

Mike Richman Suspended For Two Years

American mixed martial artist Mike Richman has been suspended by the [California State Athletics Commission](#) (CSAC) following his Bellator 137 loss to Edurado Dantas on May 15, 2015 at Pechanga Resort and Casino in Temecula. The bantamweight division fighter also came in overweight for the bout.

It is believed that Richman tested positive for [Drostanolone](#), which is marketed as Masteron. This year, ex-UFC middleweight champion [Anderson Silva](#) also tested positive for Drostanolone. Last July, UFC middleweight Kevin Casey tested positive for the same steroid following his UFC 175 win in Las Vegas over Bubba Bush. A few weeks later, featherweight prospect Brian Ortega was busted for Drostanolone after he defeated Mike de la Torre at UFC on Fox 12 in San Jose. The wins of Casey and Ortega were flipped to no contests and Casey and Ortega received suspensions of one year and nine months, respectively.

Masteron is widely used as a cutting cycle drug by professional bodybuilders. This anabolic androgenic steroid is also used by athletes for hardening muscles and is rated as an excellent finisher during a steroid cycle.

Richman (18-6) was more than three pounds over the bantamweight maximum of 136 pounds before Bellator 137. His fight against Edurado Dantas was almost called off before Dantas, the former Bellator bantamweight champion, agreed to take the fight. Richman was beaten by Dantas via unanimous decision.

The 29-year-old Richman has received a suspension of two years and will have to pay a fine of \$2,500, according to a confirmation by California State Athletic Commission executive officer Andy Foster. The former U.S. marine was coming off back-to-back knockout wins over Ed West at Bellator 126 and Nam Phan at Bellator 131.

A statement by Bellator disclosed that Andy Foster of the CSAS has notified them of the positive test of Mike Richman for performance enhancing drugs. The statement added Bellator stand behind the California State Athletics Commission completely in the process and remains committed to keeping the sport of Mixed Martial Arts clean of substance abuse.

Richman took full responsibility of the mistake and issued an apology to everyone on his [Facebook page](#). The professional competitor in MMA said he will not deny that he used the anabolic steroid and blame it on someone else. Richman went on to comment that he is cheat, plain and simple, and wants to apologize to Bellator MMA for his wrongdoing. Richman also remarked that he wants to apologize to his head MMA coach Greg Nelson as his positive test brought bad name. The MMA fighter also issued an apology to his S&C coach Matt Miller of Horsepower strength and conditioning and added he had no knowledge of his use of the steroid.

Born and raised in Rosemount, Mike Richman started competing in wrestling events from a young age. Upon graduating, Richman joined the United States Marine Corps and served three tours as an infantryman in Iraq and reached the rank of Sergeant. In 2008, Richman started training in mixed martial arts. Richman compiled an undefeated record of 8-0 before he competed on *The Ultimate Fighter: Team GSPP vs. Team Koscheck*.