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## 2018 Was A Year of Controversy For The World's Efforts To Control Doping In Sports

In response to a German-produced documentary released in 2014 — which accused numerous members of the Russian track and field team of using performance enhancing drugs — the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) appointed three members of an independent commission to investigate the initial allegations.

"This documentary caused such a furor that WADA had to respond," law professor and commission member Richard McLaren said. "Our examination was focused narrowly on athletics in track and field. (The independent commission) uncovered Russian athletics doping being overseen by coaches, officials and doctors. They knew how long the detection periods were, what substances to use, how to evade the testing."



Katie Uhlaender, a four time Olympian in the sport of skeleton and part of the Taylor Hooton Foundation's ALL ME® Advisory Board, has been very outspoken about the Russian Doping Scandal and the importance of clean sport. Her first reaction to the news about the doping scandal was heart break. Watch her USADA video here: <https://www.usada.org/katie-uhlaender-past-present-future-clean-sport/>

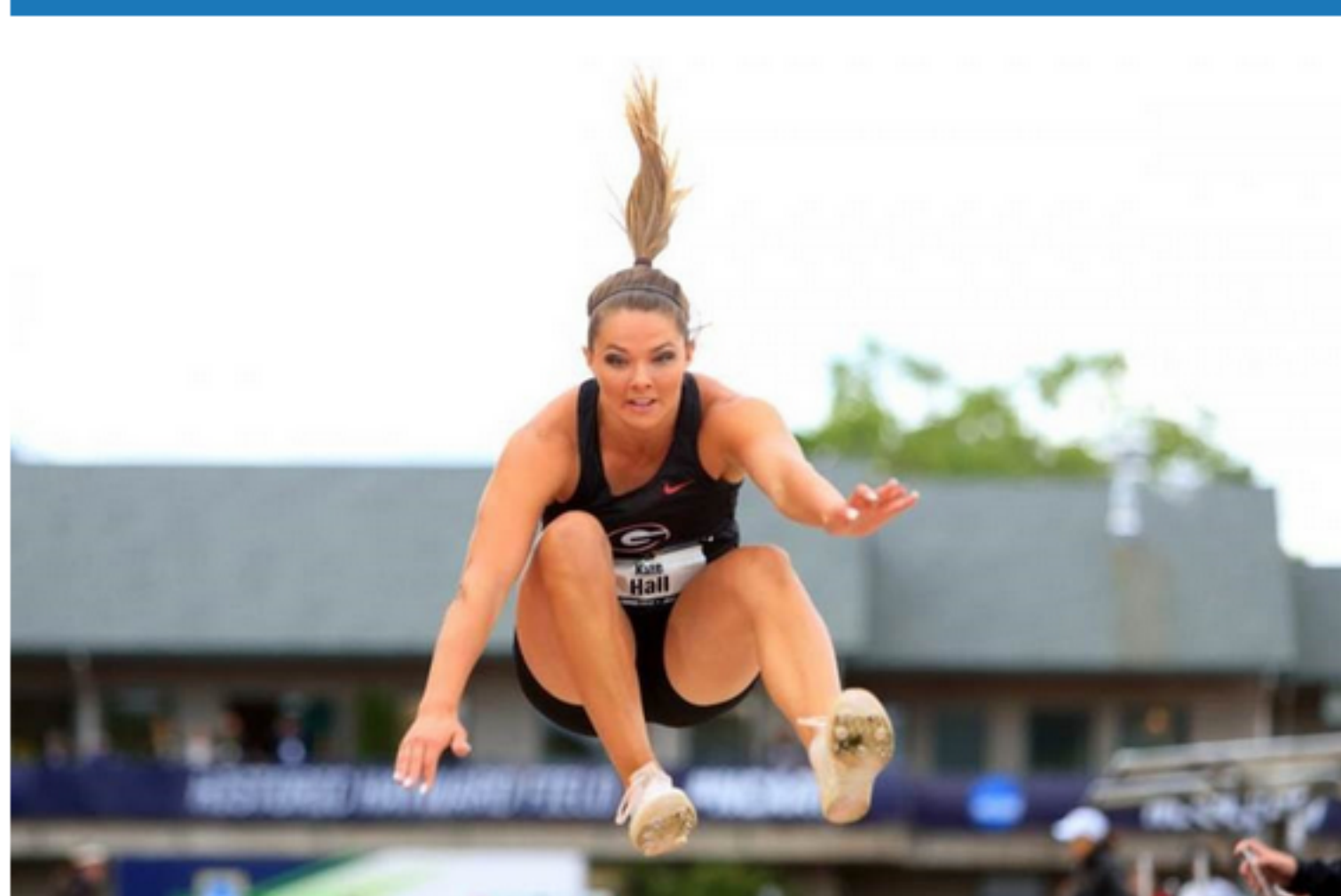
McLaren noted that this enormous scale of bribery and extortion was imprinted throughout the entire Russian government. Heavily swayed from governmental influence, these state-sponsored doping programs were orchestrated through the leaders of the Russian Anti-Doping Agency, the Moscow Laboratory, the Russian Ministry of Sport and even the Russian Intelligence Service. The International Olympic Committee, after completing its own prolonged investigations that reiterated what had been known for more than a year, handed Russia penalties for doping so severe they were without precedent in Olympics history. Russia's Olympic team was barred from the 2018 Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea. The country's government officials were forbidden to attend, its flag was not displayed at the opening ceremony and its anthem did not sound.

Yet, the International Olympic Committee lifted the ban in February 2018 just days after the end of the Winter Games. The surprise decision to lift the suspension provoked anger among the international sporting community.

The World-Anti Doping Agency (a separate organization from the IOC) voted in September 2018 whether or not to re-instate the Russian Anti-Doping Agency after they were suspended in 2015. A WADA compliance review committee had recommended that RUSADA be re-instated which sparked anger from international athletes and officials.

Travis Tygart, the head of the United States Anti-Doping Agency and long-time member of the Taylor Hooton Advisory Board, put it bluntly: "Today marked the biggest decision in the World Anti-Doping Agency history, and it delivered a devastating blow to the world's clean athletes. By ripping up the very 'Roadmap' it created, WADA's decision to reinstate Russia despite the nation not having met the two remaining Roadmap conditions is bewildering and inexplicable. In its landmark meeting today, WADA sent one clear message to the world: we put the wishes of a small handful of sports administrators above the rights of millions of clean athletes and the dreams of billions of sports fans".

Former WADA Chief Investigator Jack Robertson (recipient of the Taylor Hooton Foundation's 2017 Legacy Award) said: "WADA's President and Director General have prioritized perception over substance and politics over principal. This leadership pays attention to opinion polls and sidesteps legitimate criticisms, rather than listen to their constituency – clean athletes and global anti-doping advocates. They have catered to the desires of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the international sport federations, which urged leniency for Russia in the wake of the most egregious doping scandal in sports history."



The Taylor Hooton Foundation is committed to enlightening people to the truths about Appearance and Performance Enhancing Substances. We believe it's also important to inspire people to want to live and compete without the use of these substances. We're so proud to announce our newest member of our ALL ME Advisory Board who is a Two Time NCAA Champion, Pro Long Jumper and an American Junior Record Holder, Kate Hall! Be sure you come by and take a look at her ALL ME Profile Page: <https://allmeleague.com/advisory-board/kate-hall/> Welcome to the team Kate!

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Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Star Gala is right around the corner! Join us on February 23, 2019 for "A Walk Through Wine Country" at StarPower Home Theater in Dallas at 6:30 PM! It will be an evening filled with chef stations, wine tastings, live music, auctions and so much more. All proceeds benefit the Taylor Hooton Foundation! Purchase your tickets here:

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