



JEFF NOVITZKY
VICE PRESIDENT, ATHLETE HEALTH & PERFORMANCE

Jeff Novitzky joined UFC in April 2015 as Vice President of Athlete Health and Performance and is responsible for the development of the organization's health and safety program to ensure every athlete competes with natural ability on an even playing field.

In his role, Novitzky spearheads the UFC's development of an increased and expanded anti-doping program that will include out-of-competition drug testing along with significant financial commitments for targeted drug testing protocols. Leading the organization's clean initiative education program as part of the UFC's broader Athlete Marketing and Development program, Novitzky's storied career as a federal investigator has made him the most sought-out expert in the world on doping use in sports.

With a decorated background as a federal agent for the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Novitzky has overseen and investigated some of the highest-profile performance enhancing drug cases in professional sports. Novitzky's relentless pursuit of ensuring a clean and fair playing field for all athletes have resulted in investigations into former Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong; former Olympic gold medalist Marion Jones; Major League Baseball's Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, New York Mets' clubhouse attendant Kirk Radomski; and Victor Conte and his Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative. Novitzky worked closely with former U.S. Senator George Mitchell in his preparation of "The Mitchell Report," which detailed his investigation into the use of performance enhancing drugs in Major League Baseball. Through his tireless efforts, Novitzky has helped usher in an era of increased accountability and improved awareness for a sustainable and level playing field for all athletes.

In a profile by the *New York Times*, Novitzky's work was praised and remarked that he is "revered among doping authorities and prosecutors." Peter V. Ueberroth, the former chairman of the United States Olympic Committee and former baseball commissioner, said of Novitzky "Agent Novitzky has been one of the pioneers in trying to rid an issue that is cancerlike in the world of sports." Novitzky was also awarded the IRS's Criminal Investigation Special Agent of the Year in 2006.

A California native, Novitzky was a 7-foot high school high jumper and competed collegiately in both track and field (The University of Arizona) and basketball (San Jose State University) and graduated with a degree in accounting.