

Operations Of JADCO Questioned By CAS

Jamaican anti-doping officials have been blasted by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for mishandling of a drug test by [Veronica Campbell-Brown](#). The Jamaican sprinter was banned for two years but appealed to the CAS against the doping ban.

In a scathing 58-page report explaining the decision to uphold the appeal of the three-time Olympic gold medalist, the CAS cited errors in the collection and handling of the urine sample of Campbell-Brown last year that may have resulted in its contamination. CAS said the evidence before the panel in this case establishes that the JAAA (Jamaica Athletic Administrative Association) has persistently failed to comply with the mandatory partial testing. It was added that systematic and knowing failure, for which no reasonable explanation has been advanced, is deplorable and gives rise to the most serious concerns about the overall integrity of the JAAA's anti-doping processes, as exemplified in this case by the flaws in JADCO's (Jamaica Anti-Doping Commission) sample collection and its documentation.

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) expressed confidence that the errors would not be repeated in the future. The anti-doping agency concurred that mistakes were made in the case of Campbell-Brown that were fundamental to the integrity of the testing process. In a statement, WADA said we responded to past concerns in Jamaica by initiating a partnership with the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) to mentor and assist JADCO in developing their [anti-doping programs](#) and WADA as a result is confident that such mistakes will not be repeated again.

Campbell-Brown on May 4 returned a positive test for hydrochlorothiazide at the Jamaica International Invitational meeting in Kingston and in October was given a public reprimand by a JAAA disciplinary panel. However, a doping review board of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) recommended a ban of two years after which Campbell-Brown appealed the ban. The sprinter's lawyers argued that international standards were violated during her sample collection and this resulted in compromising the integrity of the samples.

Meanwhile, Jamaican athletics federation president Warren Blake has remarked the problems were now in the past. In late 2013, the anti-doping efforts of Jamaica underwent a big overhaul with the entire JADCO board resigning and the appointment of a new executive director. Blake said this speaks to the situation that existed last year and the question was the use of partial sample kits and added his understanding is that JADCO does in fact have partial sample kits now. Blake also questioned as to why the Jamaica Athletic Administrative Association was mentioned in the report when the testing was done by Jamaican Anti-Doping Commission.

Recently, [elite coach](#) Stephen Francis called for Jamaican officials to disband their anti-doping agency and contract testing to agencies in other countries that was disagreed by Blake and Natalie Neita-Headley, the Jamaican minister responsible for sports. Blake remarked many things have changed with JADCO and he is not going to be supporting

taking our testing out of our country and giving it to strangers while Neita-Headley said we need to have a anti-doping commission that works and that's what we are working at with a sporting program like ours and with the success we have attained.