



Victorian Polo Association – Safety Testing Day 2026

Welcome to the Victorian Polo Association Safety Testing Day

Safety testing is an important part of our sport, and we thank you for your cooperation. The Australian Polo Federation has a duty of care to take reasonable steps to protect its registered members from injury, and the risk of injury increases when players are affected by drugs or alcohol. All players must avoid any actions that endanger the health or safety of others at APF-sanctioned events.

EVERY player playing today must undergo testing. Copies of the Australian Polo Federation Alcohol and Drugs Safety Testing Policy and Safety Testing Committee Guidelines are available for all players. We encourage you to read these resources if you are not already familiar with them.

The Victorian Polo Association Safety Testing Officer is **John Grant**, who can be contacted today on **0418 310 679**.

Our testing provider is **Integrity Sampling**, the company engaged by the APF on a National basis. There will be two technicians conducting sampling today to ensure the process is completed efficiently. Testing will commence at **10:00 am**. The testing location will be conducted in the building block connected to the toilets closest to the field.

The drug and alcohol screening process takes approximately **5 minutes**. Please ensure you carry **photo identification** (driver's licence or equivalent). If you do not have photo ID, John Grant will need to verify your identity, which may add time to the process.

Parental consent will be required for minors prior to testing. Parents or guardians are requested to accompany minors to the testing site.

Please note that **failure to provide a sample will be treated as a refusal**, and the player will be deemed to have returned a positive test result and will be subject to a hearing by the State Disciplinary Committee. You will not be able to play polo until a Disciplinary hearing has occurred.

Please note it is YOUR responsibility to present for testing. If you miss/fail to present it will be deemed as a positive result.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping maintain the safety and integrity of our sport.

Kind regards,

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