

Doping Test Could Knock Out Floyd Mayweather

[Floyd Joy Mayweather, Jr.](#), who announced his retirement recently, has been accused of a doping violation four months ago.

According to media reports, Mayweather allegedly received an intravenous injection of vitamins and saline that was banned under the guidelines of the World Anti-Doping Agency on the eve of his bout with Manny Pacquiao in Las Vegas on 2 May. Mayweather defeated Pacquiao on a unanimous decision to improve his perfect record to 48-0 and retired at 49-0.

Reports emerging in the media revealed that collection agents of the United States Anti-Doping Agency visited the house of Mayweather in Las Vegas the night before his 2 May fight. This was to perform an unannounced drug test and it was discovered by the USADA collection agents that Floyd Joy Mayweather, Jr. had been given an IV for rehydration purposes. Media reports added the substances in the IV were not banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency but they were given intravenously that was not permitted. Mayweather was not given a retroactive [therapeutic use exemption](#) (TUE) by the United States Anti-Doping Agency until 19 days later.

In a statement, Mayweather refuted the allegations and said he did not commit any [doping](#) violations. Considered to be the best boxer of his generation and amongst the greatest fighters of all time, Mayweather said he was fully supported by the United States Anti-Doping Agency. The boxer said he did not commit any violations of the Nevada or USADA drug testing guidelines. Mayweather went on to add that it was he who six years ago insisted on elevating the level of drug testing for all my fights and as a result there is more drug testing and awareness of its importance in the sport of boxing today than ever before.

In a statement, USADA defended the boxer and said we believe it is important to immediately correct the record regarding the false suggestion that Floyd Mayweather violated the rules by receiving an IV infusion of saline and vitamins. The USADA statement also reads that Mayweather as was already publicly reported in May of this year by the Nevada State Athletic Commission (NSAC) applied for and was granted a

therapeutic use exemption by USADA for an IV infusion of saline and vitamins that was administered prior to his 2 May fight. It was further added by USADA that the use of IV by Mayweather was not prohibited under the NSAC rules at that time and would not be a violation of the NSAC rules as of now. The United States Anti-Doping Agency added both the NSAC and Team Pacquiao were notified about the TUE after it was granted even though the practice is not prohibited under NSAC rules.

USADA added it has conducted anti-doping programs over the past six years for more than 45 fights in the sport of professional boxing. It added as a result every athlete who has participated in one of our programs has voluntarily agreed to abide by the rules of the Wada Code and willingly subjected themselves to substantially more stringent testing protocols than they otherwise would have been subject to.