



NEWS RELEASE

U.S. TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE, DUANE ROSS, RECEIVES TWO-YEAR SUSPENSION FROM USADA

Colorado Springs, Colo. (February 5, 2010) The United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) announced today that Duane Ross, an athlete in the sport of track and field, has received a two-year suspension and disqualification of his athletic results, beginning November 2, 2001, for using banned performance enhancing drugs, including anabolic agents and hormones, in violation of International Association of Athletics Federations Anti-Doping Rules. Mr. Ross's sanction resulted from information recently received by USADA during separate investigations arising from information obtained during the BALCO conspiracy.

In addition to his suspension, which began on February 5, 2010, all of Ross's competitive results will be disqualified, including forfeiture of all medals, points, and prizes since November 2, 2001.

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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