

## Career Of Jon Jones Hangs In Balance

Current UFC light heavyweight champion Jon “Bones” Jones has been flagged by the United States Anti-Doping Agency for a potential anti-doping violation stemming from his UFC 214 fight with Daniel Cormier on July 29.

The failed drug test in question was administered the day of the UFC 214 weigh ins (July 28), a day before Jones defeated Daniel Cormier via third-round knockout. Andy Foster, [California State Athletic Commission](#) executive officer, revealed Jones had passed all of his out-of-competition drug tests leading into UFC 214. Jones was tested on July 6 and July 7 by USADA, the results of those samples came back negative.

Former UFC light heavyweight champion Cormier, the UFC 214 opponent of Jones, said he was shocked to learn about the positive test of Jones for the [anabolic steroid Turinabol](#) but asked fans to let the USADA testing process unfold before jumping to conclusions.

In a statement, the United States Anti-Doping Agency said we cannot comment on an on-going case, but importantly all athletes under the UFC anti-doping program are innocent unless and until the established process determines otherwise. The statement also reads that Jones as part of this process is given the opportunity to be heard, confront and cross examine the evidence and have the ultimate decision of whether he violated the rules or not be decided by independent judges and added it is only fair to let due process occur before drawing any conclusions about Jones.

In a statement, the UFC said USADA, the independent administrator of the UFC Anti-Doping Policy, will handle the results management and appropriate adjudication of this case involving [Jon Jones](#), as it relates to the UFC Anti-Doping Policy and future UFC participation. The statement also reads that there is a full and fair legal process under the UFC Anti-Doping Policy that is afforded to all athletes before any sanctions are imposed. The UFC statement also reads that the California State Athletic Commission [CSAC] also retains jurisdiction over this matter as the sample collection was performed the day before Jones’ bout at UFC 214 in Anaheim, CA, and USADA will work to ensure that the CSAC has the necessary information to determine its proper judgment of Jones’ potential anti-doping violation.

Jones has not been stripped of his UFC Light Heavyweight championship till now. The UFC fighter is likely to face a possible doping ban of four years that could mean the end of his illustrious career.

Jeff Novitzky, UFC vice president of athlete health and performance, said his understanding is the sample was collected in the hours after the weigh-ins, so that would put him in an in-competition period under the program. Novitzky added Jon is afforded due process and added the B sample would not have been tested already but he is of the view that the substance is 99.999-percent of the time is in the body of that athlete when a World Anti-Doping Agency accredited lab makes an announcement of a positive test of a substance in that athlete's body. The UFC vice president of athlete health and performance added they do some confirmatory testing on even the A sample.