

Georges St-Pierre Claims Doping Stance Of UFC Behind Departure

[Georges St-Pierre](#), the former UFC welterweight champion, has claimed that he walked away from the UFC because of the promotion's stance toward testing for performance enhancing drugs. St-Pierre recently said a lack of strenuous drug testing was one of the factors that led to his decision to step away from the sport.

The UFC fighter tried to get Hendricks to agree to random, unannounced drug testing prior to his fight at [UFC 167](#) on November 16 with Johnny Hendricks. Hendricks agreed initially but then decided not to and said he wanted the testing to be administered by the World Anti-Doping Agency. However, St-Pierre had arranged the deal with the Las Vegas-based Voluntary Anti-Doping Association and went through the testing himself and passed all of the tests he was given. Georges St-Pierre believed that the UFC didn't supported hum in this efforts of implementing the testing that prompted UFC president Dana White to call the situation "weird" during an interview.

St-Pierre went on to remark that he is still undecided on whether or not to make a return to the sport that he dominated for as many as seven years. The fighter remarked he would not make enhanced drug testing a condition of his return.

Meanwhile, UFC CEO Lorenzo Fertitta said he was disappointed to learn of the comments of St-Pierre and said he would call on the fighter once he is done with reading all of the stories from the interview St-Pierre gave. The UFC CEO went on to remark that UFC has a very, very strong stance against any [performance enhancing drugs](#) and it would surely be supporting whatever drug testing a state athletic commission would request of a UFC fighter. He also remarked that he would be fully supportive even if a commission wanted to test UFC fighters both before and after a fight.

Fertitta also pointed that UFC paid for enhanced testing for both Travis Browne and Josh Barnett prior to their bout at UFC 168 on December 28 in Las Vegas. Fertitta added that the topic of drug testing did not surface when Georges informed the promotion he was vacating the title in December. He said we have made it clear, through presentations at various athletic commissions, that we advocate for the most rigorous drug testing possible and we've actually advocated for harsher penalties for PEDs. The UFC CEO and co-owner also said the UFC never has turned down a request from an athletic commission to pay for additional drug testing. Fertitta also remarked that maybe Georges didn't understand the level of drug testing Nevada was doing and they are the ultimate authority that handles drug testing, medicals and everything else -- and they are very capable. Fertitta also went on to say that we obviously know there are some athletes that do cheat, but we are catching them and hopefully, because the penalties for being caught have gone to the extent they have -- monetary, suspensions, and revocations of licenses -- it is convincing these guys it's not worth it.