

EQUINE VETERINARY PRACTICES, HEALTH AND MEDICATION - CHAPTER 25

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ARCI-025-005 Purpose

To describe requirements and procedures used to ensure the health and welfare of racehorses and to safeguard the interests of the public and the participants in racing.

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ARCI-025-010 Veterinary Practices

A. Veterinarians under Authority of Official Veterinarian

Veterinarians licensed by the Commission and practicing at any location under the jurisdiction of the Commission are under the authority of the official veterinarian and the judges. The official veterinarian shall recommend to the judges or the Commission the discipline that may be imposed upon a veterinarian who violates the rules.

B. Treatment Restrictions

(1) Only licensed trainers, licensed owners, or their designees shall be permitted to authorize veterinary medical treatment of horses under their care, custody, and control at locations under the jurisdiction of the commission.

(2) Prescriptions for horses at locations under the jurisdiction of the commission should be written and/or dispensed only by duly licensed veterinarians in the context of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship and based upon a specific medical diagnosis.

~~(2)~~(3) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, no person other than a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this jurisdiction and licensed by the Commission may administer a prescription or controlled medication, drug, chemical or other substance (including any medication, drug, chemical or other substance by injection) to a horse at any location under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

~~(3)~~(4) This subsection Subsection B(3) does not apply to the administration of the following substances ~~except in approved quantitative levels, if any, present in post-race samples or as they may interfere with post-race testing:~~

(a) A recognized non-injectable nutritional supplement or other substance approved by the official veterinarian;

- (b) A non-injectable substance on the direction or by prescription of a licensed veterinarian; or
- (c) A non-injectable non-prescription medication or substance.

(5) Subsections 4(a) through 4(c) do not waive the requirement to meet quantitative levels as required by the Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule, Version 2.2.

(6) Any drug or medication for horses which is used or kept on association grounds and which, by federal law, state or provincial law, or racing commission regulation requires a prescription must be prescribed in compliance with applicable state or provincial statutes and regulations by a veterinarian who is duly licensed by either:

- (a) the commission in which the association grounds are located;
- (b) the veterinary board in the state or province in which the association grounds are located; or
- (c) the the state or province in which the horse was located at the time of the examination, diagnosis, and prescription.

(4)(7) No person shall possess a hypodermic needle, syringe capable of accepting a needle or injectable of any kind on association grounds, unless otherwise approved by the Commission. At any location under the jurisdiction of the Commission, veterinarians may use only one-time disposable syringe and needle, and shall dispose of both in a manner approved by the Commission. If a person has a medical condition which makes it necessary to have a syringe at any location under the jurisdiction of the Commission, that person may request permission of the judges and/or the Commission in writing, furnish a letter from a licensed physician explaining why it is necessary for the person to possess a syringe, and must comply with any conditions and restrictions set by the judges and/or the Commission.

(5)(8) Practicing veterinarians shall not have contact with an entered horse within 24 hours before the scheduled post time of the race in which the horse is scheduled to compete except for the administration of furosemide under the guidelines set forth in ARCI-025-020 F. unless approved by the official veterinarian. Any unauthorized contact may result in the horse being scratched from the race in which it was scheduled to compete and may result in further disciplinary action by the judges.

(6)(9) Any horse entered for racing must be present on the association grounds [4]* 5 horse prior to the post time of the race they are enter in.

*(The RMTTC recommended 4 hours the Joint Model Rules Committee after discussion changed it to 5 hours in order to allow the legal administration of Salix)

C. Veterinarians' Reports

- (1) Every veterinarian who treats a racehorse at any location under the jurisdiction of the Commission shall, in writing on the Medication Report Form prescribed by the Commission, report to the official veterinarian or other commission designee at the racetrack where the horse is entered to run or as otherwise specified by the commission, the name of the horse treated, any medication, drug, substance, or procedure administered or prescribed, the name of the trainer of the horse, the date and time of treatment and any other information requested by the official veterinarian.
- (2) The Medication Report Form shall be signed by the practicing veterinarian.
- (3) The Medication Report Form must be filed by the treating veterinarian not later than post time of the race for which the horse is entered. Any such report is confidential and its content shall not be disclosed except in the course of an investigation of a possible violation of these rules or in a proceeding before the judges or the Commission, or to the trainer or owner of record at the time of treatment.
- (4) A timely and accurate filing of a Medication Report Form that is consistent with the analytical results of a positive test may be used as a mitigating factor in determining the nature and extent, if any, of a rule.

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Version 5.2 to 5.3 ARCI Board 12/7/12 limits on who can authorized veterinary treatment and limits when veterinarians have access to horses scheduled to race.

[Version 6.1 to 6.2 ARCI Meeting of the Members 3/24/2016 Amended ARCI-025-010, Language pertaining to Medical Labeling](#)

ARCI-025-015 Prohibited Practices

The following are considered prohibited practices:

- (1) The possession or use of a drug, substance or medication on the premises of a facility under the jurisdiction of the Commission for which a recognized analytical method has not been developed to detect and confirm the administration of such substance; or the use of which may endanger the health and welfare of the horse or endanger the safety of the driver; or the use of which may adversely affect the integrity of racing; or,
- (2) **<Language moved to ARCI-025-020, December 2014>**
- (3) The possession and/or use of blood doping agents, including but not limited to those listed below, on the premises of a facility under the jurisdiction of the Commission is forbidden:

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