

Olympic Doping Goes On, Says Conte

[@VictorConte](#), the founder and president of Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative or BALCO, who served prison term in 2005 after pleading guilty to conspiracy to distribute anabolic steroids and money laundering, has recently said that doping in Olympics is still going on.

Victor Conte was the man behind BALCO that supplied performance enhancing drugs to athletes until a federal investigation in 2003. The man behind the infamous BALCO steroids scandal is swearing these days to keep [performance enhancing drugs out of sports](#). BALCO was accused by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) of developing the banned steroid tetrahydrogestrinone (THG) and Conte implicated five-time Olympic gold medalist Marion Jones, Tim Montgomery, Kelli White, Dwain Chambers, and NFL player Bill Romanowski.

Conte recently remarked that the Olympics anti-drug system is seriously flawed and many athletes are still cheating as high-ranking officials have a vested interest in not cleaning up the Olympics.

When asked about the kind of cheating that goes on now in Olympic sports, *Victor Conte said athletes are not making the use of designer steroids these days but using fast-acting testosterone*. During Helwani's *MMA Hour*, Conte said testosterone derivatives or a modified testosterone molecule always show on mass-spectrometry tests and this is the reason why athletes are moving towards pure testosterone. He also said testing has taken away designer steroids and so many athletes are doing testosterone replacement therapy, which has left a huge loophole involving micro-dosing of testosterone.

He added the reason why today's women fail to come anywhere close to women's sprint records from the '70s and '80s is because they are using lighter versions of performance enhancing drugs, which are less detectable and less effective. Conte added that many people in the anti-doping bureaucracy dismiss or ignore him as his advice would lead to more positive tests in the short term and this is reason why he is termed bad for business.

Conte recently suggested that the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) should go through an independent agency such as the Voluntary Anti-Doping Agency (VADA) that can testify the entire roster of Zuffa of nearly 400 professional fighters twice a year for somewhere between \$1-1.5 million. He went on to suggest the possibility of carbon isotope ratio testing, abbreviated as CIR, which can distinguish synthetic testosterone in the urine.

The founder and president of BALCO added that testosterone replacement therapy is not bad and he has himself used testosterone treatments, beginning at age 46 and experienced a lot of benefits. TRT effectively allows athletes to use anabolic steroids as they want as long as they are within the normal testosterone range come fight time, a fact that was exposed by the case of Nate Marquardt last year.

Conte helped start the Voluntary Anti-Doping Association, a new anti-doping agency for boxers and MMA fighters and is now attacking life with the energy and intensity of a revival preacher. He does not charge for his services and the list of his clients include mixed martial artist Cung Le, and Olympian Marlen Esparza (a U.S. boxer), and boxer Nonito Donaire. One of Conte's clients, free agent outfielder Marlon Byrd, was suspended 50 games by Major League Baseball after testing positive for tamoxifen,

which is a drug used for breast cancer treatment. The 34-year-old Byrd has publicly acknowledged a post-BALCO working relationship with Victor Conte.