

Track And Field Athlete Accepts Sanction

Matthew DiBuono, of New Rochelle, N.Y., an athlete in the sport of track and field, has tested positive for prohibited substances in multiple samples, according to a statement by the United States Anti-doping Agency (USADA).

The 24-year-old DiBuono accepted a suspension for his doping offense. The offense pertains to a sample provided by the athlete at the 2011 USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Eugene, Oregon that resulted in adverse analytical finding for the administration of synthetic steroids.

During an out-of-competition test on August 4, 2011, a subsequent sample collected from DiBuono resulted in an adverse analytical finding for the presence of metabolites of the steroid, stanozolol. Both the tests reflected the presence of anabolic agents that are prohibited under the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing and the rules of the International Association of Athletic Federations, both of which have adopted the World Anti-Doping Code ("Code") and the World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List.

This case was an "aggravating circumstances" case, under the rules of the Code and this allowed the USADA to increase the standard two-year period of ineligibility to the maximum under the Code of a four-year period of ineligibility. In the case, those circumstances included the use of multiple prohibited substances on multiple occasions.

A four-year period of ineligibility was accepted by DiBuono and it began on August 17, 2011, the day he accepted a provisional sanction. DiBuono is also disqualified from all competitive results obtained on and subsequent to June 23, 2011, the day the first sample was collected, including forfeiture of any medals, points, and prizes as a result of the violation.

The former Fordham Male Student-Athlete of the Year qualified for the 2011 U.S. Outdoor Track & Field National Championship and holds the Fordham school record in the hammer throw at 214' 4", competed for Shore AC at a meet held at West Point on June 1st, recording a mark of 76.60 meters or 251' 4" in the hammer throw. This distance surpassed the U.S. "A" Standard qualifying mark of 69.00 meters or 226' 4" for U.S. Nationals to make him the first former Fordham athlete to make the National Championship since Lauren Gubicza did in the early 1990s. His mark of 251' 4" is the second-best mark by any U.S. competitor this year, behind only Kibwé Johnson of the [New York Athletic Club](#) (NYAC) at 262' 9" (80.09 meters) that was set in Uberlândia, Brazil on May 18th, 2011.

The mark also ranks him currently 14th in the world, based on the current listing on HammerThrow.eu. He was a three-time Atlantic 10 champion in the hammer throw, a two-time Athlete of the Meet at the Metropolitan Championship, and the 2009 Vincent T. Lombardi Award winner as Male Student-Athlete of the Year. His throw of 239' – 8" in Eugene, Oregon with the 16 pound hammer placed him third and officially earned him a spot on the USA National Team which will compete at the Track and Field World Championships in Daegu, South Korea.