

## **Doping Ban Avoided By Three-Time Olympic Gold Medalist**

Three-time Olympic gold medalist [Veronica Campbell-Brown](#) has received only a public warning from a Jamaican disciplinary panel. The athlete was suspended after returning a positive test for a banned diuretic at the Jamaica International Invitational meet in May.

The Jamaican athlete is now cleared to make a return to competition five months after she returned a [positive doping test](#). Campbell-Brown missed the Jamaica's national championships and the chance to race at the 2013 world championships in Moscow. The Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association said in a statement that its disciplinary committee recommended that a reprimand without any period of ineligibility would be appropriate. The disciplinary panel ruled that the athlete committed an anti-doping violation but the use of banned substance was for not performance enhancement.

In June this year, a spokesman for the [IAAF](#) said the athlete's case appeared to involve a lesser offense of unintentional use of a banned substance.

Campbell-Brown tested positive for the diuretic Furosemide, a banned substance that is often marketed under the name Lasix. Furosemide is a diuretic which is on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) banned list because it can be used as a masking agent to conceal the presence of performance enhancing drugs. The athlete and her management team travelled to Canada to have her 'B' sample analyzed at the WADA-accredited laboratory in Montreal but she was notified that the second test had confirmed the original adverse finding.

Jamaica's most decorated female athlete, Campbell-Brown is an online diarist for the International Association of Athletics Federations and a Goodwill Ambassador for UNESCO. In 2000, she became the first female to win the sprint double at the IAAF World Junior Championships and the following year, she was awarded the Austin Sealy Trophy for the most outstanding athlete of the 2001 CARIFTA Games. At the 2004 Athens Olympics, Veronia Campbell-Brown decimated the field in the 200m finals defeating favorite American Allyson Felix to become the first Jamaican and Caribbean National to win in the history of the games to win a sprint Olympic title. She won the silver medal in the 100 m at the 2005 World Championships in Athletics and a silver medal in the 4 x 100 m relay.

The athlete from Jamaica won three medals with a gold in the 100 m, a silver in the 200 m, and a silver in the 4 x 100 m relay at the 2007 World Championships. At the 2008 Olympics, Veronica Campbell-Brown defended her Olympic 200 m title in a new personal best time of 21.74 s. In the

4x100m finals, the athletics star teamed up with Aleen Bailey, Tayna Lawrence, and Sherone Simpson to win the women 4x100m. *Track and Field News*, at the end of the 2008 season, selected her as the top 200 m runner in the world as well as the fourth best in the 100 m (following three other Jamaicans). Campbell-Brown won her first World Indoor 60m Gold medal in a time of 7.00 in 2010 and then went on to get the time of 21.98 (200 m) in New York.