



Ontario
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New Strategies for Regulating Horse Racing in Ontario

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Overview

- **Ontario statistics**
- **Central adjudication**
- **Equine medication control**
- **Intelligence-led regulation**

Ontario Horse Racing Statistics

2012

- 3 breeds (Standardbred, Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse)
- Around 1,600 race dates (over 900 in 2013)
- 16 racetracks across our Province (over 668,841 sq. miles)
- \$935MM legally wagered in Ontario on horse racing (estimating \$865MM in 2013)
- 20,000 Licensees
- Over 1,300 Rulings
- Ontario represents about two-thirds of Canada's wagering

Central Adjudication (CA) Room



- Steward/Judge at HQ, using real time technology
- Central Steward/Judge participates in the deliberations with two track-based officials in making decisions
- Reduction of personnel at track = modest cost savings

Equine Medication Control: A CPMA-ORC Partnership

Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency:

- Race Day testing program
- Oversight of TCO2 testing program
- Research & science

ORC

- Adjudication of certificate of positive test
- Sharing of resources and intelligence
- Out-of-competition testing

Pilot Program – Sample Collection

- TCO₂ (blood) samples taken prior to race
- CPMA drug samples (blood or urine) taken post-race
- Pilot collection of both samples at the same time (pre-race) by same technician in paddock stall
- Selected horses may be subject to post-race test
- Done in consultation with horsepeople, track, service provider

Equine Medication Control

Challenges:

- Shift from backstretch to private training centres
- Substances where benefits are longer lasting than elimination time

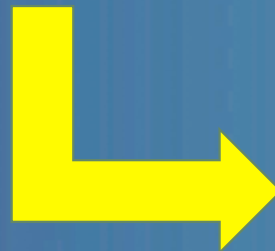
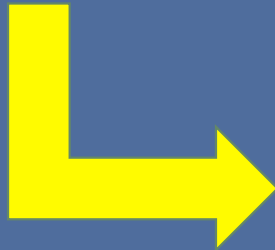
Out-of-Competition Testing:

- Complements race date testing procedures
- Only with “reasonable grounds”
- Intelligence-based
- 2012: 37 occurrences (2013 = 26 YTD)

Intelligence-led Regulation

- Risk and priority-based

INFORMATION



INTELLIGENCE

What we discovered:

An International Problem



Partnerships

There is a need to work smarter and develop partnerships that:

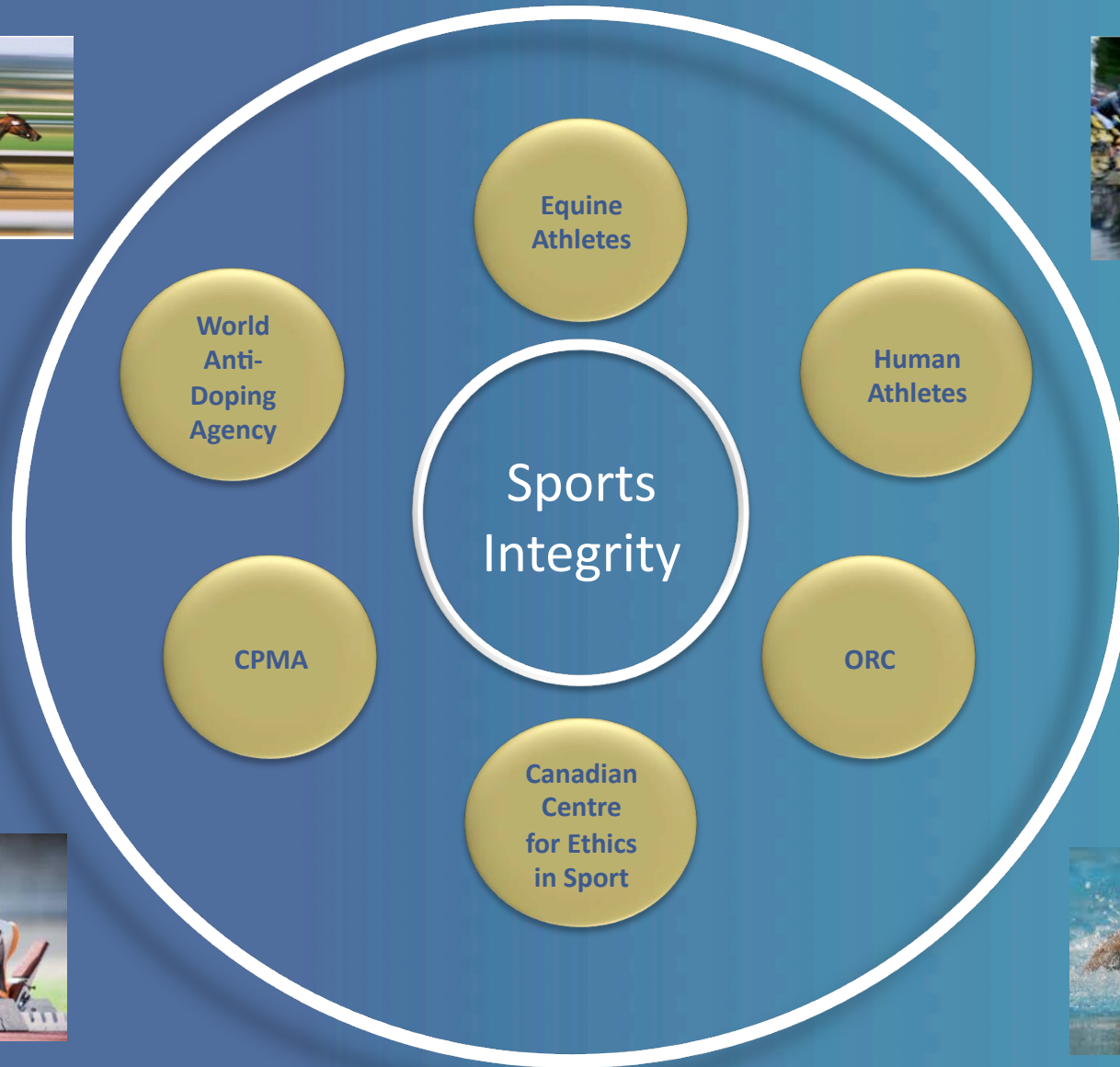
- Have strategic importance
- Ensure efficient sharing of information and resources
- Are of net benefit to the sport in Ontario

SMART

STRATEGIC

EFFICIENT

Partnerships



IRIIS Overview

International Racing Intelligence and Information Service (www.iriis.info)

- Internet-based secure communications and data-storage tool
- Share information and intelligence among racing regulators, law enforcement agencies and industry organizations
- International working group (Australia, Belgium, Britain, Canada, South Africa, Sweden, USA)
- Various levels of security “clearance”

Libraries
Information Bulletins

Lists
IRIIS Membership Directory
Occurrence Reports
Calendar
Tasks

Discussions
Team Discussion

 All Site Content

Welcome to the IRIIS Portal!

The International Racing Information and Intelligence Service is an intranet portal to be used across multiple horse racing jurisdictions around the world. Please navigate through the site and take advantage of this useful resource. Feedback is encouraged to make this site as beneficial as possible!



Announcements

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	Introduction to the IRIIS Portal	11/28/2012 11:07 AM

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		Societe du Cheval Francais	
		Harness Racing New Zealand	
		Harness Racing Association of South Africa	
		Swedish Trotting Association	
		United States Trotting Association	
		British Horse Racing Authority	

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Calendar

1/26/2013 12:00 AM [Prix de Amerique](#)
6/10/2013 12:00 AM [World Trotting Conference](#)

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What is the Objective of IRIIS?

- Provide 24/7 access to a secure source of intelligence information
- Assist in conducting risk assessments on matters affecting horse racing
- Enhance communication among jurisdictions and agencies
- Act as a centre of excellence
- Facilitate sharing of best practices and resources
- Establish training opportunities

Closing Thoughts & Lessons

CA Room

- Embrace technology and innovation
- Challenge the traditional

Partnerships

- Work together, share information and resources
- Prevention through education and deterrence
- Think big picture

Out-of-Competition testing

- Address systemic issues

Intelligence-led regulation (and IRIIS)

- Work smarter, not harder
- Assess risk to target best “bang for the buck”



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