



# NEWS RELEASE

## US TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE, DEROSIER, RECEIVES SANCTION FOR DOPING VIOLATION

**Colorado Springs, Colo. (January 26, 2010)** USADA announced today that Philippe DeRosier of Columbia, Maryland, an athlete in the sport of Track & Field, has tested positive for a prohibited substance and accepted a suspension for his doping offense.

DeRosier, 26, tested positive for methylhexanamine, a stimulant, as a result of a urine sample collected at the EAA Permit Cezmi Or Memorial competition, held June 13, 2009 in Istanbul, Turkey. Stimulants are prohibited under the USADA Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing and the rules of the International Association of Athletics Federations, both of which have adopted the World Anti-Doping Code and the World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List. Methylhexanamine is classified as a Specified Substance because it can be susceptible to a credible non-doping explanation, and therefore the presence of that substance in an athlete's sample can result in a reduced sanction.

Laboratory testing conducted by experts on DeRosier's behalf indicated the presence of methylhexanamine in a supplement DeRosier took leading up to the event at which the positive test was collected. DeRosier identified the supplement by name on his doping control form at the time of sample collection. USADA confirmed that methylhexanamine was not listed on the label of the supplement consumed by DeRosier. DeRosier has accepted responsibility for the violation and the accompanying penalty.

DeRosier accepted a six-month period of ineligibility which began on August 23, 2009, the day he accepted a provisional suspension. As a result of the sanction, DeRosier is also disqualified from all competitive results obtained on and subsequent to June 13, 2009, the day his urine sample was collected, 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, conducts educational sessions with National Governing Bodies and their athletes, and proactively distributes a multitude of educational materials, such as the Guide to Prohibited Substances and Methods, 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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