

## **Weightlifting Athlete Fernando Reis Accepts Sanction**

Fernando Reis of Saint Charles, Missouri, an athlete in the sport of weightlifting, has tested positive for a prohibited substance, according to a statement by the United States Anti-doping Agency (USADA).

The 21-year-old Reis accepted a suspension for his doping offense after testing positive for methylhexanamine, a stimulant, as a result of a sample collected at the 2011 National Collegiate Championships, on April 10, 2011, in Shreveport, Louisiana. Under the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing and the rules of the International Weightlifting Federation, both of which have adopted the World Anti-Doping Code and the World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List, stimulants are prohibited. Methylhexanamine is classified as a Specified Substance and its presence in the sample of an athlete can result in a reduced sanction.

A six-month period of ineligibility was accepted by Reis that began on April 24, 2011. Reis is also disqualified from all competitive results obtained on and subsequent to April 10, 2011, the day his sample was collected, including forfeiture of any medals, points, and prizes as a result of the sanction.

Born on 10 March 1990 in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Fernando Saraiva Reis competed at the 2012 Summer Olympics in the +105 kg event and won a gold medal at the 2011 Pan American Games and a silver medal at the 2010 South American Games in the same weight category. Reis lifted 225kg in the men's 105kg snatch competition during the XVI Pan-American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, on October 27, 2011 to win a gold medal. In the 2010 USA Weightlifting National Collegiate Championships, Reis (St. Charles, Mo. / Lindenwood University) led after the snatch with his lift of 168kg and jerked 202kg with a lead of 13kg on Collin Ito (Marquette, Mich. / Northern Michigan University). The total of Reis 370kg was 18kg more than Ito who totaled 352kg to win the silver medal. He won a bronze in the Snatch at the 2010 Jr. Worlds held in Sofia, Bulgaria

At the 2011 Pan American Games, Olympic weightlifter Fernando Reis won the gold medal, a first for his home country with a top individual lift of 225kg. He finished 17kg ahead of silver medalist Jose Morales Yoel from Venezuela and bronze medalist George Kobaladze from Canada to earn the top award. Reis captured his second straight National Collegiate Championships in 2011 with a 10kg competition PR, and in the process he broke the American Collegiate total record by 15kgs. He went on a diet heavy in recent months of fattening to gain 30 pounds in a year and a half. Reis reached 132 kg in 2011, 38 more than in 2007 at the Pan American Games in Rio and led the competition from the start and finished with a total and 410 kg, 393 kg runner up. The 2012 Pan American +105kg Champion Fernando Reis earned his ticket to London 2012 with a 180kg Snatch and 230kg C&J. Reis failed a lift in the men's +105kg Group B snatch weightlifting competition at the ExCel venue during the London 2012 Olympic Games August 7, 2012.