

Cheltenham Racecourse – Drug detection dog Policy 2018/2019



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A Jockey Club Racecourse

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1. Statement
<p>Cheltenham Racecourse does not condone the dealing in or use of drugs on site. Drug enforcement laws are as applicable on this site as they are anywhere else in the country and any infringement of these laws will be taken very seriously.</p> <p>Our policy on drugs is based on both prevention and enforcement with the active targeting of those customers seeking to deal drugs to others.</p> <p>Cheltenham Racecourse shall use the following mediums to convey this message to its customers; and in particular any dealers that may try to target its customers, both at their time of booking; prior to their entrance and onto the site.</p>
2. Prior to Arrival
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Our Drugs policy will be published on our website with the booking information. — Cheltenham Racecourse reserve the right to carry out random stop and searches by Cheltenham Racecourse contracted security teams. — Our terms and conditions reflect our ability to conduct searches and the presence of detection dogs. — Detection dog notices are erected on routes to the main entrances. — Drug amnesty bins are positioned – 2 at each entrance, for any customers wanting to dispose of illegal drugs prior to entrance into the Enclosures. They are weighted down to ensure they cannot be moved and are securely locked.
3. At the Entrance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Drugs detection dogs will be present at the entrances on racedays from gates opening until the first race. Working with SIA response teams, who will search any customers entering the site, where the detection dog has indicated a positive reaction to drugs. — The search will be completed to the side of the main entrance at a discreet location but maybe in sight of the ingressing crowd. The person being searched will be accompanied by their friend/family member. — All positive indications, searches and drugs found will be logged on the search log. — If illegal substances are found at the entry points then the items will be confiscated and the offender will be refused entry. The level of response will be determined by the amounts and type of drug/s found and the support available from outside agencies. i.e. the Police. — Any confiscated items will be placed securely in the amnesty bins. — In the event of drugs being found the security team will collect contact details from the person concerned. — In the event of nothing being found, the search details will be added to the log but without collecting personal information from the person concerned.
4. Enclosures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Security will take an active role observing for drug dealing and will work in full co-operation as an intelligence gathering agency with the police. — There will be a presence of detection dogs in the enclosures. — When there is strong suspicion of drug dealing, or detection by a detection dog, security will inform and assist the Police in every way possible, following liaison with the Police they will then either evict the suspect or pass them directly to the Police to deal with them. If illegal substances are found as individual use the items will be confiscated and the offender may be ejected. The

level of the response will be determined by the amounts and type of drug/s found and the support available from outside agencies i.e. the Police.

- Stewards are trained in emergency first aid and fully informed about the welfare and drugs advisory facilities.

5. Amnesty bins

The Amnesty bins will be emptied after the egress phase of the raceday has been completed. The Racing Operations Manager (or a representative) will be accompanied by a member of the security team.

The boxes will be opened and the bag removed and cable tied at the scene.

This procedure will be videoed.

The bag will be logged and kept under lock and key until such time as a member of Gloucester Constabulary can collect it.