

## Arbitration Case Of Rodriguez Closed

The arbitration hearing of Alexander Emmanuel "Alex" Rodriguez, nicknamed "A-Rod," ended on Thursday without the American baseball third baseman for the New York Yankees of Major League Baseball testifying.

The baseball player has been fighting the suspension of 211 games imposed on him by Major League Baseball. [Alex Rodriguez](#) publicly blasted Bud Selig, the MLB commissioner, and MLB last week. A-Rod was suspended by the MLB for his alleged involvement with the now-shuttered Biogenesis anti-aging clinic in South Florida that provided banned performance enhancing drugs. In the same case, Milwaukee Brewers left fielder [Ryan Braun](#) received a suspension of 65 games for his dealing with the clinic while 12 other players were given 50-game suspensions.

The case was closed after twelve days of testimony. The fate of Rodriguez for the next season is now in the hands of arbitrator Fredric Horowitz. The three-time former Most Valuable Player and his lawyers signaled their lack of faith in the proceedings by vowing to release all of the evidence and preparing to take the case into federal court. The baseball star stormed out of the hearing and his lawyers remarked that A-Rod would longer participate unless Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig agrees to testify. Lead attorney Joe Tacopina said we're not going to participate in a process that's obviously a fait accompli and not a fair process and we are absolutely shutting down at this point. The attorneys of Rodriguez are upset that the MLB commissioner was not ordered by the arbitrator to testify in the hearing and Tacopina said the next phase of the case is a move to federal court regardless how Horowitz rules.

It was reported that Alex Rodriguez made an abrupt exit and slammed a table in anger following Horowitz's ruling and kicked a briefcase before leaving the room. He later released a statement to explain his action and blasted Selig and Horowitz. [A-Rod](#) said he is disgusted with this abusive process, designed to ensure that the player fails and added he had sat through 10 days of testimony by felons and liars, sitting quietly through every minute, trying to respect the league and the process. He also remarked this morning, after Bud Selig refused to come in and testify about his rationale for the unprecedented and totally baseless punishment he hit me with, the arbitrator selected by MLB and the Players Association refused to order Selig to come in and face him. Alex Rodriguez went on to add that the absurdity and injustice just became too much and he walked out and will not participate any further in this farce.

In a statement replying to Alex's statement, the MLB said Major League Baseball and the Players Association have had a contractual grievance process for more than 40 years to address disputes between the two parties. It was added that this negotiated process has served players and clubs well and despite Rodriguez being upset with one of the arbitration panel's rulings today, Major League Baseball remains committed to this process and to a fair resolution of the pending dispute.

In another development, Alex Rodriguez made an unscheduled radio appearance on WFAN radio and denied to host Mike Francesa that he ever used performance enhancing drugs.