

## **S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Rule No4. Drug Testing of Pigeons**

1. Any member found guilty of administering performance enhancing drugs to their birds or being an accomplice to administering performance enhancing drugs to racing pigeons for the purpose of gaining an advantage over his/her competitors will be disqualified from competing in ALL RACES that are conducted under the auspices of the SAHPA Inc. for a period of time which is to be determined by the SAHPA Inc. Management Committee.
2. The SAHPA Inc. Committee reserves the right to have member's birds tested for all performance drugs and in particular anabolic steroids, Beta-Agonists, Cortico Steroids.
3. Routine tests will be conducted and any members refusing to have his/her birds tested will be in breach of this rule and will be automatically disqualified from racing until such time as his/her birds have been proven to be free of any performance enhancing substances.
4. In the case of a clearly positive result all costs shall be borne by the offender. If the result is negative all charges in respect of the testing will be borne by the SAHPA Inc.
5. Medical treatment may not be used as justification should the result prove positive.
6. Once the test has been finalized and the result established, a copy of the result shall be forwarded to the member/s in question and another copy to be placed in the hands of the SAHPA Inc. General Secretary.

### **OUTLINE OF HOW SAMPLE MAY BE TAKEN.**

1. Sample to be taken by a minimum of two SAHPA nominated officials in the presence of the owner or his nominee.
2. Only the authorized test kit supplied by Racing Analytical Services Limited may be used.
3. The instructions given with the testing equipment must be followed to the letter.
4. Samples for testing are to be sent by first class post to Racing Analytical Services Limited, 400 Epsom Road Flemington. Victoria 3031 Australia.

### **PROCEDURE FOR USE**

1. Ensure all components of the test kit are present before starting the test procedure.
2. Be careful not to contaminate any parts of the kit once the procedure is started.
  - ❖ The gloves provided must be worn throughout the sampling procedure to ensure no contamination can occur from contact with human hands. This will also protect you from contact with the test material.
3. Using the scoop, collect the sample and place it inside the sample bottle and screw the cap down firmly until the tamper proof seal is engaged.
4. Apply the self-adhesive seal to the sample bottle by placing the seal over the center of the cap then press the seal down the sides of the bottle.
5. Place the sample bottle inside the Bio-Hazard bag and seal the bag by folding the top of the bag and then place the seal over the fold and down the front and back of the bag.
6. The owner of the birds or his nominee will be required to sign across the seal and the seal shall remain in place until the test kit is opened by an authorized person at the testing laboratory.