

British Amateur Cyclists Banned For Four Years

[UK Anti-Doping](#) (UKAD) has announced Ian Edmonds, a 41-year-old amateur cyclist, has been suspended from all sport for four years following an Anti-Doping Rule Violation. The anti-doping agency also announced a 46-year-old amateur cyclist, Robin Townsend, has been banned for four years following an Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF) for recombinant [erythropoietin](#) (EPO).

Edmonds admitted to the 'Attempted Use of a Prohibited Substance' and 'Refusing to Submit to Sample Collection' during an interview with UKAD on 6 June 2016. This was after 20 capsules of Testosterone and 100 tablets of Nandrolone were seized by the UK Border Force on 10 April 2016. This parcel of [anabolic steroids](#) was addressed to Edmonds, who was a member of Mapperley Cycling Club.

UKAD Director of Operations, Pat Myhill, commented the ordering of Prohibited Substances online by those subject to the anti-doping rules continues to be a major concern for UKAD. Myhill added whether they are obtained in an attempt to improve sporting performance or for aesthetic purposes, a significant threat is posed to both clean sport and public health and also said ordering Prohibited Substances via the internet may result in a ban from all sport and, in some cases, constitute a criminal offence. The UKAD Director of Operations also said the Edmonds case is an excellent example of how we work alongside law enforcement partners to deter and detect doping in the UK by targeting the supply of illicit substances. Myhill added he would encourage anyone who has information about the purchase or supply of performance and image enhancing drugs to contact us in confidence via 08000 322332 or via [reportdoping.com](#). Edmonds is banned from all sport from 1 August 2016 until midnight on 1 August 2020.

Townsend, who previously rode for Team Swift, was banned for a period of four years earlier this year after he tested positive for the stimulant Modafinil, following an in-competition test at the Burton and District Cycling Alliance 100 Miles event on 5 September 2015. The same sample was re-tested for Erythropoiesis stimulating agent on 8 December 2015, as a result of intelligence being passed to UKAD and the re-analysis returned an AAF for EPO. The amateur cyclist was subsequently charged with an Anti-

Doping Rule Violation pursuant to Article 2.1 of the World Anti-Doping Code – presence of a Prohibited Substance. The case was heard in front of an independent National Anti-Doping Panel and it was ruled out by the panel that the period of ineligibility of four years should run concurrently with the four-year sanction already imposed on Townsend. The amateur cyclist is banned from all sport for four years from 8 October 2015 to midnight on 7 October 2019.

Myhill added the receipt and use of information and intelligence is critical to delivering an effective anti-doping program. The UKAD Director of Operations said we received intelligence in the case of Robin Townsend, which we assessed and acted upon by undertaking additional analysis of the original sample and added this has resulted in a further adverse analytical finding.