

IOC Strips U.S. Relay Stripped Of Silver For Tyson Gay Doping

The International Olympic Committee have stripped the entire U.S. men's sprint relay team of their silver medal from the 2012 London Olympics as a result of the doping case of [Tyson Gay](#).

IOC notified the U.S. Olympic Committee that the 4x100 relay team has been disqualified and all the medals are to be withdrawn. In a letter, the International Olympic Committee asked USOC to collect the medals and return them to it.

In a statement, USOC spokesman Patrick Sandusky said the IOC, following USADA's decision in the Tyson Gay case, confirmed that the U.S. team has been disqualified from the 4x100-meter race that was part of the athletics competition at the London 2012 Olympic Games. Sandusky also remarked that we will begin efforts to have the medals returned, and support all measures to protect clean athletes.

Last year, Tyson Gay returned his own medal after accepting a doping suspension of one year and the loss of results going back to July 2012. However, the status of the U.S. second-place finish in London and medals of relay teammates of Gay had remained in limbo until now. Tyson Gay was part of the USA Team that finished second in London behind a Jamaican team anchored by Usain Bolt. During this race, the Americans set a national record in the final with a time of 37.04 seconds.

Other U.S. team members losing medals are Trell Kimmons, Justin Gatlin, Ryan Bailey, Jeffery Demps, and Darvis Patton. In the final race, Kimmons, Gatlin, and Bailey ran with Gay.

Under International Rules, an entire team can be disqualified and stripped of medals if there is doping by one member.

If the IOC decides to reallocate the medals, the silver will now go to Trinidad and Tobago that finished third in 38.12 seconds and the bronze will come in the bag of the French team which placed fourth in 38.16 seconds.

The 31-year-old Gay tested positive for the presence of an exogenous androgenic anabolic steroid and/or its metabolites which was confirmed by CIR (GC/C/IRMS) analysis. Under the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing and the IAAF Anti-Doping Rules, [Anabolic Androgenic Steroids](#) are prohibited. The athlete accepted an ineligibility period of one year that began on June 23, 2013, the day his sample was collected at the USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships. He was disqualified from all competitive results obtained on and subsequent to July 15, 2012 and returned his Silver Medal in the men's 4x100m relay from the 2012 London Olympic Games that is now in the possession of the United States Olympic Committee.

Gay's positive test resulted in an investigation that led to a ban of eight years for his former coach, [Jon Drummond](#). During London Olympics, Drummond was the coach of the U.S. relay team and placed Tyson Gay on the team. A three-member panel of the American Arbitration Association North American Court of Arbitration for Sport (AAA) found Drummond guilty of possessing, trafficking, and administering banned performance enhancing substances to an athlete under his care as a coach. According to decision of the United States Anti-Doping Agency, Gay took a banned substance in July 2012 with knowledge of Drummond.