

Cheltenham – Drug Policy

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CHELTEENHAM

A Jockey Club Racecourse

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1. Statement

Cheltenham 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.

Cheltenham 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 with the booking information.
- Attention to the drugs policy will be drawn to customers in their ticket wallets.

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.
- Cheltenham Racecourse reserve the right to carry out random stop and searches by Cheltenham contracted security teams. Subject to information received, some searches may be carried out by the Police. This will be an intelligence led operation headed up by SIA trained stewards and if necessary supported by use of a drugs dog.
- There will be signage outlining the drugs policy at the entrances.
- For Cheltenham 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 will 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. The level of response will be determined by the amounts and type of drug/s found, the behaviour of the individual and the support available from outside agencies ie The Police.
- Any confiscated items will be disposed of in the Police drugs safe, which is regularly emptied by the Police.

4. On Course

- Security will take an active role observing for drug use or drug dealing and will work in full co-operation as an intelligence gathering agency with the Police.
- When there is a strong suspicion of drug taking or dealing, security will inform and assist the Police in every way possible, 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. The level of response will be determined by the amounts and type of drug/s found, behaviour of the individual and the support available from outside agencies ie The Police.
- Any confiscated items will be disposed of in the Police drugs safe onsite, which is regularly emptied by the Police.
- Stewards are trained in emergency first aid and are fully informed about the welfare and drugs advisory facilities.