

## **Anderson Silva Subject To Out-Of-Competition Testing**

UFC legend and former middleweight champion [Anderson Silva](#) is ready to get "embarrassed" while trying to compete for a spot in the Brazilian taekwondo team for the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. The former UFC middleweight champion will be subject to random, out-of-competition drug testing for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

On January 9, Anderson Silva tested positive to [Drostanolone](#) metabolites during a random out-of-competition test in the lead-up to his victory over Nick Diaz. The 39-year-old Silva, who is regarded by many to be the best MMA fighter in history, won by a unanimous points decision against Diaz as part of UFC 183 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Nevada State Athletic Commission executive director Bob Bennett also disclosed that [Androstane](#), also a banned substance under the World Anti-Doping Agency's rules, was found in Silva's January 9 tests. Diaz, who was also tested, tested positive for marijuana metabolites after the same fight.

The UFC confirmed the initial findings on its website and said the UFC organization was notified on February 3, 2015 by the Nevada State Athletic Commission that Anderson Silva tested positive for Drostanolone metabolites on his January 9 out of competition drug test. It was added that it is the understanding of the UFC that further testing will be conducted by the Commission to confirm these preliminary results and it was said that Anderson Silva has been an amazing champion and a true ambassador of the sport of mixed martial arts and the UFC, in Brazil as well as around the world. UFC is disappointed to learn of these initial results. The website statement also reads that the UFC has a strict, consistent policy against the use of any illegal and/or performance enhancing drugs, stimulants or masking agents by its athletes.

The UFC also confirmed positive test of Diaz in its statement and said it has been notified by the Nevada State Athletic Commission that Nick Diaz has tested positive for marijuana metabolites following his fight with Anderson Silva at UFC 183 on January 31 in Las Vegas. This is the third time Nick Diaz has tested positive for drugs related to marijuana.

It was the first time in the 18-year, 34-victory career of Anderson Silva that he tested positive for a banned substance. It is interesting to note that Silva has previously campaigned for a lifetime ban on the users of performance enhancing drugs.

Secretary Marco Aurelio Klein of the Brazilian Agency of Doping Control (ABCD) said if Silva is competing in official tournaments at the Brazilian Taekwondo Federation (CBTKD), he will be under the ABCD's jurisdiction, so, like any other athlete, he can be subject to in- and out-of-

competition tests by the Brazilian Agency of Doping Control. Klein added Anderson tested positive for anabolic steroids and, in this condition, he has advantages over other athletes who don't use this banned substance. The ABCD secretary added for us it doesn't appear to be the best message to other athletes who follow the anti-doping rules ahead of the 2016 Olympics and Paralympics in Rio.