



Explanatory note regarding doping control at the Maadi Cup Rowing Regatta.

Drug Free Sport NZ has been receiving queries relating to the requirements on athletes who are competing at the Maadi Cup Regatta. In particular, we have had many enquiries about the use of asthma medications.

ATHLETES COMPETING AT THE MAADI CUP DO NOT NEED TO APPLY FOR THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTIONS PRIOR TO USING PROHIBITED MEDICATIONS.

Athletes competing at National Secondary School events are not classified as National Level athletes (explanatory note at www.drugfreesport.org.nz) and accordingly do not need to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) in advance should it be necessary for them to be administered a prohibited substance or method.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The use of prohibited medications for anything other than the treatment of a genuine medical issue can pose health risks and is against the rules. Any use of a prohibited substance would need to be justified with a retrospective TUE if testing was to be conducted and an adverse analytical finding occurred.

Testing at Secondary School Events.

While Drug Free Sport NZ has the authority to test at this level of sport, and in the event that issues arise related to doping we certainly would exercise this authority, the emphasis at these events remains education and awareness as opposed to conducting drug testing.

If in the future testing was conducted at such events, athletes would only be required to submit a retrospective Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) in the event that they were tested and an adverse analytical finding occurred.

Further Information.

Any further explanation required regarding this information can be gained by visiting www.drugfreesport.org.nz or by calling a staff member on 0800DRUGFREE (378437)

Drug Free Sport NZ will again attend the Maadi Cup Regatta in 2009 and will have staff available to discuss issues and provide education brochures and activities.