

## All-Time MLB, MiLB Drug Suspensions (2005)

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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 2005*

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](#)

(**Complete MLB and MiLB through 1/14/13**) - To report an error or omission in this research, please [Contact Us](#) ):

## 2005

### *Major League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program*

#	Date	Player Name	
Substance	Club		Length

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1	4/3/05	§ Alex Sanchez	PEDs	DRays	10 gms
2	4/11/05	β Jorge Piedra	PEDs	Rockies	10 gms
3	4/20/05	±	Agustin Montero	PEDs	Rangers
4	4/26/05	Jamal Strong	PEDs	Mariners	10 gms
5	5/2/05	‡ Juan Rincon	PEDs	Twins	10 gms
6	7/8/05	∩ Rafael Betancourt	PEDs	Indians	10 gms
7	8/1/05	ζ Rafael Palmeiro	PEDs	Orioles	10 gms
8	8/2/05		▫ Ryan Franklin	PEDs	
9	9/7/05	∏ Mike Morse	PEDs	Mariners	10 gms
10	10/4/05		ξ Carlos Almanzar	PEDs	
11	10/18/05		ξ Felix Heredia	PEDs	
12	11/02/05		∏ Matt Lawton	PEDs	

§ Sanchez becomes the first player in history suspended for a violation of MLB's drug testing policy. Sanchez does not file a grievance. Cost to Sanchez at the time is \$32,787 of \$600,000 salary.

β Piedra does not file a grievance. Cost to Piedra at the time is \$4,600 of \$84,280 minor-league

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salary. Was tested on March 19, 2005

± Montero does file a grievance. The ruling is upheld. Cost to Montero at the time is \$4,918 of \$90,000 annual minor-league salary. Signed Nov. 19, 2004 with Texas. His major league contract calls for the league minimum on \$316,000. Union filed a grievance on Montero's behalf on April 21st of 2005

‡ Rincon does file a grievance. The ruling is upheld. Cost to Rincon at the time is \$24,000 of \$400,000 annual salary.

∩ Cost to Betancourt at the time is \$18,503 of his \$338,600 annual salary.

ψ Palmeiro does file a grievance. The ruling is upheld. Cost to Palmeiro at the time is \$165,746 of his one-year contract with the Orioles for 2004 that paid him \$4.15 million. The Orioles exercised an option for 2005 at \$3 million. Palmeiro tested positive in May. His 3,000th hit occurred in Seattle (making him a 3,000/500 player) after he was aware of the results. The announcement of his violation was delayed while awaiting the outcome of his grievance with Shym Das, the arbitor for substance abuse violations. Orioles cancel Aug. 14th ceremony to celebrate the 3,000 hit. Congress (Tom Davis) asks for, and gets steroid testing records on Palmeiro to determine if perjury has occurred in relationship to Palmeiro's testimony on March 17th in which he wagged a finger and said he never took steroids. Those documents arrive on Friday, 8/12/05.

⊞ Franklin does file a grievance. The ruling is upheld. Cost to Franklin at the time is \$147,540, based on his \$2.7 million 2005 contract. Like Palmeiro, Franklin is informed of the positive test in May, as reported by Hal Bodley of USA Today, "Franklin said he was first told of his positive test in May — and 'thought it was a joke' — then appealed and appeared before two arbitration committees. Franklin followed the same procedure used by Palmeiro after the positive test was determined. A grievance was filed on his behalf by the players union, but impartial arbitrator Shyam Das refused to reverse the test result."

⊟ Morse does file a grievance. The ruling is upheld. Morse claims that the result was due to steroids still being in his system from usage in 2003. The AP reports: "Back in November 2003 when I was 21 years old, I made an enormous mistake in my life: I took steroids while in the

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minor leagues," Morse said. "My thigh muscle, which I had previously torn, had never healed and I was scared that my career was over. I was desperate and made a terrible mistake which I deeply regret. In May 2004, I was punished and suspended, which I deserved, for my mistake. I embarrassed myself, my family and my team. I am responsible for the mistake of taking steroids and the positive result was not due to some over-the-counter supplement, protein shake or tainted test." Morse said the steroids, however, remained in his body and that he was again suspended in July 2004 while in the minors. He said those remnants resulted in another positive test this year, and he appealed those results. "I am troubled that I will be suspended for the third time despite the fact that the scientific evidence supports that I kept my promise that I would never use steroids again," he said. "Even the (arbitration) panel states in its written decision that 'the panel recognizes that this result may be viewed as unfair to Michael Morse.' I find it unfair that I am being punished three different times for making the mistake of taking steroids in the 2003 offseason. At least there is some solace in the fact that the scientific evidence supports that I kept my promise that I would never use steroids again," his statement said. "This result is unfair and unfortunate. It punishes Michael Morse again for conduct for which he has already been punished," said Michael Weiner, the union's general counsel. "The PA does not believe the parties ever intended for the Basic Agreement to compel such a harsh result." Das upheld the ruling after a grievance was filed.

ξ Began serving suspension at beginning of 2006 season.

□ Lawton last played for the Yankees before suspension. Lawton does file a grievance. Began serving suspension at the beginning of the 2006 season. His appeal of the positive test was denied by baseball's arbitration panel and he'll serve his suspension at the start of the 2006 season. The date of the test was not announced. Lawton, who earned \$7.75 million in 2005, and was not signed for the 2006 season and had filed for free agency.

### *Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program*

In 2005, the following were suspension lengths in the Minor Leagues: a first offense netted a player a 15-game suspension; a second offense a 30-game suspension; a third offense a 60-game suspension; a fourth offense one year, and a fifth offense got a player banned from professional baseball for life.

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1	4/4/05	Elvis Avendano	PEDs			Athletics
2	4/4/05	Lizahio Baez	PEDs			Rangers
3	4/4/05	Oscar Bernard	PEDs			Cubs
4	4/4/05	David Cash	PEDs			Cubs
5	4/4/05	David Castillo	PEDs			Athletics
6	4/4/05	Troy Cate	PEDs			Mariners
7	4/4/05	Robinson Chirinos	PEDs			Cubs
8	4/4/05	Ryan Christianson	PEDs			Mariners
9	4/4/05	Willie Collazo	PEDs			Angels
10	4/4/05	Francisco Cordova	PEDs			Angels
11	4/4/05	Renee Cortez	PEDs			Mariners
12	4/4/05	Matt Craig	PEDs			Cubs
13	4/4/05	Jason DiAngelo	PEDs			Rockies
14	4/4/05	Jose Espinal	PEDs			White Sox
15	4/4/05	* Willy Espinal	PEDs			Rangers

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16	4/4/05	Omar Falcon	PEDs	Mariners
17	4/4/05	* Alex Francisco	PEDs	Angels
18	4/4/05	Sal Frisella	PEDs	Cardinals
19	4/4/05	Jesus Guzman	PEDs	Mariners
20	4/4/05	Justin Hatcher	PEDs	Rangers
21	4/4/05	Clay Hensley	PEDs	Padres
22	4/4/05	Javier Herrera	PEDs	Athletics
23	4/4/05	Billy Hogan	PEDs	Mariners
24	4/4/05	Kervin Jacobo	PEDs	Padres
25	4/4/05	Ryan Leahy	PEDs	Angels
26	4/4/05	Baltazar Lopez	PEDs	Angels
27	4/4/05	* Robert Machado	PEDs	Rangers
28	4/4/05	* Jesus Medrano	PEDs	Cubs
29	4/4/05	* Jacobo Meque	PEDs	Padres
30	4/4/05	Damian Moss	PEDs	Mariners

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31	4/4/05	Luis Perez	PEDs	Athletics
32	4/4/05	* Kevin Reinking	PEDs	Cubs
33	4/4/05	* Chris Russ	PEDs	Rangers
34	4/4/05	* Mayobanex Santana	PEDs	Athletics
35	4/4/05	Nathan Sevier	PEDs	Padres
36	4/4/05	* Darwin Soto	PEDs	Mariners
37	4/4/05	Carlos Vasquez	PEDs	Cubs
38	4/4/05	Neil Wilson	PEDs	Rockies
39	4/6/05		Tom Evans	PEDs
40	4/6/05		Jon Nunnally	PEDs
41	4/6/05		Brian Mallette	PEDs
§	4/9/05		Julius Matos	PEDs
§	4/9/05		Raul Tablado	PEDs
§	4/9/05		Brian Reed	PEDs

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42	4/22/05	±	Gary Cates Jr.	P
43	4/22/05	±	Rafael Diaz	P
44	4/22/05	±	Richard Salazar	P
45	4/22/05	±	James Jurries	Braves
46	4/22/05	±	Ricardo Rodriguez	P
47	4/22/05	±	Grant Roberts	P
48	4/22/05	±	Adam Seuss	P
49	4/22/05	±	Eider Torres	P
50	4/22/05	±	Damien Myers	



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51	5/6/05	Darnell McDonald	PEDs
52	5/12/05	Robert Valido	PEDs
53	5/12/05	Jorge Toca	PEDs
54	5/12/05	β Tetsu Yofu	PEDs
55	5/12/05	Guillermo Rodriguez	PEDs
56	5/12/05	Briane Mazone	PEDs
57	5/12/05	β Josh Cram	PEDs
58	5/12/05	Oscar Montero	PEDs
59	5/12/05	β Marcus Mendoza	PEDs
60	5/12/05	Jonathan Herrera	PEDs
61	5/12/05	Christian Parker	PEDs

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62	5/12/05	Steve Smyth	PEDs
63	5/13/05	Wilson Delgado	PEDs
64	5/13/05	Luis Ugueto	PEDs
65	5/13/05	Joshua Pressley	PEDs
66	5/13/05	Jeremy Cummings	PEDs
67	5/20/05	Thomas Farmer	PEDs
68	5/20/05	Health Totten	PEDs
69	5/20/05	Chad Scarbery	PEDs
70	6/6/05	Felix Romero	PEDs
71	6/6/05	Angel Rocha	PEDs
72	6/6/05	Mario Delgado	PEDs

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73	6/6/05	David Smith	PEDs
74	6/24/05	Joshua Carter	PEDs
75	6/24/05	Jeff Kennard	PEDs
76	6/24/05	Brian Walker	PEDs
77	6/24/05	Sergio Garcia	PEDs
78	6/24/05	Jeffrey Bruksch	PEDs
79	7/1/05	‡ Ramon Castro	PEDs
80	7/1/05	Josh Labandeira	PEDs
81	7/15/05	Carlos Bohorquez	PEDs
82	7/15/05	Alex Santos	PEDs
83	7/15/05	Matt Whiteside	PEDs
84	7/22/05	Deivi Mendez	PEDs

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85	8/12/05	Wilson Delgado	PEDs
86	8/16/05	Nicholas Slack	PEDs
87	8/16/05	Luis Ugueto	PEDs

\*\* NOTE: The 38 minor league players suspended on 4/4/05 were after testing positive for performance-enhancing substances. The positive results were announced after 925 tests of players on the 12 major league teams that hold spring training in Arizona and included one offseason result. Thirty-seven players tested positive for the first time and received an unpaid, 15-game suspension, and one player, David Castillo, a catcher with the Oakland A's, tested positive for the third time and was given an unpaid suspension of 60 gms.

\* Espinal, Francisco, Machado, Medrano, Meque, Reinking, Russ, Santana, and Soto was released during Spring Training.

§ The three Blue Jay players suspended on 4/9/05 were for violations happened in 2004, but the penalties carried over to the 2005 season.

± The nine players suspended on 4/22/05 resulted from 251 tests taken at Florida spring training camps.

β Three of the nine players suspended on 5/12/05 had already have been released by the

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respective clubs at the time of suspension.

‡Castro is fined for two separate violations and fined an undisclosed amount.

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The Office of the Commissioner of Baseball announced today that Baltimore Orioles Minor League pitcher Brian Parker has received a 50-game suspension after a second positive test for a drug of abuse in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

The suspension of Parker, who is currently on the roster of Double-A Bowie of the Eastern League, will be effective at the start of the 2010 season.