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US WATER POLO ATHLETE, MONSEES, RECEIVES SANCTION FOR DOPING VIOLATION

Colorado Springs, Colo. (August 2, 2010) - USADA announced today that Zachary Monsees of San Jose, California, an athlete in the sport of water polo, has tested positive for a prohibited substance and accepted a suspension for his doping offense.

Monsees, 25, tested positive for Carboxy THC, a metabolite of marijuana in the class of Cannabinoids, in a sample collected on May 22, 2010, at the Fisher Cup in Berkeley, California. Cannabinoids are listed as Specified Substances and are prohibited under the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing and the Fédération Internationale de Natation, the international federation for water polo, both of which have adopted the World Anti-Doping Code and the WADA Prohibited List. Use of Specified Substances, under certain circumstances, can result in a reduced sanction from the standard two-year period of ineligibility.

Monsees accepted a three-month period of ineligibility, which began on July 27, 2010, the day he accepted the sanction. The period of ineligibility was suspended and reduced to time served since he accepted his sanction, because he successfully completed a USADA anti-doping educational program on July 27, 2010. As a result of the doping violation, Monsees has been disqualified from all competitive results achieved at the Fisher Cup, where his sample was collected, through and including the date the doping education program was completed, 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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