

You have joined an inter-class debate. You are writing a speech on the motion 'Athletes who are found guilty of taking performance-enhancing drugs should be banned for life.' Write your speech for the Negative Side in about 300-350 words.

Good morning, honourable adjudicators, principal, teachers and all fellow schoolmates. I disagree with the motion "Athletes who are found guilty of taking performance-enhancing drugs should be banned for life." I do think that athletes should not be banned for life.

First of all, some athletes are tempted to take drugs as they want to win competitions, and we all know that taking drugs is foul play. However, I believe that athletes should not be banned for life. They have planned to join sports competitions since they were young. If they were banned for life, their sports life will come to an end. Without sports, they have lost everything in life – their dreams, their goals and their direction.

Second, we should always be ready to forgive people and give them a chance to turn over a new leaf. As the great saying goes, "To err is human." As all of us make mistakes in our life, why can't we be kind enough to give other people a chance? I know many hold the view that a life ban works as a good warning to other athletes from taking drugs in the future. What then should we do with sports cheats? I recommend that they should be banned for a period of time only. And it depends on how important the sports competitions are, and how serious the foul is. They should be taught to do it right.

To conclude, cheating in sports is wrong but we should give the wrong doers another opportunity. Let them think back over what they have done wrong and correct their wrong doing. This is certainly better than a life ban. Thank you.

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