

SHOW HORSE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIA INC.

GUIDELINES FOR DRUG TESTING **Accepted December 1998, January 2000 Edition**

AIMS - These Guidelines have been drawn up in order that all concerned clearly appreciate their responsibilities and understand the procedures involved in Drug Testing. It is the aim of the Show Horse Council that at Official Events, horses compete in equitable conditions on their merits, without the aid of performance enhancing substances.

DEFINITIONS - The term "Prohibited Substance" means a substance, the metabolite of such substance & the isomers of the substance & metabolite originating externally, whether or not they are endogenous to the horse. Any PERFORMANCE ENHANCING Substance is deemed a PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE.

The term "Responsible Officer" applies to the person considered responsible in relation to the Rules, this person must be 18 years of age or over (refer S.H.C. Competition Rules).

RULES - These Guidelines should be read in conjunction with the S.H.C. of Australasia Inc. Competition Rules & any special conditions which apply to the Event in which the horse is competing.

It is a contravention of S.H.C. Rules if the analysis of a sample taken from a horse shows the presence of a prohibited substance in any of its tissues, body fluids or excreta.

OFFICIALS -

- a) The Testing Veterinarian shall be a qualified Veterinarian appointed by the Show Horse Council who is responsible for procurement of samples for testing..
- b) The Ground Jury & Swab Steward/s as appointed by the Show Horse Council.

SELECTION - The Ground Jury, &/or Swab Steward/s & /or Testing Veterinarian may at any time during an Event select any horse for sampling, the S.H.C. may determine specific &/or random selection of a horse for sampling.

SAMPLING PROCEDURES - All sampling will be supervised by a Swab Steward &/or Testing Veterinarian. Samples collected for analysis are the responsibility of the Swab Steward &/or Testing Veterinarian & shall be kept in a secure locked container.

Testing of horses will include the taking of blood &/or urine &/or saliva samples & will be conducted to ascertain whether a horse has been administered any drug or substance that may affect the physical appearance &/or performance of the horse at time of Competition. Once a horse has been selected for sampling, the Swab Steward or an appointed Official will inform the Rider/Handler of the horse, that, the horse is to be tested. >From that time the Responsible Officer (or his/her Representative - refer S.H.C. Competition Rules) must accompany the horse directly to the sampling area (stall) and remain with the horse until the process has been completed, the time of collecting samples shall be at the discretion of the Swab Steward &/or the Testing Veterinarian.

The Responsible Officer (or Representative) should & is entitled to witness the sampling. Disinclination to witness after being informed will be considered as agreement to the procedure. Any refusal by the Responsible Officer (or Representative) to sign any relevant documents will be considered as a refusal to submit the horse for sampling. Any objection to procedure by either party must be recorded.

Samples will be marked A & B.

ANALYSIS

The samples will be dispatched by the Swab Steward or Testing Veterinarian directly to the Analytical Laboratory selected by the Show Horse Council to carry out the analyses.

SAMPLE A

The analysis of Sample A will be completed as soon as possible on receipt by the Laboratory, if the result of Sample A is Negative, samples will not be kept.

Should the analysis of Sample A be Positive, a confirmatory analysis of Sample B will be required.

A written Report on the Preliminary Analysis of Sample A, advising of the Positive result, will be sent to the Responsible Officer of the horse, requesting written advice by return, within ten days, to the option of an independent Analyst, to be appointed to witness the confirmatory analysis of Sample B, the costs of the independent Analyst to be borne by the responsible Officer.

SAMPLE B

If the appointment of a witnessing Analyst is not requested by the Responsible Officer within the ten day time schedule, the Laboratory will proceed with confirmatory Analysis of Sample B.

Should the analysis of Sample B prove Negative no further action will be taken. If the analysis of Sample B is Positive all costs of the analysis will be borne by the Responsible Officer.

A Report on the Analysis of Sample B will be sent to the Responsible Officer. If the analysis confirms the presence of a Prohibited Substance the matter will proceed on to the Disputes/Disciplinary Committee.

CONFIDENTIALITY should be observed while any matter concerning drug testing results is under review or prior to final ratification by the Show Horse Council.