

Olympic Runners Suspected Of Doping

Nordine Gezzar of France and Spain's [@Angel Mullera](#), have been axed from the **London Olympic Games** on suspicion of doping.

French runner Nordine Gezzar **may face a life ban after he tested positive for the banned blood booster EPO (erythropoietin)** and has already requested a "B" sample to be analyzed, with the results of that test due to be known next week. The 3000m steeplechaser may get banned permanently if the "B" sample also come back positive as Gezzar served a two-year drug ban when he was suspended in 2006.

In 2006, Gezzar was handed a suspension of two years when he tested positive for the banned [anabolic steroid nandrolone](#) and the diuretic Finasteride that is used for treating hair loss but can also mask use of steroids.

French athletics federation vice-president, Michel Marle, said on Friday: *"Gezzar tested positive for EPO and has been provisionally suspended."*

"The athlete has already requested the analysis of the 'B' sample. That will be carried out on Sunday and we'll probably know the results 48 hours later."

Fourth at the European Championships in Helsinki, Gezzar was caught when was tested along with all other Games-bound competitors by the French Anti-Doping Agency.

The Spanish Athletics Federation ([RFEA](#)) made an announcement that **Angel Mullera** has been removed from their quad after reports in the local media also connecting him with the use of EPO. Mullera has been replaced by Sebastian Martos.

"This decision is independent of the eventual opening of a disciplinary process accompanied by a preventive ban," the RFEA said.