

US Soccer Goalkeeper Accepts Public Warning

U.S. national team goalkeeper Hope Solo received a public warning from the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) after testing positive for the banned substance Canrenone in a urine test. The 30-year-old accepted the warning and was still made a part of the United States soccer team in the [Olympic tournament](#).

In a statement, Solo said she took a medication that was prescribed by her personal doctor for premenstrual purposes and she was not aware of the diuretic properties of the medication. She added that she immediately cooperated with USADA as soon as she was informed of this fact and using the medication was an honest mistake. [U.S. Soccer](#) also issued a statement to express its support for the goalkeeper and said it fully cooperated with USADA during the disciplinary process.

Canrenone is classified as a specified substance and its presence in the sample of an athlete can result in a reduced sanction. It is marketed under the brand names Contaren and Luvion and an aldosterone antagonist with additional anti-androgen properties that is used as a diuretic in Europe. It is prohibited under the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing and the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) anti-doping rules, both of which have adopted the World Anti-Doping Code ("Code") and the World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List.

Hope Solo published her best-selling autobiography *Solo: A Memoir of Hope* after the 2012 London Olympics, where she received her second Olympic gold medal. The autobiography debuted at No. 3 on the New York Times hardcover non-fiction best seller list, which is the highest ever for a soccer book.

Born in Richland, Washington on July 30, 1981, she scored 109 goals, leading her team to three consecutive league titles from 1996–1998 and a state championship in her senior year and switched to the goalkeeper position at the University of Washington. Solo's senior debut came in an 8–0 win over Iceland at Davidson, North Carolina in April 2000 and she was named in the Olympic team in 2004. She was an important part of the U.S. women's team that won the gold medal by defeating Brazil 1–0 in extra time at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. During the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup, she won the "Golden Glove" award for best goalkeeper and the "Bronze Ball" award for her overall performance and featured in the "All-star" team of the tournament.

Considered one of the world's top goalkeepers, Hope Solo has been the regular U.S. keeper for nearly six years. She famously criticized the move of Coach Greg Ryan during the 2007 World Cup in China when Ryan benched her against Brazil for veteran Briana Scurry, a hero of the 1999 world champions. The United States was routed 4-0 and Solo said leaving her behind was a wrong decision. This prompted Ryan to dismiss her from the world Cup team and the keeper was not allowed on the bench for the third-place game and flew back home from China on her own. After this controversy, Pia Sundhage took over as coach and Solo has remained her top goalkeeper ever since then.