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The following are players—both minor league and major league—that have been found to be in violation of either the Minor or Major League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program *for 2009*

As of 2011, broken out by date; player; position; substance; MLB affiliated organization; whether the player was in the Dominican Summer League, Venezuelan Summer League, or playing for a North American minor league club, and; the number of games served in the suspension.

* [See the Major League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program](#)

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Major League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program

#	Date	Player Name	Substance	Club	Length
1	3/23/09	Σ Kelvin Pichardo	PEDs	Giants	50 gms
2	5/7/09	ξ Manny Ramirez	PEDs	Dodgers	50 gms

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Σ At the time of the suspension, Pichardo was a member of the Giants' 40-man roster. At the time, he was with Triple-A Fresno. His suspension will be effective at the start of the 2009 regular season.

ξ Ramirez becomes the highest profile player to be suspended during active play. League suspends Ramirez for hGC (human chorionic gonadotropin), a female fertility drug. He claimed that his positive test is a result of medication received from a doctor for a personal medical issue. Ramirez is found to have elevated testosterone levels when tested during Spring Training. The elevated levels of testosterone leads to an investigation by the league which then discovers that Ramirez has been using hGC, a substance known to be used by serial steroid users to kick-start the body's natural testosterone products after a steroid cycle. The suspension is, therefore, a "non-analytical positive"; a suspension based upon evidence, not a failed drug test. While hGC is a banned substance due to its coupled use with anabolic steroids, players can request a therapeutic use exemption (TUE) for hGC, something Ramirez did not do.

Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program

#	Date	Player Name	Substance	Club	Length
1	1/16/09	± Christopher De La Rosa	Stanozolol		
2	1/16/09	§ Junior Guerra	Nandrolone		
3	1/20/09	Jason Taylor	Drug of Abuse		
4	1/28/09	œ Kyle Suire	Stanozolol		
5	2/03/09	β	*		P

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6	2/14/09	Δ Jarrod Dyson	Amphetamine
7	3/17/09	¥ Rob Flanigan	Nandrolone
8	4/09/09	≠ Deryk Hooker	Drug of Abuse
50 gms 9 Stanozolol Royals 50 gms	4/17/09	€ Joseph Billick	
10 Royals	4/17/09 50 gms	μ Juan Rivera	Nandrolone
11 ς Henry Sanchez Drug of Abuse 50 gms	4/24/09 Twins		
12 4/30/09 § Pedro Lambertus Brewers 50 gms	Boldenone		
13	5/1/09	□ Kevin Clark	Amphetamine
14 5/15/09 Σ Agustin Murillo D-Backs 50 gms	Clenbuterol		
15 5/15/09 Drug of Abuse Cardinals 50 gms	¿ Ken Maiques		

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16			
6/03/09			
Ω Justin Mallett			
Drug of Abuse		Free Agent	
100 gms			
17			
6/11/09			
▣ Pablo Ozuna	Elevated Testosterone - Epi	testosterone ratio	Phillies
50 gms			
18			
6/16/09			
æ Rafael Cruz			
Stanozolol			
Braves			
50 gms			
19			
6/19/09	**Franklin Alcala		Nandrolone
Rays			
50 gms			
20			
6/19/09	**Carlos Orasma		Nandrolone
Rays			
50 gms			
21			
6/22/09			
Φ Larry Cobb			
Amphetamine		Athletics	
50 gms			
22			
6/23/09			
** Jose Hernandez			
Stanozolol			
Mets			
50gms			
23			
6/23/09	** Dail Villanueva		
Nandrolone		Cardinals	
50 gms			
24			

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	6/26/09			
** Johan Romero	Stanozolol	Mets		
	50 gms			
	25			
	6/29/09			
@ Jeremy Jeffress	Drug of Abuse			
	Brewers			
	100 gms			
26	7/16/09	* Alexis Juma	Boldenone	
27	7/16/09	* Renedin Mesa	Boldenone	
28	7/16/09	* Alex Nolasco	Boldenone	
29	7/16/09	* Joan Pascual	Stanozolol	
30	7/16/09	* Jose Trinidad	Stanozolol	
31	7/17/09	p Cody Adams	Amphetamine	
32	7/17/09	* Billis Andujar	Stanozolol	
33	7/17/09	* Jose Encarnacion	Stanozolol	
34	7/17/09	* Carlos Rosario	Boldenone	

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35	7/17/09	* Aristedes Santos	Boldenone
36	7/17/09	* Jorge Serra	Stanozolol
37	7/22/09	* Orlando Caraballo	Boldenone
38	7/22/09	* J Miguel Munoz	Boldenone
39	7/24/09	* Alvaro Aristy	Nandrolone
40	7/24/09	* Jose Batista	Stanozolol
41	7/24/09	* Francis Moreta	Stanozolol
42	7/24/09	* Felix Ramirez	Boldenone
43	7/24/09	* Ramon Reyes	Boldenone
44	7/24/09	* Derlin Soriano	Stanozolol
45	7/29/09	** Carlos Alvarado	Nandrolone

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46	7/29/09	** Frank Penalver	Boldenone
47	8/5/09	Æ Edgardo Baez	Amphetamine
48	8/5/09	Ç Ofilio Castro	Amphetamine
49	8/7/09	Ì Mitch Einertson	Drug of Abuse
50	8/11/09	¥ Stephen Englund	Amphetamine
51	8/13/09	* Ericdervid Martinez	Stanozolol
52	8/13/09	* Gregorio Robles	Boldenone & Clomiphene
53	8/17/09	* μ Noel De Leon	Stanozolol
54	8/17/09	* Pedro De Los Santos	Stanozolol
55	8/17/09	* Luis Hernandez	Stanozolol
56	8/19/09	□ Daniel Christensen	Drug of Abuse
57	8/19/09	ð Gabriel Garcia	Nandrolone

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58	8/20/09	* Nestor de Leon	Stanozolol
59	8/20/09	* Ramon Rodriguez	Boldenone
90	8/21/09	Ç Santiago Valdez	Stanozolol
61	8/27/09	Nicholas Francis	Drug of Abuse
62	9/28/09	¬ Jonady Nunez	Stanozolol
63	9/2/09	* Jose Murillo	Boldenone
64	9/2/09	* Francisco Nunez	Boldenone
65	9/9/09	œ Damian Arredondo	Stanozolol
66	9/14/19	* Jose Dominguez	Stanozolol
67	9/14/09	* Waldo Rosario	Stanozolol
68	9/16/19	ç Freuny Parra	Boldenone

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69	9/22/09	▣ Brent Bowman	Amphetamine
70	9/22/09	§ Shane Lowe	Amphetamine
71	10/2/09	! Stephen King	Ritalinic Acid
72	10/2/09	* Wilson Contreras	Nandrolone
73	10/6/09	Alan Ahmady	Amphetamine
74	11/6/09	*** Jose Marmolejo	PED
75	11/19/09	ξ Ronald Bourquin	Amphetamine
76	12/4/09	Jefferson Segundo	Stanozolol
77	12/4/09	Joel Tamares	Boldenone
78	12/4/09	Matt Tupman	Drug of Abuse
79	12/4/09	Daniel Vasquez	Stanozolol
80 and	12/9/08	* Robert Rodriguez	Methandienone

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elevated T/E 81	Mariners 12/17/09	50 gms ç Travis "Gookie" Dawkin	Drug of Abuse
82	12/21/09	□ Tyler Bighames	Drug of Abuse

± De La Rosa, was a member of Boston's Dominican Summer League team at the time of the suspension. His suspension will be effective at the start of the 2009 regular season.

§ Guerra, was on the roster of Triple-A Buffalo of the International League at the time of the suspension. His suspension will be effective at the start of the 2009 regular season.

œ Suire tested positive for metabolites of Stanozolol. The suspension of Suire will be effective at the start of the 2009 season. Most recently, he played for Single-A Brooklyn of the New York-Penn League.

β Arias tested positive for metabolites of Stanozolol. He was most recently was a member of the Marlins's Dominican Summer League team. His suspension will be effective at the start of the 2009 season.

Δ Dyson's suspension for amphetamines will be effective at the start of the 2009 season. Most recently Dyson played for Single-A Wilmington of the Carolina League.

¥ The suspension of Flanigan will be effective immediately contingent upon his return to a Major League organization. Most recently, Flanigan, who had been a designated hitter, played for the Arizona League (Rookie) Giants.

≠ The suspension of Hooker was effective immediately. Most recently, Hooker pitched for Single-A Quad Cities of the Midwest League.

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€ The suspension of Billick (a catcher) was effective immediately. At the time of the suspension, Billick was a member of Class-A Wilmington.

μ The suspension of Rivera (a shortstop) was effective immediately. At the time of the suspension, Billick was a member of Class-A Burlington.

ç The suspension of Sanchez (a first baseman) was effective immediately. At the time of the suspension, Sanchez was with Single-A Beloit of the Midwest League.

§ The suspension of Lambertus (a pitcher) was effective immediately. At the time of the suspension, Lambertus was with Single-A Wisconsin of the Midwest League.

▣ The suspension of Clark (an outfielder) was effective immediately. At the time of the suspension, Clark was with Single-A Modesto of the California League.

∑ The suspension of Murillo (an infielder) was effective immediately. At the time of the suspension, Murillo was with Triple-A Reno of the Pacific Coast League.

¿ The suspension of Maiques (a pitcher) was effective immediately. At the time of the suspension, Maiques was with Double-A Springfield of the Texas League.

Ω Mallett, a free agent pitcher, is suspended for 100 gms, a second second-time violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program. His first violation was on 4/6/05 for PEDs while being part of the Pirates organization. That first suspension was for for 30 games. Mallett most recently had been a member of the Cincinnati Reds organization. The suspension of Mallett will be effective immediately contingent upon his return to a Major League organization. Mallett most recently played for Triple-A Louisville of the International League.

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▣ Ozuna, an infielder, is suspended for 50-game after showing an elevated Testosterone/Epitestosterone ratio. The suspension was effective immediately. Ozuna was a member of Triple-A Lehigh Valley of the International League at the time of the suspension.

æ Cruz, a pitcher, was suspended immediately at the time of the suspension. At the time of the suspension, Cruz was with Triple-A Gwinnett of the International League.

Φ Cobb, an outfielder, was suspended immediately at the time of the suspension. At the time of the suspension, Cobbs was with Single-A Stockton of the California League.

Hernandez and Villanueva, both pitchers, were suspended immediately at the time of the suspension.

@ Jeffress was a member of Single-A Brevard County of the Florida State League at the time of the suspension, which was effective immediatly at the time it was announced. While not announced, it is believed that Jeffress was suspended for a third marijuana violation.

þ Adams, a pticher, was with Single-A Wisconsin of the Midwest League at the time of the suspension.

ſ Munoz received a 100-game suspension for a second violation. Munoz was suspended for 50 games on September 17, 2008 after testing positive for Mephentermine.

Æ Baez, an outfielder, was with Double-A Harrisburg of the Eastern League at the time of the suspension

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È Einertson, an outfielder, was suspended 50-games for a second violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program for a drug of abuse. Players are not suspended for a first-time violation for drugs of abuse with the minor league drug policy.

¥ Baez, a pitcher, was with the Nationals' Gulf Coast League (Rookie) club at the time of the suspension

µ Free agent pitcher Noel De Leon, formerly of the Tampa Bay Rays organization (Dominican Summer League), was suspended after testing positive for metabolites of Stanozolol. His suspension would be effective immediately upon signing with another Major League organization.

□ Christensen, a pitcher, was a member of Double-A West Tennessee of the Eastern League at the time of the suspension after a second violation for testing positive for a drug of abuse. His suspension became effective two days earlier than the announcement of the suspension (Tues, 8/17)

ð Garcia, a pitcher, was a member of Greeneville of the Appalachian League (Rookie), at the time of the suspension. His suspension became effective two days earlier than the announcement of the suspension (Tues, 8/17)

Ç Valdez, a pitcher, was a member of the organization's Gulf Coast League team at the time of the suspension. His suspension became effective immediately.

→ At the time of the suspension, Nunez, a pitcher, had been a member of the Dodgers' Dominican Summer League team. The suspension of Nunez will be effective immediately upon signing with another Major League organization.

Œ Arredondo, a free agent player, would have his suspension begin as soon as he were to sign with a Major League organization. Dominican born, Arredondo had his contract with the New York Yankees suspended in July after MLB's Department of Investigations said a DNA test showed he misrepresented his name and age. Arredondo, who claimed to be 16 years old when

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he signed his \$850,000 contract with the Yankees, can't sign with another Major League team for a year. His 50 game suspension announced on 9/9/09 would begin if he were to sign with a Major League club then.

ç The suspension of Parra, a catcher, will be effective at the start of next season. He is a member of the Orioles's Gulf Coast League team.

□ The suspension of Bowman, a first baseman, will be effective at the start of next season. He is a member of the Rockies' Single-A Tri-City of the Northwest League.

§ The suspension of Lowe, an outfielder, will be effective at the start of next season. He is a member of the Rockies' Single-A Tri-City of the Northwest League.

! The suspension of King, an infielder, will be effective at the start of next season. He is a member of the Single-A Potomac of the Carolina League.

œ The suspension of Ahmady, a third baseman, will be effective at the start of next season. He is a member of the Single-A Batavia club of the New York-Penn League.

*** The suspension of Marmolejo, a pitcher, and a member of the Reds' Dominican Summer League team, served a club-imposed 10-game suspension as the case was being reviewed at the end of the 2009 season. Thus, Marmolejo will serve the 40 remaining games at the start of the 2010 season.

ξ The suspension of Bourquin, a third baseman, will be effective at the start of next season. At the time of his suspension he was on the roster of Double-A Erie of the Eastern League.

ç The suspension of Dawkins will be effective at the start of the 2010 season. At the time of the suspension he was on the roster of Triple-A New Orleans of the Pacific Coast League.

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□ The suspension of Bighames, a shortstop, will be effective at the start of the 2010 season. It was his second drug of abuse positive, thus triggering the suspension. At the time of the suspension he was on the roster of the Cardinals' Gulf Coast League (Rookie) team.

* Dominican Summer League player

** Venezuelan Summer League

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