

Armstrong Suit Against Anti-Doping Group Dismissed

On Monday, a federal judge dismissed the latest lawsuit filed by champion cyclist [@Lance Armstrong](#) that was aimed at stopping the case against him by the [U.S. Anti-Doping Agency](#).

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks said the court cannot interfere, contrary to the will of Congress and agreement of Lance Armstrong to arbitrate, on the basis of a speculative injury. The USADA had accused the cyclist of using, possessing, trafficking, and giving performance enhancing drugs to others and covering up doping violations.

Armstrong, the seven-time Tour de France winner, requested the court for action against the anti-doping agency for a host of reasons and said he has never tested positive for [performance enhancing drugs](#). **The cyclist also accused the USADA and its CEO, Travis Tygart, of being out to get a “big fish” for justifying existence of the agency.**

The assertions of Armstrong were ruled out by Judge Sparks in his ruling. The Judge added that Armstrong did not have the right to due process “fail as a matter of law, and must be dismissed.” Last month, U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks, in Austin, Texas, dismissed the original bid of Lance Armstrong to stop the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) from proceeding with its case and termed the lawsuit a "lengthy and bitter polemic." The lawsuit was not entertained by the Judge though he did allow the lawyers of Armstrong to file an amended lawsuit.

Armstrong has been accused of doping since long. The USADA said in a June letter to Armstrong that it collected blood samples from the cyclist in 2009 and 2010 that were “fully consistent with blood manipulation including EPO use and/or blood transfusions.”

Attorneys of the cyclist said he has "passed every drug test ever administered to him in his career - a total of 500 to 600 tests... more drug tests than any athlete in history." The attorneys added that it was the International Cycling Union and not the USADA that has proper jurisdiction in the case.

The Texas court ruling means that the seven-time Tour de France winner would now have to face the doping charges and could lose his record-breaking seven Tour de France titles, if he is found guilty.

US District Judge Sam Sparks noted "troubling aspects" of the USADA's case despite dismissing Armstrong's case against USADA by remarking upon the contrast between determination of the agency to pursue with the hearing "in direct conflict" with the "equally evident desire" of cycling's world governing body, the UCI, not proceeding against him. The case of Armstrong may ultimately be escalated to the Court of Arbitration for Sport if he decides to answer the charges.

Armstrong has previously accused the agency of pursuing a vendetta against him when the USADA handed out lifetime bans to three of the six men named in the Lance Armstrong doping conspiracy case. Luis Garcia del Moral, Michele Ferrari, and trainer Jose "Pepe" Marti. Marti was a trainer for the USPS and Discovery Channel Cycling Teams during the period from 1999 through 2007 and Dr del Moral was team physician for the USPS Cycling Team from 1999 through 2003. Dr Ferrari was a consulting doctor for the same team between 1999 and 2006.