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Pre-entry Anabolic Steroid Screening for Horses Outside of California

The CHRB is providing pre-entry anabolic steroid screening under specified conditions. To be eligible, the trainer or veterinarian is required to submit a record of the drug, date, dose, and route of administration with the urine sample on CHRB-50AS-OSS (Pre-Race Test Form-Anabolic Steroids-Out of State). A submission from outside of California must have the signature of the Racing Secretary of the track in California where the horse is intending to race. Non-gelded males will be screened for boldenone, nandrolone and stanozolol only. Females and geldings will be screened for testosterone, boldenone, nandrolone and stanozolol only.

Both blood (red top-serum separator) and urine must be submitted from each horse.

Anabolic steroid screening is not as simple as, for example, procaine screening from procaine penicillin. There is more sample preparation time and a longer analytical process; there are also laboratory and shipping schedule issues to keep in consideration. Pre-entry anabolic steroid testing will require planning in order to have results when they are needed.

Samples must be submitted to the Receiving Barn with the completed CHRB-50AS-OSS by 12:00 noon((6:00PM night racing). Samples submitted by to the Receiving Barn Sunday will be reported Friday afternoon.

Blood and urine samples may be submitted directly to the Maddy Laboratory by the owner, trainer or veterinarian. For convenience, 10 ml of the urine can be placed in a separate red top-serum separator tube and shipped in a standard blood tube shipping container available from most medical suppliers. The samples must be frozen or packed on ice and shipped overnight to:

CAHFS, West Health Sciences Drive, University of California, Davis, CA 95616 Attn: Maddy Lab

Screening results from samples that arrive unfrozen or without ice packs cannot be relied upon. Likewise, administration of furosemide (Lasix/Salix) to obtain a urine sample may invalidate the results. Results from samples that arrive at the Maddy Laboratory before 10:30AM on Wednesday will be available late the following Friday afternoon. Screening results will only be reported to the CHRB Official Veterinarian.

CHRB-50AS-OOS must accompany the shipment from either the receiving barn or when shipped directly. The sample may be shipped but will not be analyzed until the approval of the Racing Secretary has been received. The submitting owner, trainer or veterinarian is the responsible party to ensure all paperwork is properly completed and forwarded to the Maddy Laboratory.

Anabolic steroid screening is for informational purposes only. Results will be reported as detected, detected below violation level or not detected. There will be no provisional entries with respect to anabolic steroid screening.