

Motion Filed To Dismiss Lance Armstrong Suit

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency filed a motion asking a judge to dismiss a federal lawsuit by [@Lance Armstrong](#) that was aimed at preventing the anti-doping agency from pursuing doping charges against him. The lawsuit by Armstrong also accused USADA's chief executive, Travis Tygart, of waging a personal vendetta against the cyclist.

Armstrong asked the court to issue an injunction and may receive a lifetime ban from cycling and be stripped of his Tour de France victories, if found guilty.

The motion was filed recently in Austin, Texas and cited the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act that gives USADA jurisdiction over athletes who compete in Olympic sports. The current case by USADA may cost the cyclist seven Tour de France titles and is based on evidence other than positive doping tests.

"The motion confirms the salient point that [Mr. Armstrong has passed every drug test administered by USADA](#) itself in its anytime, anywhere 24-7-365 program, which it swore was the most stringent testing program in the world," Armstrong's attorney, Robert Luskin, said.

Armstrong filed a lawsuit on July 9, which was quickly thrown out by U.S. District Court Judge Sam Sparks in Austin. The judge dismissed the 80-page complaint that was aimed at stopping USADA from pursuing its case. While throwing out the lawsuit, the judge criticized Armstrong for grandstanding and using it as a publicity stunt. **"This Court is not inclined to indulge Armstrong's desire for publicity, self-aggrandizement or vilification of Defendants, by sifting through eighty mostly unnecessary pages in search of the few kernels of factual material relevant to his claims,"** Sparks wrote.

Born on September 18, 1971 as Lance Edward Gunderson, Armstrong is an American former professional road racing cyclist who won the Tour de France title a record seven consecutive times after surviving testicular cancer. The cyclist is the founder and chairman of the Lance Armstrong Foundation for cancer support. He was named the ABC Wide World of Sports Athlete of the Year in 1999 and won the Prince of Asturias Award in Sports in 2000. Lance Armstrong was named Sportsman of the Year by Sports Illustrated magazine in the year 2002 and received ESPN's ESPY Award for Best Male Athlete in 2003. He made his appearance for competitive cycling on February 16, 2011.

Armstrong has faced persistent allegations of doping for much of the second phase of his illustrious career. He submitted to 24 unannounced drug tests in the fall of 2008 through March 2009 by various anti-doping authorities and all of these tests were negative for performance enhancing drugs. The cyclist was charged by the USADA with the consumption of illicit performance enhancing drugs based on testimonies from other cyclists and blood samples from 2009 and 2010, which were vehemently denied by the cyclist.

After his initial lawsuit was thrown out, Lance Armstrong filed a revised lawsuit against the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. *Three of his former associates (Luis Garcia del Moral, a team doctor, Michele Ferrari, a consulting doctor, and Jose "Pepe" Marti, team trainer) were recently banned for life from all professional cycling activities for drug violations.*