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PANEL FINDS NO DOPING VIOLATION FOR CYCLOCROSS ATHLETE, PAGE

Colorado Springs, Colo. (January 23, 2008) -- USADA announced today the unanimous decision by a three-member panel from the American Arbitration Association (AAA)/North American Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) that cyclocross athlete Jonathan Page, of Northfield, NH, did not commit an anti-doping rule violation.

Page, 32, was listed to report to the doping control station to provide a urine sample at the Koksijde, Belgium World Cup on November 29, 2008, but was not contacted by a chaperone concerning his need to present a sample and did not see the posting of his name. There was evidence presented at the hearing that Page crashed early in the Koksijde race suffering injuries.

Following a detailed hearing, and careful consideration and review of the evidence presented, the AAA panel determined that there was compelling justification for Page's failure to report to the doping control station following the race.

"The outcome of Jonathon Page's case illustrates that under appropriate circumstances the arbitration process allows for consideration of mitigating, or aggravating, circumstances" said USADA CEO Travis T. Tygart. "The arbitrator's decision was based on the detailed evidence presented at the hearing, and USADA regards the decision as a fair resolution, which will hopefully inspire other athletes and their support teams to avoid potential tragedy by diligently learning and adhering to the anti-doping regulations."

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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