

Australia Bars Chinese Swimming Star

Sun Yang, the double Olympic champion and 1,500 meters world record-holder, has been barred from [training in Australia](#). The Chinese swimming sensation's coach is also expected to sever ties with Yang after he was banned for doping.

Swimming Australia high performance boss Michael Scott met Sun's Australian coach Denis Cotterell and told him that the Chinese swimmer is no longer welcome to train in the country. Scott remarked he met Denis and Denis has advised the Chinese swimming federation that Sun Yang will not be allowed to train at Miami on the Gold Coast anymore or any of our podium centers as per our policy. Scott added the integrity of Australian swimming was paramount and also remarked that it was a very straight forward call, which Denis supported and has been acted upon already.

The Swimming Australia high performance chief also remarked Australia was tightening rules on foreign swimmers coming to the country and they would be required to register with the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority for out-of-competition testing. He went on to remark that they are required to pay us a rights fee which will include the cost of any drugs tests and also remarked obviously when things like this happen you review the situation and we've now determined that any foreign swimmer that we agree to come into one of our centers as a condition must list themselves with ASADA for drug testing out of competition.

The Brisbane Courier-Mail reported that Cotterell, one of Australia's foremost swimming coaches, would sever all ties with Sun. Cotterell also coached Australia's two-time Olympic 1,500m champion Grant Hackett, who held the 1,500m world record before it was eclipsed by Sun Yang.

The 22-year-old swimmer won four medals at the London 2012 Olympics, including gold in the 400m and 1500m freestyles. Yang also swept the 400m, 800m and 1500m frees at the 2013 World Championships.

Yang served a three-month doping ban after he tested positive for the banned stimulant Trimetazidine (Class S.6.b Specified Stimulant) on May 17 during the Chinese National Championships. Sun said he used the [prescription drug](#) Vasorel for "[Angina pectoris](#)", a health condition in which pain is experienced in the chest because of an inadequate supply of oxygen to the heart muscle. The swimmer said he was unaware that the drug had Trimetazidine, a drug that was added to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)'s prohibited list this year. Sun could have been allowed by sport authorities to legally use the prescription drug if he had filed a therapeutic use exemption as it was for a medical condition. Sun Yang completed his ban on August 17 but details of his doping ban were revealed only last week by Chinese authorities.

The World Anti-Doping Agency is expected to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport and said the World Anti-Doping Code requires drugs violations to be made public within 20 days.

Athletes are generally slapped with two-year bans for a first breach of the code under the World Anti-Doping Agency's current code. Bans will be doubled to four years from January 1, 2015.