



NEWS RELEASE

TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETE RECEIVES SANCTION FOR ANTI-DOPING RULES VIOLATION

Colorado Springs, Colo. (September 2, 2010) - USADA announced today that USA Track & Field athlete Chris Lukezic of San Francisco, California, has accepted a two-year suspension for an anti-doping rule violation based on his refusal to submit to sample collection.

Lukezic, 26, refused to take part in a USADA Out-of-Competition doping control test on April 20, 2010. Under the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing and the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), both of which have adopted the World Anti-Doping Code, an athlete's refusal to provide a sample when notified constitutes a rule violation. The applicable rules also require that an athlete provide written notice of his intent to retire from competition to USADA and the athlete's National Governing Body in order for retirement to become effective. Lukezic did not provide notice to USADA and USA Track & Field as required prior to his refusal. Lukezic has since properly retired from competition.

Lukezic's two-year period of ineligibility began August 31, 2010. Additionally, Lukezic is disqualified from all competitive results achieved on and subsequent to April 20, 2010, the date upon which he refused to submit to sample collection, 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 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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