

Ian McCall Cleared Of Potential Doping Violation By USADA

UFC flyweight Ian McCall has been cleared of potential doping violation by the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

The anti-doping agency granted a retroactive [therapeutic use exemption](#) to the UFC fighter from an incident that occurred around UFC 208 in February. USADA said McCall would not face any disciplinary action after he received an IV before being pulled from his previously scheduled bout in February.

McCall was supposed to face Jarred Brooks at UFC 208 in Brooklyn on February 11 but he was removed from the card. McCall was later transported to a local hospital with gastrointestinal issues.

Officials from USADA disclosed that an intravenous infusion of saline was given to McCall on the advice of his physician prior to his fight at UFC 208. Athletes are not allowed to receive an IV more than 50mL per a six hour period under regulations of the World Anti-Doping Agency even though saline is not a banned substance. All IVs of more than 50mL per six-hour period are prohibited under anti-doping policy of the UFC unless the athlete receives a TUE in advance or if the infusion is legitimately received in the course of hospital admissions, surgical procedures, or clinical investigations.

The United States Anti-Doping Agency announced that it had determined after a thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding the potential violation that included the retroactive therapeutic use exemption application process that Ian McCall had a diagnosed acute medical condition for which the use of an intravenous infusion is consistent with the standard of care. It was further commented by USADA that his use of a prohibited method will not result in an anti-doping policy violation because the TUE application of McCall was granted retroactively.

The UFC flyweight last competed at UFC 183 on January 31, 2015 where he lost to John Lineker via a unanimous decision. McCall has pulled out of proposed bouts vs. Neil Seery citing illness, against Dustin Ortiz because of injury, and lost prospective foes Ray Borg at UFC 203 because of illness and Justin Scoggins to weight cut issues.

The American mixed martial artist who competes in the flyweight division of the Ultimate Fighting Championship has fought for World Extreme Cagefighting and [Tachi Palace Fights](#) in the past. The first fight of McCall in Tachi Palace Fights was against Jussier Formiga, who at the time was ranked as the #1 Flyweight in the world. McCall defeated Formiga with a unanimous decision victory and then went on to defeat previously unbeaten prospect Dustin Ortiz at Tachi Palace Fights 9 to set up a championship bout with the TPF Flyweight Champion Darrell Montague at TPF 10: Tachi Palace Fights 10 where he won by submitting Montague in round 3 with a rear naked choke. McCall faced Demetrious Johnson in the opening round of the inaugural UFC Flyweight Champion tournament and this fight was the first flyweight bout in the [history of UFC](#).

A professional MMA competitor since 2002, McCall is #6 in the official UFC flyweight rankings as of February 8, 2017.