

59% of Minor League PED Suspensions From Latin Summer Leagues

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Late Weds., the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball announced that two Minor League players from the Detroit Tigers organization, pitchers Carlos Alvarado and Frank Penalver, were suspended after each tested positive for a performance-enhancing substance in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. Alvarado tested positive for a metabolite of Nandrolone, while Penalver tested positive for a metabolite of Boldenone.

Both players are members of the organization's Venezuelan Summer League team, and their suspensions became effective immediately.

Alvarado and Penalver are part of 26 players from either the Venezuelan or Dominican Summer Leagues, now accounting for 59 percent of all players suspended under the minor league drug testing policy. By comparison, only 14 players had been suspended under the minor league drug testing policy at the same point in 2008.

([See details on every player suspended at the major and minor league level for PEDs](#))

Of the 26 players that have been suspended from the Venezuelan or Dominican Summer Leagues, the vast majority of them have been from the DSL. Nineteen players, or 73 percent of Summer League PED suspensions have come out of the Dominican Summer League.

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As a side note to the suspensions... One reason the suspensions have not garnered as much press as they might is due to when the Commissioner's Office is making the suspensions known. All the DSL/VSL suspension press releases have all been sent out at approx. 5pm ET, a point in the day when the news cycle for a given day is nearly over.

Below are all the players that to date, have been suspended in the Venezuelan or Dominican Summer Leagues:

#	Date	Player	Name
Substance	Club	Length	
1	2/03/09	*	Pascual Arias
2	6/19/09	**Franklin Alcala	Nandrolone
	Rays		
	50 gms		
3	6/19/09	**Carlos Orasma	Nandrolone
	Rays		
	50 gms		
4	6/23/09	** Jose Hernandez	
		Stanozolol	
		Mets	
		50gms	
5	6/23/09	** Dail Villanueva	
		Cardinals	
		Nandrolone	
		50 gms	
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	6/26/09			
** Johan Romero		Mets		
Stanozolol				
50 gms				
7	7/16/09		* Alexis Juma	Boldenone
8	7/16/09		* Renedin Mesa	Boldenone
9	7/16/09		* Alex Nolasco	Boldenone
10	7/16/09		* Joan Pascual	Stanozolol
11	7/16/09		* Jose Trinidad	Stanozolol
12	7/17/09		* Billis Andujar	Stanozolol
13	7/17/09		* Jose Encarnacion	Stanozolol
14	7/17/09		* Carlos Rosario	Boldenone
15	7/17/09		* Aristedes Santos	Boldenone
16	7/17/09		* Jorge Serra	Stanozolol
17	7/22/09		* Orlando Caraballo	Boldenone

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18	7/22/09	* J Miguel Munoz	Boldenone
19	7/24/09	* Alvaro Aristy	Nandrolone
20	7/24/09	* Jose Batista	Stanozolol
21	7/24/09	* Francis Moreta	Stanozolol
22	7/24/09	* Felix Ramirez	Boldenone
23	7/24/09	* Ramon Reyes	Boldenone
24	7/24/09	* Derlin Soriano	Stanozolol
25	7/29/09	** Carlos Alvarado	Nandrolone
26	7/29/09	** Frank Penalver	Boldenone

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