the Asia Cup and the World Twenty20, added he acknowledges that he should have more precautions to ensure that his blood pressure medication was stored separately from his wife's medication so that there was no possibility of it being mistaken for his own and also remarked he therefore accept the consequences imposed upon him.

The specialist leg break spin bowler who is known for his leg spinners, flippers, and googlies made his Test match debut against Australia in the United Arab Emirates on 22 October 2014. Cousin of Pakistan fast bowler Junaid Khan and Australian international cricketer Fawad Ahmed, Yasir Shah was born on 2 May 1986 in Swabi. The international cricketer from Pakistan played his first international match on Pakistan's tour of Zimbabwe, on 14 September 2011 where he took two wickets in 10 runs, giving away 51 runs. Shah has been an integral part of Pakistani first-class domestic cricket circuit teams like Pakistan A cricket team, Abbottabad Rhinos, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa cricket team, Pakistan Customs cricket team, and Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited.