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RGRSTD405 Conduct steward supervision of sample collection procedures

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 2.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to oversee the preparation for testing, authorisation and implementation of testing, and initiation of evidence-gathering activities for the process of sample collection from racing industry personnel and racing animals.

The unit applies to individuals authorised to oversee the collection of samples from racing personnel and racing animals in greyhound, harness or thoroughbred codes.

Greyhound, harness and thoroughbred racing are strictly regulated throughout Australia. All stewards are appointed under the rules of racing by the relevant Principal Racing Authority (PRA). Users are advised to check with the relevant PRA for requirements.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, in accordance with applicable state/territory animal welfare and workplace health and safety legislative requirements.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Steward (STD)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Inspect collection area	1.1 Assess sampling area for cleanliness, safety and security according to racing industry requirements 1.2 Assess sampling area as suitable for human and animal comfort during collection process 1.3 Identify alternative area that complies with requirements for collection if original area is unsuitable 1.4 Check cameras and monitors for operation and accuracy of view, if provided
2. Ensure sample collection complies with protocols	2.1 Count sample collection kits and check against laboratory distribution list 2.2 Review swab attendant's planned actions for compliance with collection procedures and protocols for nominated laboratory work 2.3 Review work health and safety operating procedures with swab attendant 2.4 Review procedures for dealing with collection incidents and non-compliance with swab attendant 2.5 Confirm procedures for storing samples and security of sample area with swab attendant and security staff
3. Ensure samples are returned to laboratory	3.1 Count sample kits and check against laboratory distribution list 3.2 Check sampling area for mislaid documentation or sample kit items 3.3 Store samples to avoid deterioration prior to return to laboratory 3.4 Record incidents that occurred during collection process in stewards' report 3.5 Forward samples to laboratory according to racing protocols and procedures

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Interpret sampling procedures and other documentation, and consolidate information to ensure compliance
Writing	Accurately record and complete required sampling documentation using clear language and correct terminology
Oral communication	Use clear language and concepts, and tone and pace appropriate for the audience and purpose when communicating with swab attendant and other personnel relevant to sample collection procedures
Navigate the world of work	- Take responsibility for following rules of racing, racing industry policies and procedures and workplace health and safety and animal welfare legislative requirements relating to job role - Understand the need for integrity, security and due processes for collecting samples from racing personnel and racing animals
Interact with others	Use workplace practices and protocols effectively to communicate and work with a diverse range of people relevant to the job role
Get the work done	- Prioritise, organise and sequence tasks related to supervising sample collection procedures, adapting to requirements of race track facility or contingency situations - Make routine decisions and address less predictable problems by applying problem-solving processes in determining solutions

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRSTD405 Conduct steward supervision of sample collection procedures	RGRSTD405A Conduct steward supervision of sample collection procedures	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Minor changes to performance criteria for clarity.	Equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for RGRSTD405 Conduct steward supervision of sample collection procedures

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit. There must be evidence that the individual has supervised sample collection procedures for at least two racing personnel and two racing animals, including:

- inspected sampling facilities and checked appropriateness and security of the facility
- reviewed sampling protocols and procedures with relevant personnel to ensure compliance
- checked and recorded samples to ensure all samples are accounted for and returned to laboratory safely and securely.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- swabbing and sample collection procedures and protocols, including:
 - cleanliness, safety and security of the sampling area
 - considerations for animal comfort and individual comfort and privacy
 - sample collection kits
 - dealing with incidents
 - maintaining integrity of samples
- communication protocols and procedures, including:
 - giving clear instructions and explaining information clearly to others
 - dealing with licensed and other racing industry personnel
 - reporting irregularities and problems, including difficulties in obtaining samples
- ethical conduct standards of relevant Principal Racing Authority
- reasons for sample collection, relevant rules of racing and racing industry requirements, including:
 - workplace health and safety procedures and animal welfare requirements.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - race meetings and related facilities, including swabbing facilities
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of greyhounds, standardbred or thoroughbred horses for sample collection
 - racing personnel for sample collection
 - materials and equipment relevant to assessing individual's ability to oversee sample collection
- specifications:
 - work instructions and related documentation.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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