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Circular to all State Secretary's

NATIONALS 2008

ANTI DOPING MEASURES

With the approach of this years Nationals at Perth it is timely to remind players of the Associations Drug Policy which is available on the web site www.polocrosse.org.au.

As you would be aware ASADA (Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority) have conducted random testing for drugs at the past three National Championships. While this may be an Olympic year and hence a busy time for the Agency there is no reason to believe that they will not proceed with testing again in Perth.

It is therefore timely to remind all participants of the need to obtain approval if you are using any substance that is banned in sport.

Simple preparations such as used to control Asthma can have approval granted by me subject to the submission of a Therapeutic Use Exemption form. These can be downloaded from ASADA web site www.asada.gov.au or obtained from me. Other banned substances which have been prescribed for use should also get approval. Again these forms can be downloaded from ASDMAC (Australian Sports Drug Medical Advisory Committee) web site at www.asdmac.org.au or again from me.

To date I have not received any forms whatever and it is difficult to believe that no one is asthmatic, diabetic etc. Some approvals do take time so it is suggested that states bring this to the notice of their team members early. It would be a shame to see a player banned or their team stripped of a win just because they overlooked this aspect of sport today.

Yours sincerely

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