

BHA Equine Anti-Doping Rules – A brief overview

Trainers must read the full rules and guidance from the BHA. This is an aide memoire only for day to day management of racehorses already within Great Britain.

The BHA's aim

A horse must not be administered an anabolic steroid at any point in its life. There are other substances which are prohibited at all times in a horse's life. These are not listed here but are set out in the BHA Guide.

Testing

All horses must be available for testing at any time regardless of physical location and whose care the horse is under from the time it is first registered with Weatherbys.

Trainers must ensure that their staff are aware testing could happen at any time even in the trainer's absence.

Trainers must ensure third party yards are aware testing could happen at any time and that they must allow the BHA to carry out the testing. A refusal even by a third party could lead to the trainer (if the responsible person at the time) being charged with a breach.

Whereabouts

The BHA wants to know the full time whereabouts of the horse at all times.

Trainers must continue to inform Weatherbys as soon as a horse enters their care or control, changes from one of their yards to another or if there is a change in ownership under their care or control.

Trainers must update the Racing Administration Site when a horse leaves their yard.

When the horse is under the care and control of a trainer, the trainer must be able to inform the BHA of its full time whereabouts upon request. As such if a trainer has placed a horse at a third party yard, the trainer must be able to inform the BHA where the horse is. See the section below on who is the responsible person

Who will be considered the responsible person if a horse tests positive?

Horse in trainer's yard	The trainer (even if horse out of training)
Horse with owner	The owner (if trainer has transferred responsibility – see below)
Horse at third party location (not at trainer's nor owner's premises)	The person who chose that location to send the horse to. Again if going to a third party yard of the owner's choice, the trainer must transfer responsibility - see below.

Transfer of responsibility – what to do when a horse leaves the yard

To transfer the responsibility you must take the following actions

Horse goes to another licensed trainer	<u>You must</u> update the Racing Administration Site
Horse goes to owner's yard	<p><u>You must</u> notify owner of transfer of responsibility by first class post, hand delivery to their address, fax or email. There is a template on the BHA website.</p> <p>Obtain written acceptance of the transfer (email, fax, letter)</p> <p>If the owner does not return the signed form, then <u>you must</u> contact the owner a second time by phone or email, leaving a message if no reply.</p> <p><u>You must</u> keep records of sending the transfer notice and all attempts at chasing it, i.e. keep emails, keep a note of times called/messages left.</p> <p><u>You should</u> keep a record of any instructions from the owner, including instructions made over the phone or in person. Consider confirming those instructions by email/including them in the transfer notification. All this will help show that you took reasonable steps to notify the owner and obtain acceptance of the transfer.</p> <p><u>You must</u> update the Racing Administration Site</p>
Horse at third party location (not trainer's yard or owner's property)	<p>(if the owner chose the third party yard) - To transfer responsibility to the owner, <u>you must</u> follow the steps outlined above in "horse goes to owner's yard"</p> <p><u>You must</u> also update the Racing Administration Site</p>

How do I protect myself when the horse is off site at a third party location?

You should ensure the third party yard:

- knows the horse is a racehorse and subject to strict regulations
- knows they should only take instructions from the responsible person and that the third party knows who that is (i.e. whether it is the owner or the trainer)
- has detailed contact information and alternatives in the event the responsible person is not available.

You should agree with the third party what, if any, treatments you are prepared for the third party yard to administer without further reference to you or without veterinary prescription and to agree a specific list of those with the third party yard.

You should ensure that the third party yard knows the responsible person must be contacted other than in the most exceptional circumstances before any treatment (unless on a specific pre agreed list as mentioned above) is administered to the horse and ensure they know that all non-specified treatments must

- only be provided following prescription by a veterinary surgeon aware of the anti-doping rules
- have the consent of the responsible person (except in exceptional life threatening illness and the responsible person is unavailable)

You must ensure the third party yard knows that it must record all treatments – specified and non-specified – to the same standards as required by the BHA of trainers and that any treatment to non racehorses within the yard of substances prohibited at all times by the BHA are recorded.

You must also ensure the third party yard has satisfactory practices in place which are known by all staff to guard against contamination.

The NTF has prepared a template sheet for members to use when placing racehorses into third party yards.

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