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Subject: Selection Criteria for Swabbing Policy
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SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SWABBING POLICY

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This policy sets the guidelines for Stewards in their role of selecting horse(s) for race day testing.

2. MANDATORY SWABBING ACTIVITY

- 2.1 HRNSW conducts the following mandatory swabbing activity;

Class of Event;

- All winners at Metropolitan class events
- First, second, and third placegetters in all Group 1 events
- All winners in Group 2 & 3 events
- All winners in feature races which have a value of \$30,000 or above.

Claiming Races;

- Any horse(s) that has successfully been claimed

HRNSW Board Ownership;

- Any winners that is in the Ownership of a current HRNSW Board Member

3. RANDOM SWABBING ACTIVITY

- 3.1 At all race meetings in NSW, random selection of samples may be collected as per the direction of the Manager of Integrity and/or Chairman of Stewards.
- 3.2 Random selection of samples includes, Pre or Post Race blood and/or urine or the use of an i-STAT portable clinical analyser machine.
- 3.3 Direction will be given to the Chairman of the race meeting one hour before the first race on the day of the race meeting and will be confirmed via phone conversation.
- 3.4 These samples will be in addition to any other scheduled testing.

4. TARGETED SWABBING ACTIVITY

4.1 Examples that are to be considered when selection horse(s) for targeted testing

- Improved performance
- Poor or unsatisfactory performance
- Intelligence
- Suspicious betting activity
- Swabbing history of the Standardbred
- Any other relevant factors