

## U.S. CYCLIST HANSON RECEIVES SUSPENSION FROM U.S. ANTI-DOPING AGENCY FOR POSITIVE DRUG TEST

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (Dec. 19, 2001) - The United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) announced Tuesday that Annette Hanson of Kirkland, Wash., an athlete in the sport of cycling, tested positive at the 2001 World Masters Track Cycling Championships in Manchester, Great Britain on Oct. 11, 2001 for ephedrine, a prohibited substance under the Union Cycliste International (UCI) rules. The UCI is the international federation for cycling.

Ephedrine is in a special category of prohibited substances in that it is commonly found in over-the-counter supplements.

Hanson, 39, was suspended for one month from competition; beginning on Dec. 11, 2001, the day the sanction was accepted, per UCI regulations. USA Cycling, Inc., the national governing body for the sport in the United States, will carry out the sanction.

In addition, she will be disqualified from her first-place finish in the 2,000-meter individual pursuit at the 2001 World Masters Track Cycling Championships.

The case was forwarded to USADA on Nov. 20, 2001 from USA Cycling and the UCI for the adjudication process.

This is the 17th announcement issued by USADA in 2001. USADA became the independent anti-doping agency for U.S. Olympic, Pan Am and Paralympic athletes on Oct. 2, 2000.

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