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About USADA

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency is the national anti-doping organization for the Olympic movement in the United States. The U.S. Congress recognized USADA as "the official anti-doping agency for Olympic, Pan American and Paralympic sport in the United States."

Since its inception in 2000, USADA has worked to preserve the integrity of competition, inspire true sport and protect the rights of athletes in the Olympic & Paralympic Movements in the United States. With the vision to be the guardian of the values and life lessons learned through true sport, our organization's anti-doping programs are comprehensive, including in-competition and out-of-competition testing, results management and adjudication processes, drug reference resources and therapeutic use exemption process, scientific research initiatives, and athlete and outreach education. We continue to work to improve our system and anti-doping endeavors to further protect clean athletes and the health of future athletes.

As a non-profit, non-governmental agency, our programs:

- Provide deterrence and preservation of sport for athletes, coaches, students, teachers, parents, scientists and more through education and resources;
- Include numerous protections for athletes to ensure that only athletes who are guilty of a doping violation are sanctioned;
- Strive to systematically identify and sanction those individuals who are engaged in the effort to gain an advantage over athletes who are competing clean; and
- Fund pioneering research for the detection of doping substances and techniques, and the pursuit of scientific excellence in doping control.

Mission/Vision

VISION

To be the guardian of the values and life lessons learned through true sport

MISSION

We hold the public trust to:

Preserve the integrity of competition

We preserve the value and integrity of athletic competition through just initiatives that prevent, deter and detect violations of true sport.

Inspire true sport

We inspire present and future generations of U.S. athletes through initiatives that impart the core principles of true sport — fair play, respect for one's competitor and respect for the fundamental fairness of competition.

Protect the rights of U.S. athletes

We protect the right of U.S. Olympic and Paralympic athletes to compete healthy and clean — to achieve their own personal victories as a result of unwavering commitment and hard work — to be celebrated as true heroes.

"USADA strives to preserve the integrity of clean sport in the U.S., and to diligently work toward creating a level playing field for all athletes. At all levels, and particularly the next generation, competitors must have the confidence that their natural ability and hard work are protected, and the conviction that it's possible to compete at the highest echelon without the use of performance-enhancing drugs." Travis Tygart, USADA chief executive officer

"While USADA concentrates on the primary focus areas of testing, results management, research and education, it understands that healthy and collaborative interactions with athletes, the USOC, national governing bodies, international federations, other national anti-doping agencies, and WADA are critical to our success in furthering the anti-doping movement," said Tygart

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