

Royal Pigeon Racing Association
★ IMPORTANT NOTICE ★
RPRA DRUG TESTING
PROGRAMME 2018

Council of the RPRA has approved drug testing for the 2018 season

For 2018 the RPRA will be using a UK based laboratory for its drug testing programme.

There will be a number of amendments to the process, contained within Appendix G of the RPRA rules, which include the following:

- Only trained personnel will be able to carry out sample collections on behalf of the RPRA. RPRA will maintain a list of trained/authorised personnel.
- Two samples will be collected.

In addition:

- Authorised sample collectors will be provided with an identification document.
- Test kits will only be issued to RPRA authorised sample collectors.

Organisations who wish to have representatives trained as sample collectors should contact Dorothy Hadley.

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To encourage organisations to conduct performance-enhancing drug tests a budget of £12,000 has been set aside to undertake drug tests during 2018. RPRA Organisations can therefore send samples for testing free of charge.

TO ENCOURAGE CLUBS FURTHER, FREE TESTS ARE OFFERED ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS: ORGANISATIONS WITH LESS THAN 40 LOFTS 2 FREE TESTS; ORGANISATIONS WITH BETWEEN 40 AND 400 LOFTS 4 FREE TESTS; ORGANISATIONS WITH MORE THAN 400 LOFTS 12 FREE TESTS.

The RPRA Performance Enhancing Drugs Committee will also be carrying out random testing during the 2018 season. Appendix G – Rule 3a applies.

The charge for additional tests to RPRA Affiliated Organisations will be:

- £15 plus VAT and postage for test kits
- Plus • £95 plus VAT per test

The charge for Non-affiliated Organisations will be:

- £15 plus VAT and postage for test kits
- Plus • £130 plus VAT per test

It is the responsibility of all fanciers to ensure that no banned substances, as laid down in Appendix 'G' of the current RPRA Rules, are administered to their racing pigeons in any form.

Fanciers are strongly advised to check with the manufacturer or seller of all ingredients of any products used.

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