UFC Veteran Flagged For Potential Doping Violation

The United States Anti-Doping Agency, the anti-doping partner of the UFC, has provisionally suspended UFC light heavyweight and middleweight competitor [Tom Lawlor](#) after a potential doping violation stemming from an out of competition drug sample collected on October 10 was flagged.

In a statement, the UFC said it was notified that USADA has informed Tom Lawlor of a potential Anti-Doping violation stemming from an out-of-competition sample collected on October 10, 2016. The UFC officials wrote in the statement that the United States Anti-Doping Agency has provisionally suspended Lawlor based on the potential anti-[doping](#) violation.

The statement further reads that USADA, the independent administrator of the UFC Anti-Doping Policy, will handle the results management and appropriate adjudication of this case. It was also said in the statement that it is important to note that, under the UFC Anti-Doping Policy, there is a full fair legal review process that is afforded to all athletes before any sanctions are imposed. The statement also reads that additional information or UFC statements consistent with all previous potential anti-doping violations will be provided at the appropriate time as the process moves forward.

In March, Lawlor last competed when he lost a unanimous decision to former "Ultimate Fighter" winner Corey Anderson at UFC 196.

Lawlor has the right to contest the findings. A first offense could mean a suspension of two years from the sport. Lawlor (10-6, 1 NC) has been with the UFC since 2008 and has fought 11 times in that span at both middleweight and light heavyweight, compiling a 6-5 record. The American professional mixed martial artist and professional wrestler currently competing in the light heavyweight division of the UFC was also a cast member of SpikeTV's The Ultimate Fighter: Team Nogueira vs. Team Mir.

Born in Massachusetts, Tom Lawlor currently trains at Lauzon MMA and works with Team Aggression in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. He is best known for imitating other fighters (Art Jimmerson, Dan Severn, Harold Howard, and Genki Sudo) during the Octagon

entrances and weigh-ins. Many of his fans regard him as a cult figure and his popularity rose after he paid homage to Hulk Hogan and Apollo Creed amongst others with his tongue-in-cheek ring entrance routines with impersonations.

Lawlor made his MMA debut as an amateur in 2003 before he turned professional in 2007. The American professional mixed martial artist and professional wrestler won his UFC debut via unanimous decision against former The Ultimate Fighter 8 cast-mate Kyle Kingsbury. In his second UFC fight, Lawlor took on CB Dollaway at UFC 100 and surprised everyone by putting Dollaway to sleep with a guillotine choke 55 seconds into the first round and was awarded Submission of the Night honors.

In another development, Matheus Nicolau was notified of a potential anti-doping violation. The UFC fighter was scheduled to meet Ulka Susaki at UFC Fight Night 100. The best win of Nicolau to date was a split decision over John Moraga in July at The Ultimate Fighter 23 Finale. He (12-1-1) has won both of his Octagon fights after competing on The Ultimate Fighter: Brazil 4.