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BOBSLED ATHLETE RECEIVES SANCTION FOR ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATION BASED ON HIS REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO SAMPLE COLLECTION

Colorado Springs, Colo. (April 26, 2010) - USADA announced today that U.S. Bobsled athlete Randal Jones of Mabelton, Georgia has received a two-year suspension for an anti-doping rule violation.

Jones, 40, refused to take part in a USADA Out-of-Competition doping control test on January 26, 2010. Under the rules of the International Bobsleigh and Tobogganing Federation and USADA, both of which have adopted the World Anti-Doping Code, an athlete's refusal to provide a sample when notified without compelling justification constitutes an anti-doping rule violation. Jones's two-year period of ineligibility began April 24, 2010.

"It is every athlete's responsibility to understand the anti-doping rules. I regret that my failure to understand the rules led me to refuse to provide a sample when requested because I thought I could state that I was retired and provide retirement paperwork later. I now understand that it is every athlete's responsibility to provide a sample when requested to do so unless that athlete has previously retired and completed the required retirement paperwork," said Randal Jones.

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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