

A-Rod Says He Was Duped Into Taking Steroids

New York Yankees' [Alex Rodriguez](#) is trying every book in the trick to get his 211-game suspension behind him. The baseball star and his lawyers have presented a case which is partly based on the idea that the baseball's highest-paid star procured substances from the now-defunct Biogenesis anti-aging clinic assuming they were innocent [legal supplements](#).

Meanwhile, Ron Berkowitz, Rodriguez's publicist, said we cannot provide any details of this hearing, as the chair of the arbitration panel has issued an order prohibiting all parties from commenting publicly on the confidential proceedings, but what is being reported is not true.

In August this year, A-Rod was suspended by [Major League Baseball](#) commissioner Bud Selig after it was found that Yankees' star bought banned performance enhancing drugs from the Miami clinic and even tried to intervene in investigations. His recent claims conflict with those of Anthony Bosch, the founder and proprietor of Biogenesis. Bosch decided to cooperate with MLB and has already validated a wide range of documents and electronic communications with Alex Rodriguez. The MLB believes that A-Rod is now finding 'ways' to get the ban turned down and argues that why were the transactions kept so secretive and the cost of products were so high if Biogenesis products were legitimate.

Rodriguez's attorneys are likely to attack the credibility of Bosch and may point that he was paid for providing evidence to MLB and was offered to being dropped from the probe if he extended cooperation to MLB. It is also believed that they may pinpoint that Bosch is the subject of many federal and state criminal investigations in Florida and the Florida Department of Health even fined him \$5,000 for holding himself out as a doctor.

A-Rod was among 14 players penalized by the Major League Baseball for violating the anti-doping policy. Some of the other suspended included outfielder Nelson Cruz of Texas, Ryan Braun, and Detroit shortstop Jhonny Peralta. Braun accepted a ban of 65 games while 12 other players accepted a punishment of 50 games without waging an appeal. If A-Rod's suspension is upheld, it will be the longest non-lifetime suspension in the history of baseball.

Considered one of the greatest baseball players of all time, the American baseball third baseman for the New York Yankees of Major League Baseball (MLB) has 14 100-RBI seasons in his career and is the youngest player ever to hit 500 home runs and the youngest to hit 600 home runs.

Hispanics Across America, a non-profit group involved in political issues, is extending its support for Rodriguez and distributed white T-shirts with Rodriguez's No. 13. Fernando Mateo, the

organization's founder, said we support A-Rod and want to send a very clear message to Major League Baseball. Mateo remarked MLB commissioner Selig is pursuing Rodriguez out of concerns for his legacy as he is retiring after next season and added we are not going to allow them to suspend A-Rod for 211 games, take his head and put it in the living room of Bud Selig's apartment so that he can use that as a trophy as he's going out.