



Activities Department

Drug Testing at USPC Rallies

Rally Organizers, Chief Horse Management Judges (CHMJ) and competitors should be aware that USEF (United States Equestrian Federation) and/or state equine drug testing may take place if the rally is operated within the framework of a USEF recognized competition or if it takes place in the state of California. All officials and competitors need to be ready to cooperate with the testers.

What to Expect

- Organizers should notify the CHMJ if their competition is subject to testing.
- CHMJs should notify their assistant horse management judges as well as the competitors at their briefings that testing may take place.
- Cooperation by the organizers and HM staff to minimize any interruption in the competition schedule and to educate the participants is of paramount importance.

Standard Procedures

- The drug tester is to notify the office/organizer as well as the TD/Steward of their presence and show their identification.
- The testers are veterinarians who are under contract to either USEF or the State of California, and they may be assisted by technicians.
- The organizer must have a stall available for use by the drug testers to store their equipment and/or be a testing stall.
- In California, testers normally will only collect urine samples; however, they may also draw blood.
- Testers are permitted to use an injection of Lasix to obtain a urine sample.
- USEF testers will draw blood as well as collect urine samples.
- Testers are required to stay with the animal selected until they are able to collect the sample. This means that they will have to be "in the barn" or the equine in the "testing stall" until the sample is obtained.
- The testers will randomly select a sampling of mounts involved with the competition, to be tested.