

Drug Cheats Should Not Be Allowed To Compete At Olympics, Says Michael Phelps

Olympic superstar Michael Phelps has remarked drug cheats should not be allowed back into sport.

The American competition swimmer and the most decorated Olympian of all time said it is sad that today in sports in general, not just only swimming, there are people who are testing positive who are allowed back in the sport and multiple times.

Phelps was speaking after it was made clear by young teammate Lilly King that she did not think Russian Yulia Efimova should be competing in the Rio Games. Lilly backed up her comments with a 100m breaststroke victory over world champion Efimova, who has served a steroid ban of 16 months but was allowed to swim in the Rio Olympics despite her testing positive this year for [Meldonium](#), the drug which [Maria Sharapova](#) has been banned over.

King, a 19-year-old first-time Olympian, said she did not think Efimova belonged in the pool and many agreed as the 24-year-old world champion was showered with boos as she took the blocks. King won in an Olympic record of 1:04.93, with the Russian second in 1:05.50 and remarked she thinks it just proved that you can compete clean and still come out on top. King further remarked that people like US world champion sprinter Justin Gatlin should not be competing in Rio.

Phelps remarked he believes sport should be clean and sport should be on an even playing field, and he thinks that it is sad that in sports today we have people who are testing positive not only once but twice and still having the opportunity to swim at these Games. King spoke of her solidarity with the stance of Mack Horton of Australia and said she totally agrees with him.

Mack Horton of Australia recently taunted Chinese swimmer Sun Yang about his 2014 drugs ban, which drew a furious response from Chinese officials and media. The Chinese swimmer served a doping ban of three months after he tested positive for [Trimetazidine](#), which Chinese officials said he had taken for years to treat an existing heart problem

before the stimulant was added to World Anti-Doping Agency's banned list in January 2014. French swimmer Camille Lacourt weighed into the debate and said Sun "pisses purple".

Horton won over drug-tainted Chinese star Sun Yang in the men's 400m freestyle final. Horton had named his rival a "drug cheat" a few days back in a clear reference to Sun's three-month suspension over banned heart medication in 2014. The comments of Horton got the Chinese swimming team fuming and an apology is sought by Chinese officials. Horton stood by his comments and the Australia Olympic Committee and numerous athletes, both Australia and otherwise, have backed the Aussie gold medalist on his stance. Australia Chef de Mission Kitty Chiller said there would be no apology from Horton or the Australian team. The Chef de Mission said Mack obviously has very strong views about the need for clean sport, as every single one of us does and added he has every right to express his views and his displeasure in that sense.

US Olympic medalist swimmer Katie Meili also supported the stance of Horton and said swimming is so special that she hopes the powers that be are working hard to keep the integrity of the sport.