

UFC Bantamweight Fighter Fails Test For Marijuana

According to representatives from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, the split decision win of UFC bantamweight fighter [Jessica Eye](#) over Sarah Kaufman at UFC 166 on October 19 in Houston has been changed to a no-decision. This was after Jessica, the American professional mixed martial artist who currently competes in the Ultimate Fighting Championship in the bantamweight division, tested positive for marijuana after which she was fined \$1,875 and placed on a *“one year fully probated suspension.”*

Kaufman, after learning of the failed test of Jessica Eye, remarked she hates to see our sport marred by athletes who can't seem to control what substances they put in their bodies and it's disrespectful to their opponents and employers.

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation public information officer Susan Stanford remarked Jessica can still fight in the interim while she is effectively “on probation as long as she complies” with the administrative order.

In her official statement on the matter that was released through the UFC, Jessica Eye remarked she was recently alerted to the fact that she was issued a fully probated suspension and fine by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. The UFC fighter added that while she intend to discuss with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation the overturning of my victory at UFC 166, she had accepted the terms of the probation and intend to compete at UFC 170 on February 22. Eye added she pride herself on following the rules and representing her family, teammates, sponsors, and fans in the best light possible and apologized for any distractions this has caused.

Meanwhile, UFC president [Dana White](#) has defended Jessica Eye and said she honestly meant no harm in the matter. White remarked so let me explain the Jessica Eye situation – that thing popped up on my radar like the day it happened. The UFC president added that he understands where you guys are coming from, but let me put you in her situation, Jessica finally makes it in the UFC, the big stage, and first thing most of these people have never dealt with media at the level that they deal with now and nobody ever cared what she said and she gets busted for weed.

White also said that Jessica started panicking when all this stuff started happening and she didn't know what she could say and couldn't say, and she didn't want anybody to know. He also said Jessica is not media savvy, she's scared and she didn't know what she was going to get in trouble for or not in trouble for. White revealed in Nevada (the legal limit) it's 150 (ng/mL), she was 16 (ng/mL). Texas (limit) is 15 (ng/ML). The WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) raised their standard for marijuana last year to 150 ng/mL while the state of Nevada, a commission routinely looked at for [drug testing in combat sports](#), raised their limit for marijuana from 50 ng/ML to 150 ng/mL but Texas has a limit set 10 times less than the recognized testing limit by both WADA and commissions in states like Nevada.