

Epsom Downs – Drug Policy

2018

1. Statement

Epsom Downs Racecourse does not condone the use of or dealing in drugs on site. Drug enforcement laws are as applicable on this site as they are anywhere else in the country and any infringements of these laws will be taken very seriously.

Our policy on drugs is based on both prevention and enforcement with the active targeting of those customers seeking to deal drugs to others.

Epsom Downs 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:

2. Prior to Arrival

- Our drugs policy will be published on our website

3. At the Entrance

- A proportion of our stewards are SIA trained and are trained in the recognition and signs of drug abuse and drug identification.
- Epsom Downs Racecourse reserve the right to carry out random stop and searches by Epsom Downs contracted security teams. This will be an intelligence led operation headed up by SIA trained stewards and if necessary supported by use of a drugs dog.
- For Epsom Downs feature days drugs honesty boxes will be positioned at the entrances, for any customers wanting to dispose of illegal drugs prior to entrance onto site, these will be emptied by a racecourse representative and an SIA member of staff after each race meeting.
- Drugs detection dogs may be present at the entrances on larger racedays, working with SIA response teams, who will search any customers entering the site, where the detection dog has indicated a positive reaction to drugs. Searches will be undertaken by a minimum of two SIA response team members, in a secure private area. 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 may be refused entry and police maybe informed.
- Any confiscated items will be disposed of by a racecourse representative and an SIA member of staff after each race meeting
- The above entrance procedures will be greatly increased during the Investec Derby Festival for all Enclosures including the Hill.

4. On Course

- Security will take an active role observing for drug use or drug dealing.
- When there is a strong suspicion of drug taking or dealing, security will inform Control, the Safety Officer or Head of Operations who will inform the Police if necessary. 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 and police maybe informed.
- Any confiscated items will be disposed of by a racecourse representative and an SIA member of staff after each race meeting.

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