

SOCIAL DRUGS TESTING



WHAT TO EXPECT



Social drugs testing will take place separately and in addition to Anti-Doping testing from the 21/22 season.



Social drugs testing will be primarily via the collection of hair samples.



Social Drugs testing will primarily take place at training or a Player's home.

CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES



Provide facilities that are adequate for testing. The facilities required for Social Drugs testing are the same as those required for Anti-Doping testing.



Ensure that no Players leave the site after the officials arrive, until all players required for testing have been identified.



Assist the officials in completing the Whereabouts check ASAP after their arrival. It is very important that the club official completing the Whereabouts check is aware of and able to confirm the presence or absence of all players listed.



Provide assistance in locating and notifying the Players selected for testing.

FAQ'S

What are Social Drugs?

Social drugs include the following; Amphetamine, cannabis, cocaine, heroin, ketamine, LSD, mephedrone, methadone, methylamphetamine, MDEA, MDMA/ecstasy.

Who will conduct social drugs testing?

Testing will be conducted by officials from Abbott Toxicology. They will be accompanied by an FA Supervising Officer (FASO).

Do the Club need to provide the officials access to observe the players?

The Club must allow the officials access to observe the Players complete training or any other activity in which they are engaged as soon as possible.

Will the collection officers interfere with the player's training session?

The officials will give the Players to be tested a reasonable time to complete training or any other activity in which they are engaged.



Will a player be chaperoned throughout the process?

When tested for social drugs a player will not be chaperoned from the point of being notified through to providing a sample. However, they must ensure they listen to the officials and provide a sample when requested to do so.

What if a player has very short hair or shaves their head?

If it is not possible to cut a hair sample from a single location on the head, it can be taken from multiple locations. If they have very short hair or shave their head, a sample of hair can be collected from another site on the body. Failing this, a urine sample may be taken.

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What else does a player need to know about sample collection?

A player will be asked to provide some form of photo ID, such as a passport or driver's licence so it can be verified that the sample has been taken from the correct person. If they do not have ID available, a Player can be identified by a 3rd party e.g. a club official. They will also be required to document any medications and supplements they have taken recently.

What is the sanction if a player tests positive?

For a first offence a player will receive a warning and be required to complete a course of education and/or counselling. In addition a fine may be imposed. For any subsequent breach, the starting point will be a 3 month suspension.

What if a player refuses to provide a sample or evades a social drugs test?

The sanction will be more severe than a positive test with a suspension in the range of 4 – 12 months for a first offence

Who do I ask if I have any questions or wish to provide any feedback at a social drugs test?

Any questions or feedback should be raised with the FASO present at the test.

Will players still undergo anti-doping tests?

Yes, there will still be routine anti-doping testing conducted by UK Anti-Doping where they will collect urine and/or blood samples. Players can be tested at anytime, including at training, at a fixture and at their home address.

Remember, on an anti-doping test a Player will be required to be chaperoned from the point of notification until they complete the process.