

LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION

INAUGURAL DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

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In accordance with the world-wide initiatives to discourage performance- enhancing drug use in sport, the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) decided, in 2006, that it was in the best interests of the LPGA Tour and players to initiate a performance enhancing drug testing program. The LPGA Drug Testing Program will begin in-competition testing in January 2008.

The primary goal of the LPGA Drug Testing Program is to ensure competitive equity during all LPGA Tour events, by discouraging drug use of any kind by LPGA players. To this end, the LPGA has collaborated with *The National Center for Drug Free Sport, Inc.* in developing a list of prohibited substances and methods that is tailored to unique aspects of women's professional golf. Although the LPGA Drug Testing Program will be based upon a strict liability model – if a prohibited substance is in the player's body she is guilty – players will have the opportunity to apply for a medical waiver in advance of competition to permit the therapeutic use of a prohibited substance for medical reasons. Medical waivers for the therapeutic use of prohibited substances will only be granted in very special and limited circumstances.

Once the LPGA Drug Testing Program has been launched, players found to have committed a doping violation will be subject to appropriate discipline, which may include but not be limited to withholding of prize money, suspension or expulsion from the LPGA. LPGA players are warned that any indications of illegal drug use – recreation or street drugs -- revealed during drug testing, may also result in disciplinary actions being brought against a player for violation of the LPGA Constitution's Code of Ethics.

The medical waiver process and the determination of whether a player has committed a doping violation will be handled by medical experts, lawyers and others who are independent of the LPGA, its players and staff. Penalties and discipline based upon the finding of a doping violation will be imposed by the LPGA.

The LPGA will begin educating players about the new drug testing program at the Safeway International Presented by Coca-Cola on March 20, 2007.