

Six Minor Leaguers Suspended for PEDs, Total Now 42

Written by Maury Brown
Friday, 24 July 2009 17:37



The Office of the Commissioner of Baseball announced today that six Minor League players 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.

- Shortstop Alvaro Aristy of the San Diego Padres organization (Dominican Summer League) has been suspended after testing positive for a metabolite of Nandrolone.
- Pitcher Jose Batista of the Arizona Diamondbacks organization (Dominican Summer League) has been suspended after testing positive for metabolites of Stanozolol.
- Pitcher Francis Moreta of the New York Yankees organization (Dominican Summer League) has been suspended after testing positive for a metabolite of Stanozolol.
- Pitcher Felix Ramirez of the Houston Astros organization (Dominican Summer League) has been suspended after testing positive for Boldenone.
- Pitcher Ramon Reyes of the Chicago Cubs organization (Dominican Summer League) has been suspended after testing positive for a metabolite of Boldenone.
- Pitcher Derlin Soriano of the New York Mets organization (Dominican Summer League) has been suspended after testing positive for metabolites of Stanozolol.

All suspensions are effective immediately.

With the six suspensions today, total minor league suspensions for the year total total 42 players and a total of 1,830 games. In addition, with the added six players all being from the Dominican Summer League, players outside of the US minor league system now account for more than 50 percent of the total suspensions for the year (5 Venezuelan Summer League, 19 Dominican Summer League for a total of 57 percent on the year).

Six Minor Leaguers Suspended for PEDs, Total Now 42

Written by Maury Brown
Friday, 24 July 2009 17:37

There have been 4 PED related suspensions at the major league level (Sergio Mitre, J.C. Romero, Kelvin Pichardo, and Manny Ramirez). At the current pace, suspensions in violation of the major league and minor league levels (which includes the VSL and DSL players) will be at the highest levels since baseball began suspending players.



Maury Brown is the Founder and President of the [Business of Sports Network](#), which includes The Biz of Baseball, The Biz of Football, The Biz of Basketball and The Biz of Hockey. He is contributor to Baseball Prospectus, and is available as a freelance writer

[Brown's full bio is here.](#)

He looks forward to your comments via email and can be [contacted through the Business of Sports Network \(select his name in the dropdown provided\)](#)

Don't forget to register and log in on The Biz of Baseball site to get updates via your in-box, and see information only logged in members can see.

[Follow Maury Brown and the Business of Sports Network on Twitter](#) 