Dear USA Cycling Member,

We appreciate this opportunity to update you on USA Cycling's Race Clean Program.

We are pleased to announce that we were able to exceed our goal of 200 tests for 2017 and ended the year with 211 tests.

**TESTING SUMMARY**

**TOTAL 2016:** 179  
**TARGET 2017:** 200  
**TOTAL 2017:** 211

**Sanction Announcements**

Earlier this month, one more positive test result from 2016 testing was announced, [Jennifer Schumm, received a four year sanction for testing positive for the presence of an anabolic agent at the 2016 Koppenberg Boulder Spring Classic in Superior, CO](https://www.usacycling.org/about-news/news/press-releases/2016/09/jennifer-schumm-positive-test-for-anabolic-agent-at-2016-koppenberg-boulder-spring-classic). The Schumm positive brings our 2016 totals to 6 RaceClean sanctions.

We also had two more sanctions announced from RaceClean testing in 2017: [Jay Henderson, who received a six month sanction after testing positive for Carboxy-Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in Lake Elmo, MN](https://www.usacycling.org/about-news/news/press-releases/2017/01/jay-henderson-positve-test-for-thc-at-2017-koppenberg-boulder-spring-classic), and [Craig Webb, received a four year sanction for refusing to provide a sample at the 2017 Bell’s Iceman Cometh Challenge](https://www.usacycling.org/about-news/news/press-releases/2017/02/craig-webb-positve-test-for-thc-at-2017-koppenberg-boulder-spring-classic). This amounts to a total of three RaceClean positives in amateur cycling from 2017 so far.

Another anti-doping rules violation to announce concerns a USA Cycling member who was tested as part of USADA’s efforts outside of the RaceClean program. [David Less received a two year sanction after refusing to provide a sample](https://www.usacycling.org/about-news/news/press-releases/2017/02/david-less-positve-test-for-thc-at-2017-koppenberg-boulder-spring-classic) from out of competition testing.

Please remember, it can take many months for cases to be adjudicated and finalized, as evidenced by the recent 2016 announcement this week. Additional announcements of anti-doping rules violations from 2016 and 2017 RaceClean testing are possible in the future.
Warning Regarding Illegal Substance GW1516

We would like to bring to your attention the dangers of using GW1516, an illegal substance prohibited by every country. GW1516, also known as GW501516, Cardarine, or Endurobol, is an experimental drug that was terminated by the pharmaceutical company after serious toxicities occurred during pre-clinical studies. In 2013, WADA issued an alert warning that GW1516, which is not approved by the FDA, is being sold illegally on the black market and obtained by athletes. GW1516 has also been illegally sold in dietary supplement products online.

Not only is GW1516 potentially harmful, it is also a non-Specified Substance in the class of Hormone and Metabolic Modulators and is prohibited at all times under the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List. PPARδ agonists have been considered prohibited substances in sport since 2008 and GW1516 and/or its metabolites can be detected in athlete urine samples through mass spectrometry detection methods.

In 2016, the WADA Testing Statistics reported five adverse analytical findings (AAFs) globally for GW1516, which has been shown to support improvements in running distance and time in laboratory animal models (Thevis, 2016). GW1516 is not approved for use in any country, meaning a TUE for the legitimate medical use of this drug is impossible.


Partnership with other Anti-Doping programs

RaceClean, of course, is not the only anti-doping program to which USA Cycling Members could be subject. USADA also conducts a considerable amount of testing each year as part of its anti-doping programs. Members could also be subject to testing by the international anti-doping organization, CADF (Cycling Anti-Doping Foundation). These testing bodies also made several anti-doping rule violation announcements recently.

USADA often targets its testing programs based on tips received from USA Cycling members like yourself. We encourage you to contribute to the fight for clean sport by providing any information you have on anti-doping violators by contacting the Play Clean Tip Center. All information received is taken very seriously and helps USADA target their efforts, such as out of competition testing. Note that USADA is very interested in tips concerning amateur athletes, in addition to elites and professionals.

Finally, if you would like to help us do even more for clean sport, please consider making an additional donation to the anti-doping cause.

Regards,
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Top 2018 WADA Prohibited List Changes

The more athletes know, the better they can manage the risk of a positive test. Athletes and athlete support personnel should take the time to read through a short list highlighting just a few of the top 2018 WADA Prohibited List changes and prohibited substances that impact athletes. Keep reading here.