

Severe measures taken in Switzerland against doping

The Swiss Cycling Federation has just decided to apply severe measures against the use of drugs and artificial stimulants. From now on, all use of a medicament, which can only be prescribed by medical certificate (be it administered per mouth, per rectum or by means of injections), is strictly prohibited. Any runner or trainer, who is found to possess such drugs either before or after the race, will be penalized. Cyclists and trainers must consent to have their personal belongings searched if the organizers have cause to suspect that they resort to the doping practice.

The cyclists guilty of breaking the rules mentioned above may be suspended for the period of one year or even for life, they will be deprived of all their titles and compelled to pay back the fees they received. (This last clause refers of course only to professionals. *Ed.*) The federation will examine any eventual judicial imputation that may result from the use of doping.

The foreign runners and trainers, who participate in racing events in Switzerland, must observe these rules.

To conclude, let us mention that a well known Swiss professional cyclist has been fined Fr. s. 2,000 by his federation recently.