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U.S. BOXING ATHLETE, COCHRAN, ACCEPTS TWO-YEAR SUSPENSION FROM USADA

Colorado Springs, Colo. (June 11, 2010) USADA announced today that Jerren Cochran, of Houston, Texas, an athlete in the sport of Boxing, has tested positive for a prohibited substance and has accepted a suspension for his doping offense.

Cochran, 19, tested positive for the diuretic furosemide as a result of an out-of-competition urine sample collection on January 18, 2010. Diuretics are prohibited under the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing and the rules of the International Boxing Association (AIBA), both of which have adopted the World Anti-Doping Code (“Code”) and the World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List.

Cochran accepted a two-year period of ineligibility which began on February 1, 2010. As a result of the doping violation, he has also been disqualified from all competitive results achieved on and subsequent to the date his sample was collected, including forfeiture of any medals, points, and prizes.

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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