

## ANTI-DOPING – FAQs

**Q #1. Which tournament(s) will LPGA drug test?**

A. Drug testing can occur at any LPGA tournament. The testing process will be confidential and unannounced; therefore, the LPGA will not indicate in advance the tournaments where testing will take place.

**Q #2. How many players will be tested at each tournament?**

A. The number of players tested will remain confidential, until the moment the players are given notice of their selection for testing.

**Q #3. Will the winner of an official LPGA tournament be tested?**

A. The tournament winner could be subject to drug testing, if she is randomly selected or target tested at the tournament during which drug testing is being conducted.

**Q #4. Will drug testing take place before or after the cut?**

A. Any player in a tournament field, before or after the cut, is subject to in-competition testing.

**Q #5. Is there a chance that a player will be “target tested”?**

A. The LPGA, and its drug testing agency, reserve the right to target test players for drug testing in accordance with the LPGA Anti-Doping Protocol.

**Q #6. How is target testing different from random testing?**

A. Target testing is the non-random, in-competition selection and testing of a player.

**Q #7. How and when will a player be notified that she has been selected for a drug test?**

A. Ideally, the player will be notified of her selection for drug testing after signing her scorecard, but before exiting the tournament site. Notification will be given to players, in most cases, by a drug testing escort or an anti-doping official.

**Q #8. What will happen once a player is notified to submit to a drug test?**

A. Once a player is notified, she will have an hour prior to reporting to the private drug-testing area with her drug testing escort or anti-doping official. Players with media obligations will be permitted additional time to conduct media interviews.

**Q #9. Will anyone be allowed to accompany the player to the private drug testing area?**

A. No, except where the player needs a translator to fully understand the drug testing process or if a player is a minor (under the age of consent) accompanied by a parent or guardian. Any accompanying person within the exception must sign a confidentiality agreement.

- Q #10. What can or should I take with me to the anti-doping station?**
- A. Identification/U.S. driver's license, passport, permanent resident card, LPGA player identification or credential, reading material, playing cards or other non-electronic amusement.
- Q #11. How long will the drug testing process take?**
- A. The amount of time it will take a player to complete the drug-testing process varies, depending on how dehydrated a player is and how quickly she can provide a suitable urine sample. The drug testing process could be completed within ten minutes, or it could take hours. If a player's sample is too diluted, or too acidic, a player will have to continue to provide samples until a suitable one is obtained.
- Q #12. What are the samples?**
- A. Each player selected for a drug test will be required to provide a suitable urine sample.
- Q #13. What are an A-Sample and a B-Sample?**
- A. Each urine sample is divided into two separate storage containers marked "A" and "B". The laboratory tests the A-Sample first, to determine whether a doping offense has occurred. The B-Sample is a confirmation test after the player is notified of the A-Sample positive. A player, and/or her representative, may be present for the B-Sample test.
- Q #14. Does drug-testing include just giving a suitable urine sample?**
- A. The drug-testing process will include completing minimal electronic records and paperwork and providing a suitable urine sample.
- Q #15. How long will it be before a player is drug tested again?**
- A. Since the selection process is primarily random, a player may be tested once, multiple times or not at all throughout the LPGA tournament season.
- Q #16. Are there limits to how many times a player can be drug-tested during a season?**
- A. There are no limits on how many times a player may be tested during the LPGA tournament season.
- Q #17. How long and how will a player's prize money be held if she is selected for drug testing?**
- A. Prize money will be held in a LPGA account until the test results are returned. If the A-Sample is negative, that player's prize money will be disbursed to the player. If a player's A-Sample and B-Sample test positive, her prize money will be held until a final resolution of a doping allegation is obtained, including any appeal.

**Q #18. What happens to a player's prize money if the result of a player's drug test is positive?**

- A. The prize money will remain in an interest bearing account until the doping allegation is resolved (after any appeal). If the player is found not guilty of a doping offense, she will receive her prize money plus any interest earned on the prize money held. If the player is found guilty, her prize money will be redistributed to another player or players (in case of a tie).

**Q #19. What can a player do if she receives an A-Sample positive test result?**

- A. A player with a positive A-Sample test result is advised to consult with an attorney and her personal doctor prior to taking further action. If a player receives an A-Sample positive she would have the following two options:
- If she immediately accepts the results, she will not receive any of the prize money, titles or awards associated with the tournament at which she tested positive. Also her prize money will be re-distributed throughout the field for that given event and she will immediately (the following day) begin serving her doping penalty.
  - Alternatively, a player may request that her B-Sample be tested and, if negative, will result in the withdrawal of the doping charge. If the B-Sample confirms the result of the A-Sample, the player will immediately (the following day) begin serving a provisional suspension from LPGA tournament play. Thereafter, she may choose to challenge the result or accept the positive test results. If she challenges the result, her earnings will continue to be held in an interest bearing account until a final decision is rendered.

**Q #20. What is a provisional suspension?**

- A. A provisional suspension is a prohibition from tournament play (after the B-Sample test results come back positive), pending the resolution of an alleged doping offense. It takes effect before a formal arbitration decision regarding whether a doping offense has occurred. Any time a player spends serving a provisional suspension will be deducted from any final doping suspension that is issued after the appeal, if any, is completed.

**Q #21. If a player tests positive, can she dispute the result?**

- A. Yes. An arbitration process before an impartial panel of arbitrators will be available to any player who tests positive. An appeal process will also be available to those players who lose the initial arbitration.

**Q #22. What happens if a player loses her appeal?**

- A. A player who loses her appeal will forfeit any prize monies, titles or awards associated with the tournament at which she tested positive and the player must continue serving her doping related suspension.

**Q #23. Is it possible to play in the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament during a suspension?**

- A. No, if it falls within the suspension period.

**Q #24. Will a player have the same playing/member status when she returns from her doping suspension?**

- A. A player's status will be impacted as a result of being suspended from competition in LPGA tournaments; a declining position or no position on the money list will impact a player's status.

**Q #25. Will a player be tested when she returns to the LPGA following the suspension?**

- A. Yes. A player returning to competition after serving a doping suspension must make herself available to be drug tested – reinstatement testing -- prior to resuming play on the LPGA Tour.

**Q #26. Will the LPGA provide a list to players of laboratories at which to test themselves and/or their supplements, to help them comply with the LPGA Drug Testing Program?**

- A. The LPGA does not “have” any approved laboratories where players can get their supplements tested. Upon request, the LPGA will provide a website link to a list of laboratories players can contact to request testing of herself or her supplements at the player's expense, but a player uses these labs at her own risk.
- B. The LPGA makes no claim that these laboratories will perform competently or that their test results are accurate. Even after a player has her supplements tested at a laboratory, such tests would not act as a defense in a future drug-testing hearing.

For additional information regarding independent product testing, dietary supplements, herbal remedies, nutrition and exercise, players may consult the following resources:

[www.consumerlab.com](http://www.consumerlab.com) – Consumer Lab, a provider of independent test results and information for consumers for products relating to health, wellness, and nutrition

[www.naturaldatabase.com](http://www.naturaldatabase.com) – Natural Medicine's Comprehensive Database, a searchable database with information related to herbal remedies, dietary supplements, vitamins, minerals, and other natural products.

<http://dietary-supplements.info.nih.gov/> - The Office of Dietary Supplements, specializing in scientific research related to dietary supplements.

[www.gssiweb.org](http://www.gssiweb.org) – The Gatorade Sports Science Institute, dedicated to providing information related to sports nutrition and exercise science.

[www.nsf.org](http://www.nsf.org) – A list of “NSF Certified for Sport” products that are guaranteed by NSF to be “clean.”

**Q #27. Will the LPGA cover the cost of testing of my supplements?**

- A. No. If a player chooses to have her supplements tested, this will be at the player’s own expense.

**Q #28. If a player gets her supplements tested, or herself tested, and she tests negative for LPGA Prohibited Substances, but later tests positive after being selected for a drug test by the LPGA, will she be able to use her previous negative test result in her defense?**

- A. A player may seek to use this information in a future doping hearing; however, it will not indicate that she did not receive a competitive advantage or consume a Prohibited Substance in addition to taking allegedly “clean supplements.”

**Q #29. Who should a player contact if she has further questions regarding Prohibited Substances and products?**

- A. Players with additional questions should email their inquiries about specific substances they are taking or are concerned about taking to [llpga@drugfreesport.com](mailto:llpga@drugfreesport.com) or call 877.285.1436. Players may also submit questions directly to Drug Free Sport at the web site [www.drugfreesport.com/rec](http://www.drugfreesport.com/rec).

**Q #30. Who should a player contact if she has any questions about the Anti-Doping Protocol or anti-doping program?**

- A. Players may contact Josh Kane, at 386.274.6284 or [josh.kane@lpga.com](mailto:josh.kane@lpga.com), or Shameeka Quallo, at 386.274.6201 or [shameeka.quallo@lpga.com](mailto:shameeka.quallo@lpga.com).