

European Arab Horse Show Commission

Blue Book 2011

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Preface

For the ECAHO Rules for Medication Control the following definitions shall apply:

- a) The term **"sampling veterinarians"** refers to those veterinarians included in the List of ECAHO approved sampling veterinarians as available at www.ecaho.org.
- b) The term **"ECAHO approved testing laboratory"** defines the Laboratoire des Courses Hippiques (LCH), F-91370 Verrieres le Buisson, France.
- c) The term **"Prohibited substances"** defines zero tolerance for those substances which are listed in the "FEI Prohibited Substances List" as valid at the time of sample taking.
- d) The **testing procedures** will follow the current "Manual for sampling veterinarians" as issued by LCH laboratory.
- e) The **person responsible** is the person who signs the entry form, but the handler, owner, and other support personnel including but not limited to grooms and veterinarians may be regarded as additional persons responsible if they are present at the event or have made a relevant decision about the horse.

Rules

1. The administration of any substance not a normal nutrient (including irritants applied to the skin and mucous membranes), whether intentionally or unintentionally, which may affect the performance, temperament or soundness of an exhibit is forbidden. Such substances are listed in the list of prohibited substances.
- 2a) At all ECAHO affiliated shows medication testing may be carried out at the discretion of the DC or the judges.
 - b) At all Title Shows and A-shows the medication testing of all four champions is compulsory.
 - c) Any horse at any show may be tested at the discretion of the DC or judges.
3. Both urine- and blood samples must be taken according to the "Manual for sampling veterinarians". If, after a prolonged wait (no less than 30 minutes), no urine sample can be obtained, blood collection only is acceptable. Only ECAHO approved sampling veterinarians may collect the samples and they may not act in any other capacity at a show in which they have been appointed sampling veterinarians.
4. The organiser will provide fresh bedding and a clean box for each horse to be tested. These boxes will be marked as sampling boxes and will be used exclusively for this purpose. They should be located in a quiet environment with no public access.
5. Sampling kits, its transport from and to the ECAHO approved testing laboratory, analyses and honoraria of sampling veterinarians will be paid by the show organizer or by the National Registry/Association.
6. Any exhibit for which the sampling veterinarian certifies that in his opinion the collection of blood, urine or other substances may endanger the exhibit concerned or the persons handling such exhibit, will inform the DC's who will disqualify the horse and forward the case to the SDC. Any horse so disqualified will not receive any prize or title and will not compete further at the show concerned.
7. Horses withdrawn from such test by the person responsible will not receive any prize or title, will not compete further at the show concerned and will be treated as if positive. The case will be forwarded to the SDC.

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8. The ECAHO approved testing laboratory will send the results of the tests to the ECAHO Executive Secretary and the organiser of the show.
9. All offences of the Medication Control rules will be dealt with by the Standing Disciplinary Committee (SDC).
10. In the event that an exhibit is tested positive, the person responsible will be held fully responsible for the horse unless such person can provide full and proper evidence implicating some other person.
11. When a notification is received that a horse tested positive for prohibited substances, the Executive Secretary will forward the test results to the SDC, together with the details of horse and show concerned and will ask the show organiser for copies of the entry forms to be sent to the SDC. The SDC will consider all evidence available.
12. When a horse has been tested positive for prohibited substances, the person responsible will be informed and be offered the option of a second test (B sample). The request for such second test must be directed to the Executive Secretary in writing within 30 days after notification. With such request, the person responsible may request a hearing at which the SDC will meet and the person responsible or his representative may be heard. Such hearing may be held not less than 42 days after the person responsible has been informed initially (date of postmark).
13. Horses in whose body fluids a forbidden substance is discovered are automatically disqualified from the competition concerned if no second test (B sample) is requested. Should a second test (B sample) be requested and found positive, the disqualification shall become effective after this second result has been communicated to the person responsible. Approved laboratories for B tests are: Laboratoire des Course Hippiques (L.C.H), France; Horseracing Forensic Laboratories (H.F.L), UK; The Hong Kong Jockey Club, Sha Tin, Hongkong. Should the second test be negative all proceedings will be terminated.
14. The person responsible will be liable for all costs of medication testing and subsequent costs of investigation, possible legal proceedings and all other follow-up costs arising out of this case; with regards to further sanctions against the person responsible and the horse concerned, rule 24 of RDC is applicable.
15. Decisions will be made public at the conclusion of the proceedings.