



FESTIVAL WESTERN DE ST-TITE | ANTI-DOPING TESTS

Anti-doping testing protocol and regulations

PROTOCOL AND REGULATION

- The events and the ranking position that will be tested will be decided prior to each rodeo and slack by the veterinary team. This choice will be completely random and impartial
- An announcement will be made before the event to inform participants of the position that will be tested at the end of the event. Competitors must remain in the arena warmup area until the end of the event for testing. An announcement will be made to identify the competitor who must report to the veterinary area for the anti-doping test. Remaining contestants can leave at this time.
- The veterinary team will then note the competitor's name, class, ranking position, horse's name, and horse's sex and age.
- The veterinarian then takes a blood sample from the horse (3 tubes), which will be identified with a number. These tubes will then be placed in a sealed bag with a sticker initialed by the veterinarian and the competitor.
- The samples are then sent to Bureau Veritas in Burnaby for analysis. If the seal of the bag containing the samples is broken, the test will be invalid. See the regulations on the administration of medications or substances to competition horses on the Festival site for information on authorized medications.

SANCTIONS AND PENALTIES

- After each event, an unofficial ranking will be posted for the Canada Cup and the second weekend (IPRA).
- Payment of purses and prize money won will be made the following Thursday, for the Canada Cup (September 11) and the second weekend (September 18).
- For payments in US dollars, the purse amount is in Canadian dollars and will be deposited by wire transfer at the current rate. For those who chose to pay by check, please allow two weeks.
- When the results of the drug tests are available, an official ranking will be published by the festival and the IPRA, and a letter will be sent to all competitors whose mounts were tested.
- If a competitor tests positive for a drug test, all amounts earned at the Canada Cup or the second weekend (IPRA) with that horse must be refunded, and the competitor will be disqualified. If no prize money was won, a \$500 fine will be assessed. A one-month deadline is given for the refund of prize money or fines, otherwise the competitor will be barred from participating in any IPRA-sanctioned event.
- IPRA World and IPRA Canada will redistribute the prize money and points based on the official ranking if an infraction occurs.

IMPORTANT: Anti-doping tests may be conducted **at any time** during slack performances and/or rodeo performances.
