

# **DOPING FOR DOGS AT ICF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - LEIPA**

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## **1) PRELIMINARY NOTES**

In order to preserve the health and well-being of the dogs entered ICF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 and in order to ensure sporting fairness and ethics of the event, during the Championship a Veterinarian of the ICF Vet Team will possibly collect biological samples (e.g. urine) from any dog in the race.

The sample collection criteria will be based on:

- ✓ Categories (canicross / bike / scooter)
- ✓ Arrival order (final arrival order or 1st or 2nd day partial arrival order)
- ✓ Random choose
- ✓ Targeted suspects

The samples, collected according to methods that prevent manipulations or alterations and ensure their integrity, will be examined in an anonymous way in a laboratory chosen by ICF Organization in order to eventually define any possible adverse result.

## **2) DEFINITIONS**

- a) The term "**DOG**" identifies all the dogs registered as competing dogs at the ICF Championship, even if not actually starting the competition or retired for any reason during the competition.
- b) The term "**LIST**" identifies the list of all substances and methods as described in following points c), d), e), f) and g)
- c) The term "**PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**" identifies all those chemical substances listed in the following "LIST", traceable in biological samples of dogs, whose intake (i.e. accidentally taken or used for medical therapies or maliciously administered) is not allowed and whose activity could be able to modify in any way and intensity athletic performance of dogs.
- d) The term "**PROHIBITED METHODS**" identifies the physical and medical procedures listed in the following "LIST", whose use and application are not allowed and whose activity could be able to modify in any way and intensity athletic performance of dogs.
- e) The term "**SUBSTANCES AND METHODS ALWAYS PROHIBITED**" identifies substances and methods listed in the following "LIST", whose use for dogs is never admitted, neither before (with the exception of diuretics for clinical reasons whose use has to be declared in the "**DECLARATION OF TREATMENT**" form) nor during the days of the ICF Championship.

**NOTE: The discovery of these substances in biological samples of the dogs and / or evidence of use of prohibited methods, are always considered doping. The dog and the competitor with a positive test for these substances, may be subject to disqualification, after possible counter-analysis.**

- f) The term "**SUBSTANCES AND METHODS PROHIBITED DURING THE RACE**" identifies substances and methods listed in the following "LIST", whose use is not allowed in the last month before the ICF Championship (from September 25 2023 to October 25 2023 included) and during its course (from October 25 2023 to October 29 2023 included).

**NOTE: If any of these substances and / or methods had been used for therapeutic purposes (i.e. on prescription from a treating Veterinarian) during the last month before the ICF Championship, the competitor must submit to the Chief Veterinarian an hour before the mandatory pre-race veterinary examination of the dog, the following "DECLARATION OF TREATMENT" form. In case the dog is chosen for the doping control, this declaration will be taken in consideration in the assessment of the laboratory results.**

- g) The term "**SUBSTANCES UNDER CONTROL**" identifies substances listed in the LIST for which a therapeutic use, based on a veterinary prescription, is allowed before or during the ICF Championship, provided the competitor submits to the Chief Veterinarian an hour before the mandatory pre-race veterinary examination of the dog, the following "FORM OF EXEMPTION" (in case of use of drugs or in case of use of thyroid hormones).

**NOTE: Finding these substances in biological samples subjected to doping tests (even if used for medical therapies) is always considered doping if there has not been prior presentation of "FORMS OF EXEMPTION" to the Chief Veterinarian an hour before the mandatory pre-race veterinary examination.**

### 3) NOTE ON THE FORMS TO BE SUBMITTED

The forms that competitors must present in case of use of drugs during the competition or in the last 30 days before it, must be filled in by a treating Veterinarian before the ICF Championship and submitted by the competitor to the Chief Veterinarian, an hour before the pre-race veterinary examination of the dog.

- ✓ The **DECLARATION OF TREATMENT** must be filled if the dog was treated in the month prior to the competition with **SUBSTANCES OR METHODS PROHIBITED DURING THE RACE** (see the LIST) or with Diuretics for clinical reason.
- ✓ The **FORM OF EXEMPTION** must be filled if the dog is to be kept in therapy during the race with **SUBSTANCES UNDER CONTROL** (see the LIST). In case the dog is in treatment with *Thyroid Hormones* the results of laboratory tests must also be attached.

**N.B.** The presentation of the "DECLARATION OF TREATMENT" and the "FORM OF EXEMPTION" are mandatory in the above-described cases but does not automatically imply the dog's admission to the competition. The decision on admission to the competition will be taken, case by case, on the clinical presentation at of the moment of the pre-race examination, which is made to ascertain the health of the dog. The Veterinarians in charge of the examination will evaluate in particular:

- ✓ The data reported by Veterinarians on the FORMS, in relation to the conditions which led to the use of **SUBSTANCES OR METHODS PROHIBITED DURING THE RACE** or in relation to the conditions which can motivate the use of **SUBSTANCES UNDER CONTROL** during the race itself.
- ✓ The possible consequences that participation in the competition may have on the health and welfare of the dog, treated or under treatment.
- ✓ The possible consequences on the fairness of the event.

### 4) FINAL NOTES

a) It is Athlete's personal responsibility to be sure that no **PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES** enter his or her dog' body: it is not necessary that intent, negligence or ignorance be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation.

b) While it is normal to provide, when needed, a veterinary treatment for a dog before the competition, it is the Athlete's personal responsibility to consult his own treating Veterinarian in order to be sure that all substances that have been used (in case these are on the **PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES** list) have been eliminated from the dog's body before the competition.

