

Three UFC Fighters Fail To Clear Drug Tests

According to UFC officials, three fighters have failed to clear drug tests. This announcement by the UFC has once again that there cannot be anything stopping professional sportsmen from relying on banned performance enhancing drugs even after “tall talks and claims” of anti-doping education and awareness.

Lavar Johnson (17-7) failed a test for [testosterone use](#) given by the California State Athletic Commission from his February 23 fight in Anaheim where he lost a three-round decision against Brendan Schaub. The heavyweight slugger has not been suspended till date. Johnson had first tested for an elevated testosterone/epitestosterone ratio when the usual urine test results came in and after this the California State Athletic Commission administered the expensive Carbon Isotope Ratio (CIR) test on Johnson that confirmed the first test results.

The American mixed martial artist who last competed as a heavyweight is suspended from fighting till November 23, 2013. Johnson made his MMA debut in the WEC on January 16, 2004, losing to Doug Marshall via TKO (corner stoppage). He made his Strikeforce debut against Carl Seumanutafa at Strikeforce Challengers: Evangelista vs. Aina, knocking him out with a punch 18 seconds into the first round.

In another development, Alex Caceres tested positive for marijuana and Riki Fukuda tested positive for three banned stimulants; both positive tests came from the March 3 show at the Saitama Super Arena in suburban Tokyo, Japan.

Nicknamed "*Bruce Leroy*," Caceres (8-5, 1 no contest) won against Kyung Ho Kang, which he originally won via three-round decision, overturned and ruled a no-contest. Caceres was suspended by the UFC for six months and his suspension is retroactive to the day of the fight. The UFC fighter was also ordered to attend rehabilitation classes and would now have to pass a drug test at the end of the suspension before he will be allowed to fight again. In a statement issued by his management team, Caceres said he accepts full responsibility for my actions and the consequences from his actions and apologized to all that he has disappointed, including the UFC, his family, coaches, training partners and fans. Caceres added that he accepts the sanctions from the UFC and would look forward to completing the necessary steps to getting back in the octagon following the suspension and assuring that this never happens again.

According to the UFC Director of Regulatory Affairs Marc Ratner, it is the current protocol that any UFC fighter who tests positive for marijuana on a show regulated by the UCF will be suspended six months and ordered to do rehab from an accredited facility and added that the UFC believe in rehabilitation and penalties for marijuana should not be as severe as those for performance enhancing drugs.

Fukuda (19-7), tested positive for stimulants Phernylpropanolamine, Norpseudoephedrine, and Ephedrine, after his loss to Brad Tavares on the same show. The fighter had been released from his UFC contract after the loss to Tavares left him with a 2-3 record in his two years with the UCF and his positive test result will be reported to the [Association of Boxing Commissions](#) that will then make a decision regarding how long before Fukuda would be allowed to fight for another organization.