



SHOW HORSE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIA Inc.
INFORMATION SHEET ON DRUG TESTING
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This information sheet will assist the persons concerned in a Sampling process to clearly appreciate their responsibilities and better understand the procedures involved in Drug Testing/Sampling of any horse that competes in any show/event/measuring day conducted in accordance with SHC Rules.

The information contained herein should be read in conjunction with the S.H.C. of Australasia Inc. Competition Rules & any special Conditions/Regulations that apply to any horse selected for Drug Testing at a SHC Show/ Event. These documents are readily available on SHC Website www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au . It is the aim of the Show Horse Council that at Official Events, horses are presented in &/or compete in equitable conditions on their merits, without the aid of any Drug or Prohibited Substance that would affect the conduct, performance or appearance of the horse.

The term “Prohibited Substance” means any substance (or any isomer, metabolite and/or analogue produced from the substance) originating externally to the horse (whether or not endogenous to the horse) and capable of affecting the performance or behaviour of a horse. Any PERFORMANCE AFFECTING Substance is deemed a PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE. It is a contravention of S.H.C.Rules, where a horse is Drug Tested by the SHC & the analysis of the samples taken from the horse shows the presence of a prohibited substance in any of its tissues, body fluids or excreta.

A Veterinarian shall be approved for drug testing exhibit/s at any official SHC Show/Event. The attending Vet shall be responsible for the procurement of samples for drug testing.

The Swab Steward/s shall be approved by the Show Horse Council. The Swab Steward shall supervise the selection of the horses to be swabbed & assist the Vet in procuring samples for drug testing & completion of related documents & records.

Appointment of the Analytical Laboratory for analysis of samples shall be at the discretion of the SHC or where applicable the Show Organising Committee, the Laboratory shall supply Sampling Kits as required.

Selection - The organising Committee may determine specific &/or random selection of any competing horse/exhibit for drug testing. The Ground Jury, &/or Swab Steward/s & /or Testing Veterinarian may at any time during an Event/Show select any horse/exhibit for drug testing.

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 drug tested. From that time the Owner/Rider/ Responsible Officer (or his/her Representative - refer S.H.C. Competition Rules) must accompany the horse directly to the designated sampling area and remain with the horse until the process has been completed. This person (or his/her Representative) must be 18 years of age or over (refer S.H.C. Competition Rules) to act as witness.

Sampling Procedures – The Responsible Officer, the signatory (or other authorised Representative) of the horse, should & is entitled to witness the sampling procedure. Disinclination to witness after being informed will be considered as agreement to the procedure. Any refusal by the Responsible Officer (or

Representative) to submit a horse for sampling or refusal to sign any relevant documents will be considered as a refusal to submit the horse for sampling & penalties will apply. Any objection to procedure by either party shall be recorded.

The Analytical Laboratory's Protocol for Sample Collection shall be adhered to during collection of samples. Testing of horses will include the taking of blood &/or urine samples. All sampling will be supervised by the Veterinarian & the Swab Steward. The Witness should pay strict attention to the swabbing procedures during the collection of samples.

A reasonable time will be allowed for a urine sample to be provided, however, it shall be at the discretion of the Testing Veterinarian &/or the Swab Steward when a urine sample is not provided within a reasonable time, a Blood sample will be obtained. Samples collected for analysis are the responsibility of the Testing Veterinarian and a chain of custody procedure will be followed.

Analysis - The samples taken from the horse will be dispatched by the attending Veterinarian to the appointed Analytical Laboratory for analysis. The analysis of Samples will be completed as soon as possible after received by the Laboratory, if the result of the A Sample is Negative, samples will not be kept.

Upon receipt of a Certificate of Analysis of the A Sample showing the detection to a Prohibited Substance and except in the case of a blood sample, the control of same, together with the advice as to the identity of the prohibited substance detected, all documents will be provided to the SHC Disputes/Disciplinary for its consideration.

Except in the case where the Owner/Responsible Officer has declared their use of a prohibited substance and their acceptance of the consequences; the Committee, in determining that a confirmatory analysis of B Sample is to proceed, shall authorise the Testing Laboratory to proceed with their arrangements for the Confirmatory Analysis of the B sample (or reserve portion) to be carried out, or to refer the Confirmatory Testing of B Sample to another Analytical Laboratory.

In the event of detection of the prohibited substance (or metabolite, isomer or artifacts of the same substance) in the B sample (or reserved portion) and not in the referred portion of the control, the certified findings (Certificates) of the Testing Laboratory/ies shall be evidence upon which may be found that a prohibited substance had been administered to the horse from which the sample was taken. Should the analysis of Samples prove Negative no further action will be taken.

Following result of the Confirmatory Analysis showing detection of a Prohibited Substance in the B Sample the Responsible Officer shall be notified and provided with copies of all Laboratory findings, any documents pertaining to the collection of the Samples and any proceedings that may follow. The Responsible Officer may make submission to an Inquiry held on the matter; should a Breach of Rule be found a further submission may be made as to Penalty.

Where a positive result to a Prohibited Substance is confirmed, the cost of analysis of Samples by Testing Laboratory/ies will be borne by the Responsible Officer. There shall be no contact between The Responsible Officer or other connections of the horse with the Testing Laboratory during the analysis process.

CONFIDENTIALITY should be observed by all parties while any matter concerning drug testing results is under review or prior to final ratification by the SHC.