

ATHLETICS INTEGRITY UNIT WILL NOT APPEAL USADA DECISION ON AMERICAN SPRINTER COLEMAN

04 September 2019, Monaco: The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) will not appeal the United States Anti-Doping Agency's (USADA) decision to withdraw its charge against American sprinter Christian Coleman of violation of the whereabouts rules under the World Anti-Doping Code.

USADA announced its decision on Monday following consultation with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) regarding the interpretation of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations (ISTI) concerning the date on which a failure to update an athlete's whereabouts information should be considered to have occurred.

The AIU, as the body that oversees anti-doping internationally on behalf of the IAAF for the sport of athletics, has the right to appeal such decisions under the World Anti-Doping Code.

AIU chairman, David Howman said: "Based on the facts of the case and clear advice about the interpretation of the current ISTI received from WADA, the AIU has decided not to appeal the USADA decision regarding Christian Coleman. We note that the ISTI is currently under review by WADA and we would support a change in the wording to ensure that in the future, filing failures are recognised when they occur and never backdated."

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About the Athletics Integrity Unit

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) is the independent body created by the IAAF that manages all integrity issues – both doping and non-doping – for the sport of athletics. The remit of the AIU includes anti-doping, the pursuit of individuals engaged in age or competition results manipulation, investigating fraudulent behaviour with regards to transfers of allegiance, and detecting other misconduct including bribery and breaches of betting rules. It is the AIU's role to drive cheats out of our sport, and to do everything within its power to support honest athletes around the world who dedicate their lives to reaching their sporting goals through dedication and hard work.

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