

Silva Banned For One Year, Blames Positive Drug Tests On Sexual Performance Supplements

Former UFC middleweight champion [Anderson Silva](#) has been suspended by the Nevada Athletic Commission for one year, retroactive to the date of the fight, and a fine of \$380,000 was imposed on him. Considered one of the greatest UFC fighters, Silva admitted to taking Oxazepam, a benzodiazepine that is used for treating anxiety and acute alcohol withdrawal, as well as Temazepam that is used for treating insomnia.

After his suspension was announced, Silva's name was erased from rankings announced by Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC).

Silva has claimed that his positive drug test before and after his UFC 183 bout against Nick Diaz in January was because of a supplement used to improve sexual performance.

[Anderson Silva](#) was all set to appear before the Nevada State Athletic Commission in his defence after testing positive to [anabolic steroids](#) Drostanolone and Androstane in a pre-fight drug test. Silva also tested positive for Drostanolone and the anti-anxiety medication Oxazepam and Temazepam that are used for treating sleep deprivation in a post-fight urinalysis. It is widely believed that the representatives of Anderson Silva are expected to argue that the ex-UFC middleweight champion was not trying to improve his performance inside the Octagon but he was trying to improve his bedroom performance.

The UFC fighter faces a fine up to \$250,000 and the result of his bout with Diaz will be changed to a No Contest after a request by the attorney general of Nevada, Christopher Eccles. During the same fight, Nick Diaz tested positive for marijuana metabolites for the third time. The former Strikeforce Welterweight Champion and former WEC Welterweight Champion failed a pre-fight test for marijuana against lightweight champion Takanori Gomi after the news came out the Nevada State Athletics Commission on April 10, 2007. Diaz tested positive for marijuana again in 2012 in a post-fight drug test after his fight with Carlos Condit who defeated Diaz via unanimous decision.

Silva, who holds the record for the longest UFC championship defence streak, is counting on documents that suggest the testing of the said sexual enhancement supplement was contaminated with exogenous anabolic agent (Drostanolone metabolite). Silva's lawyer Michael Alonso remarked the other supplement Silva was using could have contained Androstane. Silva is also expected to include inconsistencies in drug tests including two tests -- one pre-fight and one post-fight -- that Anderson Silva passed.

Silva believes B.J. Penn, his long-time friend and former UFC Lightweight Champion and UFC Welterweight Champion, to be the greatest pound-for-pound fighter in the sport's history.

The Brazilian Mixed Martial Artist, who is regarded by many including UFC President Dana White as one of the greatest MMA fighters of all time, started martial arts at the young age of 7

and trained Tae Kwon Do and earned a black belt by the age of 18 years. Silva also has a black belt in Judo and made his debut at Ultimate Fight Night on June 28, 2006 where he faced Chris Leben and knocked him out a series of pinpoint strikes that were followed by a final knee strike into the first round.