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U.S. WEIGHTLIFTER, MATTHEW DEVINE, RECEIVES SANCTION FOR DOPING VIOLATION

Colorado Springs, Colo. (July 16, 2010) — USADA announced today that Matthew Devine, 34, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, an athlete in the sport of weightlifting, has tested positive for a prohibited substance and has accepted a suspension for his doping offense.

A urine sample collected out-of-competition from Devine, on October 16, 2009, resulted in an Adverse Analytical Finding for testosterone or its precursors, which are prohibited in the class of Anabolic Agents on the World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List, which has been adopted by the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing and the rules of the International Weightlifting Federation. The test results are consistent with the use of DHEA.

Devine has accepted a two-year period of ineligibility which began on December 14, 2009, the date he accepted a provisional suspension. As a result of the doping violation, Devine has been disqualified from all competitive results achieved on and subsequent to October 16, 2009, the date the sample was collected, including forfeiture of any medals, points, and prizes.

“My positive test was caused by my use of an over-the-counter supplement that I did not realize contained DHEA. I regret the mistake that I made by not checking the contents of the product before I used it, and hope that other athletes will heed the warning to contact USADA or use USADA’s Drug Reference Online before using any product,” said Devine.

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 psychoactive drugs. In addition, the agency manages a drug reference hotline, Drug Reference Online (www.GlobalDRO.com), conducts educational sessions with National Governing Bodies and their athletes, and proactively distributes a multitude of educational materials, such as the Prohibited List, 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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