



Statement by Senator Feinstein on MLB Steroid Plan
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“Major League Baseball’s proposed agreement with its players union to curtail the use of steroids is a step forward, but it does not go far enough in cleaning up the sport.

For instance, the first positive test for steroids in Olympic sports results in a two-year ban, and the second positive test leads to a lifetime ban. But under the MLB plan, the first positive test results in a 10-day suspension and for four violations, a player would only be suspended for a year.

I am also concerned that the MLB plan does not provide testing for amphetamines.

In my view, anything short of the rigorous testing protocol used for the Olympic Games falls short of what is needed in a sport where steroids have been rampantly misused. There simply is no room for steroids in our national pastime, especially when professional baseball’s integrity and credibility are at stake.”