

## U.S. BOBSLED AND TRACK ATHLETE RECEIVES A PAIR OF TWO-YEAR SUSPENSIONS FROM U.S. ANTI-DOPING AGENCY

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (Dec. 7, 2001) - The United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) announced Friday that Jeff Laynes of Oakland, Calif., an athlete in the sports of bobsled and track and field, admitted to manipulating USADA documentation as well as testing positive at two international track and field events.

Laynes, 31, manipulated USADA forms on three occasions (August 26, October 20 and October 27, 2001) when he was being tested for the sport of bobsled. The August 26 test was an unannounced out-of-competition test in Calgary, Alb., Canada, while the October 20 and October 27 tests occurred in Park City, Utah at the U.S. National Two-Man and Four-Man Team Trials, respectively.

In addition, Laynes tested positive at the Reunion International Meet in La Laguna, Spain on July 14, 2001 and the International Lausitzer Meet in Cottbus, Germany on July 18, 2001 for stanozolol, a prohibited anabolic steroid under International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) rules. The IAAF is the international federation for the sport of track and field.

The two positive test cases were forwarded to USADA on Nov. 2, 2001 from USA Track and Field (USATF) and the IAAF for the adjudication process.

Laynes was suspended for two years from competition from both bobsled and track and field, which is the maximum sanction in accordance with the International Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation (FIBT) and IAAF rules. The United States Bobsled and Skeleton Federation (USBSF) and USATF, the national governing bodies for the respective sports in the United States, will carry out the sanctions.

The suspension for his bobsled offenses began on Aug. 26, 2001, while the track and field suspension started on July 14, 2001, the date of the first positive test.

Also, Laynes will be disqualified from his first-place finish in the 200 meters at the Reunion International on July 14 and his second-place finish in the 100 meters at the International Lausitzer Meet on July 18, 2001.

This is the 16th announcement issued by USADA during 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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