

Guidelines for the Collection and Delivery of Non-Raceday Samples

Preamble

Non-raceday testing of samples collected from horses or greyhounds prior to racing is a service offered to the industry to help trainers determine the suitability of an animal for competition. The service is offered for the long acting veterinary therapeutic drugs (with corresponding long periods of detection) and is limited to anabolic steroids and corticosteroids and procaine.

Arranging for a Non-Raceday Sample

Arrangements for a non-raceday sample can **only** be made through the stewards of the relevant authority. The stewards will arrange for a suitable person to identify the animal, collect the sample and deliver it to the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory. Samples **will not** be received directly from trainers, veterinarians or connections of the animal.

Payment for a Non-Raceday Sample

Payment must be made in full prior to analysis.

Price schedule (includes GST) *

	Procaine	Anabolic and corticosteroids
Sample received 9:00am 2 days prior to raceday	\$166.65	\$205.53
Sample received 9:00am 1 day prior to raceday	\$361.08	\$488.84

* - Additional charges may occur to cover sample collection and courier costs for sample transportation to the Laboratory.

Important Disclaimers

A negative result in a non-raceday sample does not absolve the trainer from their responsibility in the event of a positive result arising from a registered race meeting.

The excretion pattern of long acting drugs often exhibits a "saw-tooth" urinary concentration profile over time. The reliance on the result of a single sample could be misplaced. It should only be used in conjunction with other information, such as the date of administration, route of administration and the treating veterinarian's advice on the matter.

Any detection of the declared drug or its metabolite will be reported. Due to the limited time available for this testing, confirmation of the drug detected will not be attempted. Apart from the declared drug, the presence of other drugs or metabolites will not be tested or reported.

Results will only be reported to the stewards. Results cannot be obtained directly from the Laboratory.

Collection Apparatus

Samples must be collected in sampling kit supplied by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory. Samples received in any other containers or packs will not be analysed by the Laboratory.

Sample Collection

Samples must be collected or witnessed being collected by a steward or an official person designated by the stewards. This person must also be capable of identifying the horse.

Sample collection should follow the guidelines on the back of the collection form (page 2). The bottom portion of the form must be enclosed with the sample for the Laboratory.

Payment for Analysis

Payment is accepted by credit card, cash or direct credit. Details are included on the attached form.

Sample Delivery

Sample delivery to the Laboratory must be arranged (if by courier) or undertaken by the steward or official person. Samples will not be received directly from trainers, veterinarians or connections of the animal.

Results of Analysis

Results of analysis will only be forwarded to the Chairman of Steward of the relevant association, or in his absence a delegated authority.

Sample Disposal

Samples will be disposed of within a week of reporting the results to the stewards.

NON-RACE DAY URINE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

1. Samples must be collected or witnessed being collected by a steward or an official person designated by the stewards. This person must also be capable of identifying the horse.
2. Open the sample pack (supplied by the ARFL) and place the contents onto the bench.
3. Rinse the collection pan thoroughly under running tap water.
4. Collect the urine sample in the collection pan. Care needs to be taken to avoid contamination of the collection pan with straw, sawdust or other material before, during or after the collection of the sample.
5. Open the bottle and pour the urine sample into the bottle.
6. Secure the lid **firmly**, to ensure the contents will not leak.
7. Carefully place the seal over the top of the lid of the bottle and down each side of the bottle, sealing the lid to the bottle.
8. Record details on the ARFL Sample Identity Card part A (and therefore part B). No one should sign the card until all procedures are complete.
9. Complete details on the form **TESTING OF NON-RACE DAY SAMPLES**.
10. Place the urine sample in the DUO-PAK[®] bag.
11. Remove the bottom portion of the form and place in the DUO-PAK[®] bag.
12. Remove the blue liner strip from the DUO-PAK[®] bag and press firmly to seal the bag.
13. Sign where indicated on Part A (and therefore Part B) of the Sample Identity Card and give the trainer Part B, and ensure that Part A of the Sample Identity Card is retained for the Stewards.
14. Retain the upper portion of the form for the Stewards.
15. The sample pack should be kept upright and cool (preferably refrigerated) for delivery to the ARFL.
16. Delivery must be arranged by courier or undertaken by the Steward or official person.