

USA Powerlifting to Publish the Names of All Who are Drug Tested

Starting in September, USA Powerlifting will begin publishing the names of all athletes who receive drug tests. A database is being developed that will allow searches by athlete name. We have been keeping a list of suspended members since our founding in 1981. This has been available to contest organizers and organization officials. We began making this list available on our website soon after it came online.

The US Antidoping Agency (USADA) has information available on athletes who have been given drug tests within the United States via their website. You may search by year and/or athlete name and view the drug testing history of a specific athlete. This program was initiated to lend transparency to their testing program. That is, anyone, from individual to federation can see who has been subject to testing and how frequently. Results are available back to 2001 (http://www.usantidoping.org/athletes/testhistory_search.asp).

USA Powerlifting will begin to create a similar system starting in September 2004. Names of athletes tested, and the date of the test (as a minimum) will be entered starting with January 2004, and continuing to the present. Information will be added as testing results are received, with periodic updates to the list. As time allows, this database will be expanded backwards to include previous years.

Each year, USA Powerlifting performs more than 800 tests on member athletes. In the past year, more than 100 of these have been out-of-competition tests. We are proud of our record of drug testing which stretches back to our earliest years. Testing for banned substances is both effective and worth the effort to assure that our athletes compete on a drug free platform.

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