

## Pair of Twins Minor Leaguers Suspended for PEDs

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The Office of the Commissioner of Baseball announced late Weds. that two Minor League players from the **Minnesota Twins** organization, shortstop **Jose Murillo** and pitcher **Francisco Nunez** have received **50-game suspensions** after each tested positive for a performance-enhancing substance in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. Both players tested positive for **Boldenone**.

The suspensions of both players, who are members of the organization's Dominican Summer League team, will be effective at the start of next season.

The suspension of the two players marks the **63rd and 64th drug suspension** at the minor league level for the 2009 season. Last year there were a total of 66 suspensions.

The players mark the **26th and 27th Dominican Summer League players** to be suspended. MLB, who administers the minor league testing program, has said that that players in the DSL are being tested more often this year. There were 45 players from the DSL suspended last year.

A major league source has said that due to tests being processed more quickly, results are coming back quicker. Last year, there were 16 suspensions in September, alone.

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Also, there has been an increase in the number of suspensions at the minor league level for "drug of abuse". Last year, there was only one suspension for drug of abuse, while this year there has been nine.

[See details for each drug suspension at the major and minor league level since the policies were enacted](#)



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