



NEWS RELEASE

US CYCLING ATHLETE, MOCK RECEIVES SANCTION FOR DOPING VIOLATION

Colorado Springs, Colo. (December 17, 2009) -- USADA announced today that David Mock of Bluemont, Virginia, an athlete in the sport of cycling, has tested positive for a prohibited substance and accepted a suspension for his doping offense.

Mock, 32, tested positive for Carboxy THC, a metabolite of marijuana in the class of Cannabinoids, in a sample collected on August 15, 2009 at the Yankee Clipper. Cannabinoids are listed as Specified Substances and are prohibited under the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing and the Union Cycliste Internationale, both of which have adopted the World Anti-Doping Code and the WADA Prohibited List. Use of Specified Substances, under certain circumstances, can result in a reduced sanction from the standard two-year period of ineligibility.

Mock accepted a three-month period of ineligibility, which began on December 11, 2009, the day he accepted the sanction. The period of ineligibility was reduced to time served since he accepted his sanction, after Mr. Mock's successful completion of a USADA anti-doping educational program on December 16, 2009. As a result of the doping violation, Mock has been disqualified from all competitive results achieved on August 15, 2009, the date of his positive test, through and including December 16, 2009, the date the anti-doping education program was completed, including forfeiture of any medals, points, and prizes.

In an effort to aid athletes, as well as all support team members such as parents and coaches, in understanding the rules applicable to them, USADA provides comprehensive instruction on its website on the testing process and prohibited substances, how to obtain permission to use a necessary medication, and the risks and dangers of taking supplements as well as performance-enhancing and recreational drugs. In addition, the agency manages a drug reference hotline, conducts educational sessions with National Governing Bodies and their athletes, and proactively distributes a multitude of educational materials, such as the Guide to Prohibited Substances and Methods, easy-reference wallet cards, periodic newsletters, and protocol and policy reference documentation.

USADA is responsible for the testing and results management process for athletes in the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement, and is equally dedicated to preserving the integrity of sport through research initiatives and educational programs.

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