



*Safety & Integrity
Alliance*

**The Jockey's Guild Annual Assembly
Safety Summit
December 6, 2010**

NTRA Safety & Integrity Alliance Pledge

55 Racetracks

**Every Major Thoroughbred
Horsemen's Association**

“The health and safety of our human and equine athletes and the integrity of our sport are thoroughbred racing's top priorities.”



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Injury Reporting and Prevention

- Participation in TJC/InCompass Solutions Equine Injury Database System
- Pre-Race Veterinary Examinations
- Post-Race and Post-Mortem Veterinary Exams
- Veterinarian's List – and sharing among jurisdictions



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A Safer Racing Environment

- Toe Grabs (and other traction devices) restriction of not more than 4mm on Front Shoes
- Approved Safety Helmets and Vests
 - Jockeys
 - Trainers
 - Assistant Starters
- Padded Starting Gate
- Catastrophic Injury Planning and Procedures
- Continuing Education
- Horse Handler Training – Like Groom Elite



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Medication and Testing

- Uniform Medication Rules and Penalties
 - NSAIDS, Lasix, Non-FDA Approved meds.
- Ban Exogenous Steroids from Competition
- Ban and Test for Alkalinizing Substances
- Out of Competition Testing
- Frozen Sample Testing
- Controlling Shock-Wave Therapy



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Research & Training

- Racetrack Surface Safety Studies – Measurements of track variables
 - Dirt
 - Turf
 - Synthetic
- General Racing Related Research Studies



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- Jockey Weights
 - Uniform Weigh-out/Weigh-in Procedures
- Jockey Health Information
 - TJC/InCompass Solutions Jockey Health Information System Participation
- Human Ambulance Support – Most Important Standard



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- Human Ambulance Support – Model Rule:

An association shall provide a properly equipped to transport ambulance, staffed with at least one certified paramedic during training and two certified paramedics during racing hours. If the ambulance is being used to transport an individual, the association may not conduct a race, or allow horses with riders on the racetrack, until the ambulance is replaced.



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However, one size does not fit all – some adhering to Model Rule could provide inferior care to some who don't follow to the letter.

- Some tracks do an outstanding job, above and beyond the Minimum Standard
 - Keeneland Medical Facility
 - Monmouth Park Video Practice



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- Track Medical Directors Meeting
 - Share Best Practices
 - Determine Minimum Standards
 - Tracks, Jockey's Guild, Trainers Represented



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Recommendations

- 1) Medical Director/Staff Oversight
- 2) On-Site Emergency Medical Staff
- 3) On-Site First Aid Facilities
- 4) Transportation of Injured Riders
- 5) Use of Trauma Level One Facilities
- 6) Additional Issues



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Recommendations – Adoption/Implementation

- 1) Alliance Advisory Committee
- 2) Adoption in Steps through Code of Standards
- 3) Current Situation Analysis through Questionnaire
 - 2009 Accredited Tracks to be re-accredited in 2011
- 7) Model Rule Amendments
- 8) Commission Adoption through Track Advocacy





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