

## Canadian Curler Suspended For Anti-Doping Violation

A member of the Canadian team that won silver at the men's world curling championships has been suspended for a period of two years after he tested positive for a banned substance.

In a test following the world gold-medal game, Matt Dumontelle, the alternate on Brad Jacobs' rink, tested positive for the banned substance [Methandienone](#), an anabolic steroid.

Dumontelle was added to the team following its victory at the 2013 Northern Ontario championship but did not participate in any games at the world championship. The two-year sanction of Dumontelle ends on May 6, 2015 and he is ineligible until then to participate in any sport that is part of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program.

Dumontelle said in a statement said he was taking a workout supplement that he believed was safe and clearly, it was not and he regretted that decision. He added that had no intentions of trying to 'beat the system.' Dumontelle said he was made aware by the Canadian Curling Association High Performance staff of his responsibilities to respect and follow the rules as set down by the World Anti-Doping Agency and added he accepts at the end of the day that it was, and is, his responsibility to make sure that he is playing by those rules. He informed the CCA, World Curling Federation, and the World Anti-Doping Agency that he has acknowledged the violation and has waived his right to appeal the finding.

In a release, the [Canadian Curling Association](#) said that the positive test of Dumontelle does not affect the world championship silver of Canada, nor does it have any ramifications for the Jacobs team. The world men's curling championship reign of Canada ended after three years when Jacobs's Northern Ontario rink fell 8-6 to Sweden's Niklas Edin in the gold-medal game. With this win, Edin was able to capture the first world men's crown after serving on bronze-medal-winning teams in 2011 and 2012.

After learning about the positive test, Canadian Curling Association (CCA) Chief Executive Officer Greg Stremmlaw remarked we are disappointed to hear this news and take the take the issue of doping in sports extremely seriously, and we stress repeatedly and emphatically to our athletes how important it is to respect the rules set down by the World Anti-Doping Agency. Stremmlaw added that we respect the findings of the tests, and will pursue no further action on behalf of the athlete in question and further said regardless of the circumstance, our athletes are solely responsible in the end for everything that enters their body. He further said we, having said that, are firm in the belief that our athletes respect the rules and will continue to display a high standard of following them and the CCA as well will continue to provide educational resources to our athletes on the subject of doping. The Chief Executive Officer also said that players who compete in national and international events are told in advance, and in clear language, of the anti-doping rules and the importance of following them.