

RMTC Laboratory Accreditation and the RFP Process

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Laboratory Accreditation



RMTC Laboratory Accreditation

- ▶ National Uniform Medication Program
 - Controlled Therapeutic Substances List
 - Third-Party Lasix Administration
 - Multiple Medication Violation Penalties
 - RMTC Laboratory Accreditation



RMTC Laboratory Accreditation

- ▶ Goal is to ensure that all laboratories can perform at the same high level of proficiency
 - Application/document review
 - Site inspection
 - Ongoing External Quality Assurance Program (EQAP)
 - Commitment to research, ethics, and information sharing



RMTC Laboratory Accreditation

- ▶ Does NOT guarantee that the testing performed for a commission meets the RMTC standards

RFP Model Rule



Model Request for Proposal

- ▶ RMTC recognized that accreditation was only a first step for ensuring the highest level of testing in every jurisdiction
- ▶ The contracts between the racing commissions and their laboratories are paramount to ensure the best testing for each and every sample



Model Request for Proposal

- ▶ Review of the vast majority of contracts between jurisdictions and laboratories
 - Some jurisdictions do not have written contracts
 - Significant variation in testing, preparation, and cost of sample testing

Model Request for Proposal

- ▶ Testing variation
- ▶ Sample preparation variation
- ▶ Type of testing performed (ELISA, LC-MS/MS, etc.)
- ▶ Cost

Model Request for Proposal

- ▶ Commission/Laboratory Background Information
 - Sample numbers, race days
 - Laboratory qualifications, facilities and experience
- ▶ Scope of Work
 - Post-race, TCO₂, Elective testing, Unknowns, etc.
- ▶ Quality Control
- ▶ Communication/Turnaround Time
- ▶ Cost



Scope of Work

- ▶ Crucial for Testing
- ▶ Post-race testing
 - All testing must be LC-MS/MS absent justification
 - Use of ELISA kits must be limited
 - Sensitivities must be met (appropriate extraction performed) and have validated methods for substances
 - No pooling of samples
 - Option to test all samples taken on race-day or a portion of those samples (cost savings)

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- ▶ Use of Model RFP document should allow an “apples to apples” comparison of laboratory services
- ▶ Will likely represent an increase in cost for some jurisdictions
- ▶ Goal is protecting the health and welfare of the horse and the integrity of the betting public
- ▶ Combination of RMTC Accreditation and the Model RFP = best testing



Model Request for Proposal

- ▶ www.rmtcnet.com
 - Laboratory Accreditation
 - RMTC Model Request for Proposals and Equine Drug Testing Laboratories

–OR–

- ▶ <http://rmtcnet.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Model-RFP-Document.pdf>



Thank you

