

**UNIT TEN RACING PIGEON CLUB  
17438 SHADY HILLS ROAD  
SPRING HILL, FL 34610**

**PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES TESTING PROCEDURES**

**VOTED AT CLUB MEETING ON DECEMBER 3, 2024**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Unit Ten Club will perform random drug testing of all regularly scheduled club races. This is to ensure the integrity of the races and to prevent cheating by the use of unauthorized performance enhancing drugs.

The Unit Ten Club will perform drug testing of the top three lofts that finish the annual Unit Ten Challenge Race and the IF Convention Race. In addition, the Club may conduct random testing of any race at any time.

The Unit Ten Club will adhere to the published American Racing Pigeon Union listing of performance enhancing drugs. Any bird found with any of these substance in their dropping sample when tested shall be disqualified from the race and any potential winnings. In addition, all birds on that handler's team are also disqualified.

**MANAGEMENT:**

The Unit Ten Club will create a Prohibited Substances Committee and the following members are designated to supervise and administer these drug tests:

Club President

Vice President

Treasurer

Recording Secretary

If any of the above members have birds that are to be tested, they will be exempt from these duties for that particular race.

**PREPARATION:**

The Unit Ten Drug Committee shall contract with the University of Kentucky to analyze any samples sent to them after designated races.

The Unit Ten Drug Committee will prepare at least three cages inside the Club office with fresh papers on the bottom of the cage to collect the droppings. The cages will be arranged separated from each other. The office will be locked.

After knockoff of the designated race, the handlers of the top three lofts in that race shall be ordered to bring in their top three winning birds for testing. This will result in nine birds being presented for testing. Failure to bring in the birds in a timely manner shall constitute disqualification from that race and forfeiture of any winnings.

**EXECUTION:**

Each handler of his top three birds will bring his winning birds to the club. The bands of those birds will be verified by the Committee members against the race report. The office will be unlocked and the handler will then place his birds into one of the prepared cages under the supervision of the Committee. No person is allowed near that cage until the dropping is evident and a sample can be taken.

The Committee will give the handler the drug testing materials. He will fill out the forms for the sample he is about to take, stating the bird band numbers and his own name and address. The office will be unlocked and he will then take the swab and open the cage containing his birds. He will soil one swab with the bird droppings and then place the swab into the testing envelope and seal it. This will all be performed under the supervision of the Committee. Any evasive maneuvers by the handler during this procedure shall be reason for disqualification. Committee members are not allowed to assist in any way with the collection of the sample. After collection of the first sample, the office will be locked until the second group of birds have shown a dropping.

**MAILING:**

The handler and one Committee member shall then proceed immediately to the nearest US Post Office and place the testing envelope into the postal box.

**TESTING:**

The samples shall be mailed to the University of Kentucky Veterinary School. Their report will be considered final. No retesting is authorized.

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The cost is \$ 200 for fecal tests.