

GROUPS I AND II ONLY

MEDICATION CONTROL PROGRAM (MCP)

GUIDELINES FOR GROUND JURY, VETERINARY COMMISSION, VETERINARY DELEGATE AND MCP TESTING VETERINARIAN

In principle the MCP Testing Veterinarian will arrive at an event, liaise with the Veterinary Commission/Delegate and request a meeting at the first available opportunity with the President of the Ground Jury. The TV will explain to the President of the Ground Jury the number of horses he is permitted to sample and propose how he intends to achieve this. If the President of the Ground Jury wishes specific horses to be sampled he will indicate this to the TV.

It should be borne in mind that only the TV knows his capacity for sampling at any event and whenever possible his proposal should be accepted. This will enable a higher percentage of horses to be sampled in a shorter period of time.

If there is no TV present the sampling will be performed by the Veterinary Commission/Delegate at the expense of the OC using FEI approved equipment provided by the OC. Clearly this should be discouraged and only carried out in exceptional circumstances.

The following guidelines apply:

1. Sampling is not compulsory at all major events.
2. Each TV is allotted a specific area and a list of all events taking place within that area.
3. Each TV is allotted a total number of days to sample those events. It is left to the TV's discretion, having consulted with the FEI Veterinary Department, as to which event and on how many days he/she is in attendance provided the allotted number of days are not exceeded. As far as practical, sampling should be evenly distributed throughout the year.

To provide for this the following criteria will apply:

- 3.1 TVs will be present and sample, but not necessarily on every day, at World Cup Finals, World and Senior Championships and Games;
- 3.2 TVs will be present and sample on at least one day every year at CIOs and pony, junior and young rider championships;
- 3.3 In addition to the above TVs will be present and sample on at least one day at each event from CAs upwards in their area at least once in every 3 years.

Adoption of the above protocol will have the following benefits: a tight control on the MCP budget as each Testing Veterinarian will work a known number of days per year; a more cost effective system as a higher number of horses per day will be sampled at all levels of competition.

AUTHORISED TREATMENT

General Regulations (GR) Articles 146

Veterinary Regulations (VR) Articles 1006.7 and 8 and 1009.9.

Provision is provided for veterinary treatment or medication to a horse immediately prior to or at an event provided an "Authorisation Form for Medication" (supplied with the Veterinary Report to the Veterinary Delegate) is completed and the Ground Jury decides on the recommendation of the Veterinary Commission/Delegate that the horse may continue in the event. This article is intended to only permit treatment for minor illnesses/accidents and to allow such horses to continue to compete. Clearly more serious cases should be treated but the horse should take no further part in the event. The welfare of the horse must have priority.

The forms (Medication Form 1) must be signed by the veterinarian administering the treatment, the Veterinary Commission/Delegate and by the President of the Ground Jury if he decides, on the recommendation of the Veterinary Commission/Delegate, that the horse may further take part in the event.

The FEI expects that its Testing Veterinarians are given the same respect and hospitality as its event officials.

The cooperation of all concerned in assisting towards the success of the MCP would be much appreciated.