

Former German Cyclist Admits To Doping

[@Andreas Klier](#) has admitted using performance enhancing drugs during part of his career spanning 17 years. The retired German professional road racing cyclist, who competed as a professional between 1996 and 2013 is the current director of team Garmin-Sharp. His confession came not before the United States Anti-Doping Agency announcing a six-month suspension on Klier.

The USADA revealed the former cyclist provided what it described as "important information" into its ongoing investigation of cycling. Klier admitted to using substances such as erythropoietin (EPO), human growth hormone, and cortisone along with blood transfusions between 1999 and 2006. In a statement issued by [Garmin-Sharp](#), Andreas Klier remarked he has been involved in professional cycling for 17 years, and for those 17 years cycling has been his life. He added some of his best memories and moments happened on his bike, and some of his worst too and along the road to the top of the sport, many years ago, he selected the wrong path, and he has been very sorry for it ever since. The former rider issued an apology to his family, sponsors, peers, fans, and riders who competed clean during that time.

During early stages of his career, Klier was a teammate of riders like [Jan Ullrich](#) and the American Kevin Livingston. The German cyclist turned professional in 1996 with Team Nürnberger and then raced with TVM (1999-2000), Team Telekom (2001–2008), Cervélo Test Team (2009–2010), and Garmin-Cervélo in 2011 and 2012. After announcing his retirement on May 13, 2013, Klier moved into a managerial role with his final professional team, Garmin-Sharp.

Andreas Klier revealed that the latter part of his 17-year long career was clean. Klier remarked he stopped what he was doing and started competing clean well before he ever joined Slipstream, but said he is proud to be a part of an organization that makes racing clean its only priority. He went on to add in his heart and mind he knows that telling the truth about his past to the proper authorities is the right thing to do to continue to help the sport he loves moving forward. Klier accepted responsibility for the mistakes he made in my past and the punishment that comes along with them. The ex-German rider also remarked he has seen both worlds of the sport and he believes that today it is in the best place its ever been. The ex-rider added the young riders racing now have never faced the same choices he did, and he will do everything he can for the rest of his life to help continue to help build the sport that he loves.

USADA revealed the ban on Klier started on August 12, 2013 and the ex-rider has been stripped of results gained since July 21, 2005. Travis Tygart, the CEO of USADA, remarked we are

thankful for the assistance in this case provided by our international partners at the German National Anti-Doping Agency and appreciate Klier's willingness to provide full and truthful testimony about the culture of drug use in cycling. Tygart added our investigation into the sport of cycling is ongoing, and we will continue to fight for the rights of all athletes who want to have the full truth revealed so that the sport can finally move forward toward a truly clean future.