

RACEDAY RIDER TESTING (BHA Instructions for P2P Section 5.12)

On occasion, rider testing for drugs and/or alcohol will be conducted during the Meeting in the form of either urine or breath testing. The Fixture Secretary will be notified on the Thursday before racing and, for the meeting, must provide:

- a fixture Liaison Officer ('FLO'), who will assist with the sampling process
- a covered area with chairs and table
- for urine testing, additional space for sampling with access to a toilet.

Rider testing will be conducted by an external Testing Unit. The Testing Unit will arrive two hours before the first race and report to the Fixture Secretary. The Fixture Secretary will inform the Senior Steward of their arrival and confirm that rider testing is being conducted.

The Testing Unit will be prepared to commence testing 90 minutes before the first race. The FLO should be available at this stage. The Testing Unit will provide and put up signs at changing rooms, Declarations and Scales stating that testing is being conducted. The Testing Unit will be booked for the entire day and, once testing is complete, the FLO can be stood down.

Procedure – urine testing

The FLO will be provided with a list of riders selected for testing. The FLO will provide a copy to the Declarations team, who will notify the listed riders that they will be required to provide a urine sample as soon as practicable and obtain each rider's acknowledgement. The rider must provide a sample at any time up until 30 minutes after the last race and should be encouraged to report to the Testing Unit within good time. Under 18s are entitled to request that a guardian attend. The Testing Unit will explain the sampling process to the rider and conduct the testing.

If a rider fails to report to the Testing Unit after being notified of testing or fails to provide the required sample, then the Stewards should refer the matter to the BHA for investigation.

Procedure – breath testing

All riders will be required to undertake a breath test before weighing out. The FLO will inform the Clerk of the Scales of a failed test and the rider will be stood down for the day. A rider can be required to undertake additional breath tests throughout the day.

The Stewards should report any failed breath tests to the BHA.

NB: Greater procedural detail will be sent to the Fixture Secretary when warned by the PPA Office that testing will be taking place.