

MSA Alcohol Testing Procedure

Competitors participating in any MSA approved events will be subject to alcohol breath and/or blood testing at any time in-competition* in accordance with the following procedure:

*In-Competition = **for the purpose of the MSA Medical Code**, the in-competition period is defined as the period commencing **12 hours before the competitor compete or practice for the first time during the event****, **ending thirty (30) minutes after the end of the last race*** in his/her class and category**. For the avoidance of doubt, the possession, use and consumption of alcohol during the awards ceremony is not considered a violation under the MSA Medical Code **providing that the podium takes place at the end of the event**.

**Event: an event is defined as a single sporting event (composed, depending on the discipline, of practice sessions, qualifying practice sessions and race(s), rounds, legs, heats or stages).

*** **or round, leg, heat or stage.**

1. Such testing will be undertaken by an MSA qualified CMO/CMC at the event using an MSA approved testing device. At certain events, for example, those involving the use of public roads, the police may undertake such testing.
2. Testing will be undertaken at the event by an MSA qualified CMO/CMC who is trained in the use of the alcohol testing device.
3. Testing will be performed with no prior notice.
4. Competitors will be selected randomly by ballot or at the discretion of the MSA Chief Steward, MSA Jury President, and MSA Delegate.
5. **At least three Competitors will be tested at each event.**
6. At any time in-competition* alcohol testing may be included as part of a special medical examination conducted at the request of the Race Director, Clerk of the Course, Jury President, Chief Steward in accordance with the MSA Medical Code.
7. Following notification of selection for alcohol testing, the competitor must immediately attend the designated location for testing.
8. A refusal to undergo alcohol testing will be regarded for the purpose of the application of sanctions as identical to a test reading above the permitted threshold.
9. Any competitor who refuses to submit himself to alcohol testing will be **automatically and immediately** excluded from further participation in, and disqualified from the event **by the disciplinary body responsible for applying disciplinary sanctions at the event. Such decision is final and may not be appealed against. Such automatic and**

immediate decision may not under any circumstances give rise to any claim from the competitor or any other affected party. The details of the case will be notified immediately to MSA by the disciplinary body responsible for applying disciplinary sanctions at the event.

The competitor will also be automatically provisionally barred by the MSA (Provisional Suspension) from participating in any competitions sanctioned by MSA until further notice and without any further notification. Such automatic Provisional Suspension may not under any circumstances give rise to any claim from the competitor or any other affected party.

10. Alcohol testing will normally take place in a location that maintains competitor confidentiality, is secure with restricted access, and is in a suitable location with adequate facilities such as light and ventilation. **If the competitor smoked, the test needs to be postponed for 10 minutes after he/she smoked.**
11. Each competitor will be tested individually and in private.
12. The alcohol testing device will be determined and provided by the MSA.
13. The device will be calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
14. The alcohol test procedure will take place where possible in the presence of a witness.
15. The testing procedure and use of the device will be explained to the competitor.
16. The competitor will be allowed to select an individual mouthpiece from a selection of individually sealed mouthpieces for their individual use and attach it to the device.
17. The competitor will blow steadily into the mouthpiece until the device indicates that an adequate sample of breath has been obtained.
18. The test result displayed on the device will be shown to the competitor and recorded on the test record documentation.
19. The time of each test will also be recorded on the documentation.
20. The documentation will then be signed by the competitor and officials present at the test. Any refusal by a competitor to sign the documentation will be duly noted and recorded on the documentation but will not invalidate the result of the test.
21. The results and associated documentation will be forwarded to the MSA Administration.
22. If the test reading is greater than the permitted threshold of 0.00g/L or 0.00% B.A.C, a confirmatory test will be performed following a waiting period of at least a **fifteen** minutes starting after the first result of the first test has been recorded. **If the first test reading is below or equal to 0.00g/L or 0.00% B.A.C, no further test will be conducted.**
23. As part of this confirmatory test the competitor will again be asked to select a further mouthpiece from a selection of sealed mouthpieces. (The purpose of conducting a confirmatory test after a period of **fifteen**

minutes in the event of a positive test is to ensure that any residual alcohol in the competitor's mouth from food, mouth wash etc. is no longer present in order to limit false positive results).

24. If the result of the confirmatory test is above the permitted threshold the competitor will be **automatically and** immediately excluded from further participation in, **and disqualified from** the event by the disciplinary body responsible for applying disciplinary sanctions at the event. Such decision is final **and may not be appealed against. Such automatic and immediate decision may not under any circumstances give rise to any claim from the competitor or any other affected party.** The details of the case will be notified immediately **by the disciplinary body responsible for applying disciplinary sanctions at the event** to the **MSA. The competitor will also be automatically provisionally barred by the MSA (Provisional Suspension) from participating in any competitions sanctioned by MSA until further notice and without any further notification. Such automatic Provisional Suspension may not under any circumstances give rise to any claim from the competitor or any other affected party.**
25. If the result of the confirmatory test is below the permitted threshold no further action will be taken.

BREATH ALCOHOL TEST

Competitor's name: _____ MSA Number: _____

Title of the event: _____

Venue: _____ Date: _____

MSA CMO/CMC: _____ Lic Nr: _____

Witness 1: (if any) Position: _____

Witness 2: (if any) Position: _____

Other (if present): Position: _____

Other (if present): Position: _____

In accordance with the MSA Medical Code, the following competitor must take part of the control (Breath Alcohol Test). The Alcohol control can take place anytime during the event.

The undersigned certifies to have tested the above-mentioned competitor with the following results (N.B Positive Test means >0.00g/L or > 0.00% B.A.C):

Test 1: Positive Negative Result: _____ g/L or % Time: _____

Test 2: Positive Negative Result: _____ g/L or % Time: _____

Competitor's signature: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

MSA Jury Pres. CoFC or Race Direction member signature: _____

Witness 2: signature: (if any) _____

Witness 1: signature: (if any) _____

*** Original of this document must be sent to the MSA Administration ***

*** Copy of this document must be given to the competitor ***