

Lamont Peterson Cleared Of Doping

The International Boxing Federation (IBF) has allowed Lamont Peterson to keep the IBF title. The junior welterweight boxer failed a drug test after [testing positive to anabolic steroids](#) before his canceled bout with former titlist Amir Khan.

The IBF belt was awarded to Peterson even with the failed test as the levels of testosterone were found to be consistent with levels used for therapy purposes. Last year, Peterson admitted to making use of testosterone pellets before his first bout with Khan in December of 2011. The revelation was made by Jeff Fried, the attorney of Peterson, to [Nevada State Athletic Commission](#) executive director Keith Kizer during a phone call. Kizer confirmed that two drug samples from Peterson from the same collection came back positive for synthetic testosterone.

The first one was in mid-April from the "A" sample taken after a press conference touting drug testing on March 19 in Los Angeles and the testing of the "B" sample again on May 3. According to Kizer, the "A" and "B" samples from the first test both registered positive and were analyzed by making the use of the sophisticated carbon isotope ratio (CIR) testing method. The junior welterweight boxer admitted to having a testosterone pellet surgically implanted into his hip on November 12 by Las Vegas-based Dr. John Thompson after being diagnosed with an abnormally testosterone level.

This would mean Peterson can resume his career and his stop to return will be against mandatory challenger Zab Judah, who was awarded the status by defeating Vernon Paris by TKO in an elimination bout this past March in New York. Winner of the Judah-Peterson match would set himself up for a possible bout with newly crowned WBA super, Ring and WBC junior welterweight title holder Danny Garcia.

Findings of the IBF were based on the findings reported by an independent physician with certifications in internal medicine and endocrinology. The physician determined that the levels of testosterone as noted in the VADA report are consistent with the therapeutic use of the hormone and not for the purpose of performance enhancement.

After the news of Peterson's failed test, Amir Khan urged the authorities to ban Peterson for life and eradicate drugs cheats from boxing. Khan added that he has been "tested for drugs over one hundred times" in his Olympic and professional career.

Born on January 24, 1984, Lamont Peterson is an American professional boxer competing in the light welterweight division and is the current IBF Light Welterweight Champion. In 2003, Peterson became 141 lbs US champion and was the National Golden Gloves Lightweight Champion in 2011.

In the meanwhile, Peterson has quickly applied for a license in Nevada hoping that the Nevada State Athletic Commission may grant him a license despite his admission to using the banned substance. He claimed to have used synthetic testosterone (testosterone replacement therapy) for medical reasons but failed to disclose it ahead of time or even seek a medical exemption and Khan is furious and frustrated to see the IBF title going back to Peterson.