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Nowadays, Athletes are considered as a role of the model since most of them are successful results from their effort and talent; however, some of them use performance-enhancing drugs (PEDs) to get a better result (Egendorf, 2013). Some people think the usage of PEDs should be allowed, while some people think they should be prohibited. There are also some people think the usage of PEDs should be legalized. However, whether legalize the usage of drugs will not affect the competition because the competition itself is unfair.

Legalizing the usage of PEDs will not level the competition. Firstly, the different athlete born in different social and has the different economic background (Egendorf, 2013). Even the athlete with the same background would have different natural advantages. In a competition, the different athlete has difference initially. For example, Eero Maentyranta, who won three gold medals in the 1964 Winter Olympics, has blood with 40% to 50% more red blood cells than average people (Egendorf, 2013). The competition is more like a competition of natural advantage (Kayser, Mauron & Miah, 2013). It means that athletic competition can hardly be hold with real equal. On the other hand, people with a good genetic will still perform better than those with relatively worse genetic after both of them take PEDs (Baars, Henneman, & ten Kate, 2005). In the long term, it will create a vicious cycle because the stronger will be stronger while the weaker will not improve as much as the stronger. Therefore, the legalization makes no difference in the competition.

In conclusion, the legalization of the use of PEDs will not affect the balance of the competition because there are differences between individuals, and the vicious cycle inside it will make the competition still unfair.

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