

Gay's Former Coach Suspended For Eight Years

The [US Anti-Doping Agency](#) (USADA) has announced that American sprinter Tyson Gay's former coach Jon Drummond has been banned for eight years for doping violations.

USADA announced a three member panel of the American Arbitration Association North American Court of Arbitration for Sport (AAA) found that Drummond possessed, trafficked, and administered banned performance enhancing substances to Tyson Gay as a coach.

Drummond is the coach of U.S. Olympians and the recent Chairman of the USA Track & Field Athletes Advisory Council and a former world record holder. Earlier this year, Drummond sued Gay and USADA for defamation. He claimed Tyson Gay had made false statements about him and that the US Anti-Doping Agency had republished and endorsed them. The lawsuit was stayed by a US judge, saying that the matter must be settled in arbitration and not in a federal court.

In May this year, [Tyson Gay](#) was suspended for one year and he returned the silver medal he won with the US 4x100m relay team at the London Olympics. The athlete was disqualified from all races he contested from July 2012. Gay's ban was reduced because of the testimony he provided to the US Anti-Doping Agency and he has since returned to competition.

The AAA panel, following a two-day evidentiary hearing, found that Drummond failed to act in the manner expected of a coach of athletes in the Olympic Movement USADA CEO Travis T. Tygart said coaches have an inherent responsibility to protect athletes- not take advantage of them- but to ensure that they receive the support, training and advice they need to win fairly and in accordance with the rules.

The 46-year-old coach will serve an eight year period of ineligibility beginning on December 17, 2014. His sanction will prohibit him from coaching, training or advising athletes and participating or coaching at any event sanctioned by USA Track & Field, the International Association of Athletics Federations or any other WADA Code signatory. The sanction will include coaching, training or advising athletes for the U.S. Olympic, Pan American Games or Paralympic Games Trials, being a member of any U.S. Olympic, Pan American Games, or Paralympic Team.

In 2013, Tyson Gay tested positive for Dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA), which is a banned substance. It was concluded by USADA upon investigation that a chiropractor named Dr. Clayton Gibson provided the athlete with the DHEA that resulted in the positive test. Drummond was found in violation of many anti-doping rules, including possession of DHEA in violation of Code Article 2.6 and IAAF ADR 32.2 (f), trafficking of DHEA in violation of Code Article 2.7 and IAAF ADR 32.2 (g), attempted trafficking of DHEA, HGH, [IGF-1](#), and/or Testosterone in violation of Code 2.7 and IAAF ADR 32.2 (g).

Drummond denied the charges through his counsel on May 30, 2014 and requested a hearing. The American Arbitration Association acknowledged the demand for arbitration by Drummond on June 4, 2014. An evidential hearing was conducted on September 15 and 16, 2014 in this regard in Texas. The last post-hearing brief was filed on November 17, 2014.