

MEMORANDUM

To: 2008 FEI registered athletes

From: Sara Ike, USADA/WADA liaison

Date: October 14, 2008

Re: 2009 World Anti-Doping Agency International Standard for Testing

As many of you know, as an athlete competing in FEI competitions, you are subject to in-competition drug testing according to FEI General Rules Chapter VII Article 145. You may be tested in any FEI competition.

Although each athlete is responsible for knowing the FEI rules, we are providing a brief overview of the testing program and links to the complete information. Please take the time to thoroughly familiarize yourself with the program.

The World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) has an easy-to understand Athlete Guide that can be found at http://www.fei.org/Athletes_AND_Horses/Medication_Control_AND_Antidoping/Athletes/Documents/Athlete_Guide_2006_EN_FR_SP.pdf.

THE FIRST STEP

If you are taking any prescription medication or over-the-counter medications on a regular basis, please perform a search on USADA's Drug Reference On Line <http://www.usantidoping.org/dro/> to determine if they are prohibited or permitted. You may also call USADA's Drug Reference Line at 1-800-233-0393. These search methods are anonymous.

If you find you are taking a prohibited substance, please contact Sara Ike, 908-326-1164 or via email sara.ike@usef.org and our team doctor will consult with your doctor to find a solution. Some medications are eligible for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). It is important to act immediately if you find you are taking a prohibited substance, as the TUE needs to be completed and approved prior to competing at an FEI competition.

Please be advised the complete 2009 World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List can be obtained here: http://www.wada-ama.org/rtecontent/document/2009_Prohibited_List_ENG_Final_20_Sept_08.pdf

IN COMPETITION TESTING

The complete FEI anti-doping rules can be found at http://www.fei.org/Athletes_AND_Horses/Medication_Control_AND_Antidoping/Athletes/Documents/FEI_Anti-Doping_Rules_Human_Athletes_000.pdf.

Per the FEI, “All Athletes affiliated with a National Federation shall be subject to In Competition Testing by the FEI, the Athlete's National Federation, and any other Anti-Doping Organization responsible for Testing at a Competition or Event in which they participate.”

Details on the collection procedure can be found in the WADA athlete guide or in the educational area of the USADA website - <http://www.usada.org/what/process/> .

Blood Collection

Effective January 1, 2009, please be advised athletes in the Registered Testing Pool (RTP) and at any FEI events, blood as well as urine may be collected by certified phlebotomist.

Therapeutic Use Exemption

Effective January 1, 2009, Abbreviated Therapeutic Use Exemption (ATUE) forms are no longer to be used. It is anticipated that there will only be one TUE form available. As soon as this form is released, we will make relevant information and forms available. Athletes in need of a TUE must contact me immediately so that we can process the TUE as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding athlete drug testing, TUEs, Whereabouts information or general anti-doping questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, Sara Ike, 908-326-1164 or via email sara.ike@usef.org.

We anticipate hosting two educational seminars in the spring on 2009 (one for the East Coast and one for the West Coast), as well as possibly hosting an educational webinar. Information will be distributed when it becomes available.

Best wishes,
Sara Ike
USADA/WADA liaison