



FACT SHEET 003

EQUINE ANTI-DOPING POLICY

REFERENCES

- A. Equestrian Australia Anti-Doping Policy effective 1 January 2015.
- B. Equestrian Australia Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations 1st Edition, effective 05 April 2010.
- C. Equestrian Federation of Australia National Medication Control System.
- D. QCAS Special Horse Regulations effective 12 October 2015.

INTRODUCTION

The Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies (QCAS) endorses the Equestrian Australia (EA) Anti-Doping Policy noted at reference A above. Anti-doping programmes seek to preserve what is intrinsically valuable about sport. Doping is fundamentally contrary to the *spirit of sport*.

QCAS aims to provide affiliated Agricultural Societies with the tools necessary to eliminate doping within the agricultural show movement in Queensland.

MEDICATION CONTROL/SWABBING

Swabbing is the testing of a horse's urine and blood samples to ensure that all horses are competing under the national EA and Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) competition rules without being influenced by prohibited substances.

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EA is the peak governing body representing the State Equestrian organisations across Australia e.g. Equestrian Queensland (EQ) and all EA rules and regulations are also in reference to the State organisations.

Horses ridden or driven in EA competition must not compete under the influence of prohibited medications. The FEI defines what a prohibited substance in FEI veterinary regulations.

Under EA rules swabbing is compulsory at:

- All FEI events.
- All EA National Championships or equivalent.
- **All EA State Championships or equivalent.**
- Upon any horse that dies/has to be euthanized at an EA National Championship Competition.
- **At any EA competition where prize money of \$2,000 in total or \$1,000 in individual allocation is allotted.**

EA recommends and is permitted to swab:

- At all selection or qualifying events for EA Championships or Finals.
- At least once a year at official EA events that are run regularly and more than 6 times a year.
- **At any EA event or competition that holds a "graded" competition.**

- **At any EA affiliated club/body that holds a EA "graded" competition.**
- **At any EA official Measuring day OR at any other EA/FEI sanctioned/affiliated/sponsored event.**

QCAS AFFILIATED SHOW SOCIETIES

Agricultural Societies holding events that fall under the compulsory and recommended criteria (bold criteria may be relevant to Agricultural Societies) above may be subject to swabbing by appropriately EA qualified personnel. Agricultural Societies subject to these rules should obtain a copy of References A, B and C above (Copies available at www.qld.equestrian.org.au) and ensure Ringmasters / Chief Ring Stewards are aware of their requirements.

In accordance with QCAS Special Horse Regulations, Agricultural Societies operating under QCAS rules have clear controls for dealing with prohibited medications in equestrian events.

EA SWABBING AT QCAS AFFILIATED SHOWS

In the event that an Agricultural Society is holding EA/EQ competitions during their annual show the equestrian section will be required to comply as follows:

- Eq will notify the Society President and/or Secretary in advance that swabbing will be conducted during selected EA events.
- EQ Branch Medical Control Officers (BMCO) or Horse Swabbing Steward (HSS) will request access for two members to the showgrounds during the event. Entry to the grounds should be arranged at this time.
- BMCO or HSS will introduce themselves to the Equestrian Ringmaster/Chief Steward and advise that swabbing will be conducted during EA/EQ events as noted in the Schedule.
- There are many methods for selecting horse to be swabbed. Only horses where the person responsible is an EFA member can be selected for swabbing. Where Medication control takes place in associate/unofficial competition, associate members may also be included.
- BMCO or HSS will require access to a 'swabbing box' or similar facility in which samples can be collected.

While EA does not conduct uninvited swabbing on non EA/EQ events, QCAS encourages affiliated Agricultural Societies to utilise EA/EQ swabbing on a random basis during their annual show. The cost of swabbing at EA/EQ designated events is borne by the relevant State body e.g. Equestrian Queensland.

Requests for swabbing should be directed through EQ. Costs associated with these requests is borne by the Agricultural Society or event organising committee.

Agricultural Societies may also choose to implement their own swabbing procedures. The cost of doing this would be borne by the Agricultural Society and would require significant planning that is already in place with EQ. EQ have a specialist team of qualified Swabbing stewards who will be utilised to take the swabbing samples and who provide the required kits.

POINTS FOR RINGMASTERS/CHIEF STEWARDS

Equestrian Ringmasters and Chief Stewards should be aware of the following points:

- Only EA/EQ events are subject to swabbing by EA/EQ unless requested by the Agricultural Society.
- Schedules should advise that swabbing may be conducted during the annual Show. This should be included in all Equestrian Schedules.

Further information is available from:

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- QCAS rules regarding prohibited medications should be adhered to at all times.
- Agricultural Societies holding EA/EQ events should ensure suitable facilities are available for swabbing in the event that EQ elects to swab.
- Events run under EA/EQ or QCAS rules but that are not EA events are not subject to swabbing by EA unless requested by the Agricultural Society. All events run under EA rules may be subject to swabbing.
- Schedules should clearly identify EA/EQ events with a note that swabbing may be conducted.
- Sample Collection kits will be provided by the attending BMCO/HSS from the EA Testing Laboratory.

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