



RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

RWWA ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING POLICY (Human)

RWWA Stewards conduct extensive testing for alcohol and banned substances in the Thoroughbred and Harness codes. It is also a requirement of the licensing process for those persons for which such testing is applicable, that a drug-free urine analysis be completed prior to the granting of licence. Thereafter licensees are tested by the Stewards and RWWA Investigators on a routine basis throughout the year.

Categories of licensed persons subject to testing are:

- Jockeys
- Drivers
- Track work riders

Also, it is likely that in the near future national rules will be introduced to include the testing of stable hands (Thoroughbred).

The Rules of Racing in both equine codes afford Stewards significant powers to deal with breaches of the banned substance rules.

RWWA Stewards have reviewed their application and administration of these important integrity and welfare rules. The review included areas such as:

- Testing levels – Which were found to be satisfactory for the total population of persons liable for testing. To ensure adequate levels are maintained for the future, provisions have been made to increase the number of tests per year.
- Testing methods - Found to be satisfactory with minor refinements to be made to ensure continued best practice standards maintained
- Education - Present structured and regular information sessions, lectures and information kits provided to applicants and at licence renewal time to be continued and further improved.
- Discipline - Whilst penalty provisions were found to be sufficient, it was recognised that a broader approach to discipline to expand incentives for rehabilitation would be a responsible industry approach to the issues of drugs and alcohol in racing.

With the welfare of participants (including offenders) as paramount in the discharge of RWWA's (and the Stewards) responsibilities in these matters, the following policy was approved by the RWWA Board at its meeting on 27 August 2007.

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Statement of Intent:

The RWWA Alcohol and Drug Policy (Human) seeks to provide a formalised and responsible approach to the management of drugs and alcohol within the Racing Industry to maximise the maintenance of welfare for all participants, including offenders of the relevant Rules of Racing. The policy seeks to provide, in addition to the elements of deterrence by way of penalty issued under the Rules of Racing, active incentives and systems for rehabilitation and counselling to assist individuals in not only complying with the rules, but ensuring their personal welfare.

Application:

This policy shall apply to all persons liable for testing in accordance with the RWWA Rules of Racing. By providing samples when requested, a person is taken to acknowledge the terms of this policy should relevant circumstances thereafter arise.

All persons breaching the banned/prohibited substance rules of the Rules of Racing shall following inquiry, as either a term and condition of any stay of suspension imposed by the Stewards, or in the event of disqualification, as a term and condition of any application to be relicenced, be required to comply with the following policy prior to resuming riding or driving.

- 1. All offenders (whether jockeys, drivers, track work riders) must attend a compulsory drug counselling session with an approved health professional whereat a letter of introduction from the Stewards is to be presented outlining the known circumstances of the offence and RWWA's policy as expressed herein.*
- 2. The offender shall consent to and provide a written report from the relevant health professional as to their attendance and any recommendations arising of such counselling session must be forwarded to RWWA Stewards. Any recommendations arising from the health professional must be met in full by the offender prior to recommencing active duty. Further a certificate of clearance from the relevant health professional must be presented to the Stewards before the effected person can resume riding/driving.*
- 3. All offenders must provide a confirmed clear sample prior to recommencing active duty. In the event that a sample submitted for such purpose is found to contain a prohibited substance, the offender will be considered to be a repeat offender for the purposes of this policy and will be required to complete Step 4 below.*
- 4. Repeat offenders are required to undergo additional, professional psychological assessment to determine a rehabilitation programme and fully comply with the programme to the satisfaction of the relevant health professional. A Certificate of Clearance following completion of any rehabilitation programme must be presented to the Stewards in addition to a clear sample prior to resuming riding/driving.*
- 5. Repeat offenders are then required to comply with stated rehabilitation programme on an on-going basis and submit themselves to monthly tests until directed otherwise by the Stewards but for a period of no less than 6-months. A failure to deliver such test shall have the effect of immediately placing on-hold their licensed participation in the industry.*

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