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INDEPENDENT PANEL ISSUES TWO-YEAR SUSPENSION TO U.S. CYCLING ATHLETE, CLINGER, FOR DOPING OFFENSE

Colorado Springs, Colo. (March 19, 2010) - USADA announced today that an independent, three-member American Arbitration Association/Court of Arbitration for Sport (AAA/CAS) panel issued its decision that David Clinger, an athlete in the sport of cycling, receive a sanction for testing positive for two prohibited substances.

Clinger, 32, of Sandy, Utah, tested positive for synthetic testosterone and modafinil in a sample collected from him on July 30, 2009, after placing second in the men's road race at the USA Elite Road Nationals in Bend, Oregon. Synthetic testosterone is prohibited as an anabolic agent and modafinil is prohibited as a stimulant on the World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List, which has been adopted by the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing and the International Cycling Union "UCI" Anti-Doping Rules. Clinger's two year period of ineligibility began September 3, 2009, the day he accepted a provisional suspension. As a result of the doping violation, Clinger has also been disqualified from all competitive results achieved at and subsequent to the USA Elite Road Nationals, including forfeiture of any medals, points, and prizes.

NOTE: The AAA/CAS decision is available on the USADA website at <http://www.usantidoping.org/what/management/arbitration.aspx>.

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, 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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