

19. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES POLICY & PROCEDURES

- 19.1 No animal, Pony or Cob shall be treated (whether under veterinary supervision or not) with any substance which may affect its performance in any way or with any, body or condition enhancing substance.
- 19.2 All substances prohibited by the Jockey Club will be included (and any others which may be notified by the Society from time to time) and any substances used as agents to mask the use of performance and behaviour altering substances and any metabolites of such substances and any artificial growth or condition enhancing substances.
- 19.3 It shall be a breach of these rules for any animal present at any show, event or competition with Society affiliation or where Society medals are awarded or at any official sale run under Society rules to contain any prohibited substances within its body or on its exterior.
- 19.4 The making of an entry to any such show, event or competition or sale shall be deemed to accept the requirement to present an animal for testing for prohibited substances as may be required by the Society.
- 19.5 Refusal to allow testing of any animal shall be a breach of these rules and shall be punished as if any subsequent test had proved positive.
- 19.6 Any prohibited substances in the tissue, hair, skin, body fluids, excreta or body of an animal at any level or quantity shall be a breach of these rules.
- 19.7 The Society shall direct at which shows or events or competitions or sales animals shall be tested. Choice may be computer generated at random. Tests may be required at random or for specific classes or whether performance, behaviour or condition of an animal is noted to be unusual or different.
- 19.8 Testing shall constitute the examination of the animal by a qualified person and include taking of samples, of tissue, hair, skin, and body fluids or etcetera as directed by the person examining for subsequent analysis.
- 19.9 The samples shall be divided into two parts and the owner or person having care of the animal shall be offered one sample for independent testing at their own expense.
- 19.10 The Society shall direct as to which laboratories are approved for samples to be tested.
- 19.11 If a prohibited substance is confirmed by the laboratory in a sample then:
 - The animal will be disqualified from any prize championship or qualification and shall forfeit all placings, awards, or prize money in any classes from the day before it was tested and the outcome of a subsequent Disciplinary Hearing.
 - The animal is suspended from being shown or taking part in any show, event or sale pending the outcome of the subsequent Disciplinary Hearing.
 - The owner and/or producer having care of the animal shall be suspended from all rights and privileges of membership of the Society pending the outcome of the subsequent Disciplinary Hearing.
 - The period of suspension shall commence on the day after posting by the Society to the owner of the notification of a positive test result.
 - The matter shall be reported forthwith to the Society for referral to disciplinary procedure.
- 19.12 It is the responsibility of the owner of an animal or the owner's agents or producer or the person having care of an animal for fourteen days before and during a show

or event to ensure that nothing is administered fed or applied to an animal that contains any prohibited substance.

19.13 Lack of knowledge will not be an excuse nor a defence.

19.14 Important notes

Some feeds and proprietary preparations and homeopathic and herbal remedies may contain prohibited substances.

Absorption can be by ingestion, injection or application through the skin.

Before presenting an animal at a show, event, competition or sale it is advisable:

To obtain advice from a veterinary surgeon as to the length of time during which any prohibited substance may be present in an animal's body.

To obtain advice and confirmation from feed merchants or manufacturers as to the freedom of feed stuffs from prohibited substances.

19.15 Sampling Procedures

- a) Testing should take place as soon as possible after the participation of the pony in its class provided that it does not interfere with its programme in which case the test should take place as soon as possible after the pony has completed its programme.
- b) It is the responsibility of the person in charge of the pony whether it be the owner or producer or other person to supervise the pony from the time of notification of selections for a test until completion of the test.
- c) The owner, producer or other person responsible for the pony or his representative shall be entitled to witness the testing from outside the loose box, horse box or testing area without disturbing the pony but if not present the test will proceed in any event.
- d) All samples taken must be kept in a secure place and dispatched to the laboratory selected by the Society as soon as reasonably possible after collection.
- e) The sample must be divided into two parts hereinafter referred to as Sample A and Sample B and the initial analysis of Sample A must be completed within twenty one days of receipt of the sample by the laboratory. If the initial analysis produces a suspicious positive result, then the Society may grant such extension as the laboratory requires to complete the analysis.
- f) If the result of analysis of Sample A is negative then the laboratory may forthwith destroy Sample B.
- g) If the result of analysis of Sample A is positive then the owner or producer may require confirmatory analysis of Sample B, by any laboratory approved by The Horseracing Forensic Laboratory provided that a written request for such confirmatory analysis is received by the Society within fourteen days of dispatch by the Society of notification of a positive analysis of Sample A.
- h) The owner or producer may request that finding be made in respect of particular matters during the analysis of Sample B on the basis that they will be responsible for all additional costs incurred whatever the result of the analysis of Sample B.
- i) Upon receipt of a valid request for confirmatory analysis of Sample B. the Society shall inform the laboratory immediately and the laboratory shall carry out the analysis of Sample B.

- j) If the result of analysis of Sample B is positive then the person requesting the analysis shall reimburse the Society the cost of analysis of Sample A and Sample B forthwith on demand.
- k) If the results of analysis of Sample A is positive and no valid request for confirmatory analysis of Sample B is received, the owner shall reimburse the Society the cost of analysis of Sample A forthwith upon demand.
- l) The samples shall be taken by a qualified veterinary surgeon or a suitably qualified scientific technician.