

EQUINE VETERINARY PRACTICES, HEALTH AND MEDICATION - CHAPTER 11

ARCI-011-005 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-011-010 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 stewards. The official veterinarian shall recommend to the stewards or the Commission the discipline that may be imposed upon a veterinarian who violates the rules.

B. Appropriate Role of Veterinarians

The following limitations apply to drug treatments of horses that are engaged in activities, including training, related to competing in pari-mutuel racing in the jurisdiction:

(1) No drug may be administered except in the context of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship between an attending veterinarian, the horse owner (who may be represented by the trainer or other agent) and the horse. The owner is not required by this subdivision to follow the veterinarian's instructions, but no drug may be administered without a veterinarian having examined the horse and provided the treatment recommendation. Such relationship requires the following:

- (a) The veterinarian, with the consent of the owner, has accepted responsibility for making medical judgments about the health of the horse;
- (b) The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the horse to make a preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the horse;
- (c) The veterinarian has performed an examination of the horse and is acquainted with the keeping and care of the horse;
- (d) The veterinarian is available to evaluate and oversee treatment outcomes, or has made appropriate arrangements for continuing care and treatment;

- (e) The relationship is maintained by veterinary visits as needed, and;
 - (f) The veterinary judgments of the veterinarian are independent and are not dictated by the trainer or owner of the horse.
- (2) No prescription drug may be administered except as prescribed by an attending veterinarian.
- (3) The trainer and veterinarian are both responsible to ensure compliance with these limitations on drug treatments of horses, except the medical judgment to recommend a drug treatment or to prescribe a drug is the responsibility of the veterinarian and the decision to proceed with a drug treatment that has been so recommended is the responsibility of the horse owner (who may be represented by the trainer or other agent).

C. 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 relevant commission.
- (2) 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) This subsection 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.
- (4) 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 stewards 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 stewards and/or the Commission.
- (5) 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-011-020 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 stewards.
 - (6) Any horse entered for racing must be present on the grounds 5 hours prior to the post time of the race they are entered in.
 - (7) Clenbuterol use is prohibited in racing and training unless the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The prescription for clenbuterol is made for a specific horse based upon a specific diagnosis. The prescription and volume dispensed cannot exceed a treatment period of 30 days.
 - (b) The horse's name, the specific diagnosis, dosage and duration of clenbuterol treatment must be reported by the prescribing veterinarian to the Official Veterinarian.
 - (c) This notification must be made on a form and by a deadline designated by the Commission.
 - (d) The veterinarian may be required to provide a copy of the prescription and diagnosis to the Equine Medical Director for review and approval. In such instances the horse may not receive clenbuterol before this approval is issued.
 - (e) Trainers must take daily notification to the official veterinarian of the horse(s) in their custody having been administered clenbuterol. Notification shall be made on a form and by a deadline designated by the Commission.
 - (f) A horse administered clenbuterol shall be placed on the official veterinarian's list. The horse must meet all conditions for removal from the list including a timed workout and blood and urine sampling. Both samples must have no detectable clenbuterol.
 - (g) A horse may not enter to race until it has completed all the requirements in subdivision (f).
 - (h) If clenbuterol is detected in a horse's post-race or out of competition testing sample and appropriate notification as outlined in subdivisions in 7(a) and (b) was not completed, the horse shall immediately be placed on the Official Veterinarian's List pending the outcome of the investigation. The horse shall be required to meet all the conditions for removal from the veterinarian's list outlined in subdivision (f) above.

D. Veterinarians' Reports

- (1) Every veterinarian who treats a racehorse at a facility under the jurisdiction of the Racing Authority shall submit a Veterinarian's Medication Report Form to the

official veterinarian or other Regulatory Authority designee in a manner specified by the Regulatory Authority and in an approved format which includes:

- a) The name of the horse treated;
 - b) Any medication, drug, substance, or procedure administered or prescribed;
 - c) The name of the trainer of the horse;
 - d) The date and time of treatment; and
 - e) Any other information requested by the official veterinarian.
- (2) The Veterinarian's Medication Report Form shall be signed by the practicing veterinarian, or, where reported electronically, shall be submitted by the practicing veterinarian.
- (3) The Veterinarian's Medication Report Form must be filed by the treating veterinarian not later than the time designated by the Regulatory Authority on the next race date following administration or prescription of any medication, drug, substance, or procedure.
- (4) Any such report is confidential to the extent allowed by state law. Access to a report is limited to the regulatory veterinarians and its contents shall not be disclosed except in the course of an investigation of a possible violation of these rules or in a proceeding before the Stewards or the Regulatory Authority, or to the trainer or owner of record at the time of treatment.
- (5) A timely and accurate filing of a Veterinarian's 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 rules violation.

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ARCI-011-015 Prohibited Practices

- (1) No person may possess or use a drug, substance or medication on the premises of a facility under the jurisdiction of the Commission for which
 - (a) a recognized analytical method has not been developed to detect and confirm the administration of such substance; or
 - (b) the use of which may endanger the health and welfare of the horse or endanger the safety of the rider or driver; or

- (c) the use of which may adversely affect the integrity of racing; or, (d) no generally accepted use in equine care exists.
- (2) Prohibited Substances and Methods:
- (a) The substances and methods listed in the annexed Prohibited List may not be used at any place or time, and may not be possessed on the premises of a racing or training facility under the jurisdiction of the Commission, except as a restricted therapeutic use.
 - (b) *Restricted Therapeutic Use*. A limited number of medication on the Prohibited List shall be exempted when the administration occurs in compliance with the annexed Required Conditions for Restricted Therapeutic Use:
 - (i) *Report When Sampled* means the administration of the substance must be reported to the commission when the horse is next sampled, if the horse is sampled within 24 hours after the administration;
 - (ii) *Pre-File Treatment Plan* means that if the commission where the horse is located requires the filing of treatment plans, then a treatment plan for the substance must be filed by the time of administration in a manner approved by such commission;
 - (iii) *Written Approval from Commission* means the commission has granted written approval of a written treatment plan before the administration of the substance;
 - (iv) *Emergency Use (report)* means the substance had to be administered due to an acute emergency involving the life or health of the horse, provided the emergency use is reported to the commission as soon as practicable after the treatment occurs;
 - (v) *Prescribed by Veterinarian* means the substance has been prescribed by an attending veterinarian, in compliance with ARCI 011-010 Veterinary Practices, and recorded in the veterinary records in the manner required by the commission; (vi) *Report Treatment* means the treatment must be reported to the commission by the trainer at the time of administration to provide the commission with information for the Veterinarian's List. The trainer may delegate this responsibility to the treating veterinarian, who shall make the report when so designated; and
 - (vii) *Other Limitations* means additional requirements that apply, such as a substance may be used in only fillies or mares or a horse that is administered a substance shall be reported immediately to the commission and placed on the Veterinarian's List for a specific minimum period of time.The use of the substance must comply with other applicable rules of the Commission.
 - (c) No person shall at any time administer any other doping agent to a horse except pursuant to a valid therapeutic, evidence-based treatment plan.

- (i) *Other doping agent* means a substance that is not listed in the annexed Prohibited List, has a pharmacologic potential to alter materially the performance of a horse, has no generally accepted medical use in the horse when treated, and is:
- (A) capable at any time of causing an action or effect, or both, within one or more of the blood, cardiovascular, digestive, endocrine, immune, musculoskeletal, nervous, reproductive, respiratory, or urinary mammalian body systems; including but not limited to endocrine secretions and their synthetic counterparts, masking agents, oxygen carriers, and agents that directly or indirectly affect or manipulate gene expression; but
 - (B) not a substance that is considered to have no effect on the physiology of a horse except to improve nutrition or treat or prevent infections or parasite infestations.
- (ii) The commission may publish advisory warnings that certain substances or administrations may constitute a violation of this rule.
- (iii) *Therapeutic, evidence-based treatment plan* means a planned course of treatment written and prescribed by an attending veterinarian before the horse is treated that:
- (A) describes the medical need of the horse for the treatment, the evidence-based scientific or clinical justification for using the doping agent, and a determination that recognized therapeutic alternates do not exist; and
 - (B) complies with ARCI 011-010 Veterinary Practices, meets the standards of veterinary practice of the jurisdiction, and is developed in good faith to treat a medical need of the horse.
- (iv) Such plans shall not authorize the possession of a doping agent on the premises of a racing or training facility under the jurisdiction of the commission.
- (3) The possession and/or use of the following substances or 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:
- (a) Aminoimidazole carboxamide ribonucleotide (AICAR)
 - (b) Darbepoetin
 - (c) Equine Growth Hormone
 - (d) Erythropoietin
 - (e) Hemopure ®
 - (f) *Myo*-Inositol Trispyrophosphate (ITPP)
 - (g) Oxyglobin®
 - (h) Thymosin beta
 - (i) Venoms or derivatives thereof

- (j) Thymosin beta
- (4) The use of Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy shall not be permitted unless the following conditions are met:
 - (a) Any Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy machine, whether in operating condition or not, must be registered with and approved by the Commission or its designee before such machine is brought to or possessed on any racetrack or training center within the jurisdiction of the commission;
 - (b) The use of Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy within the jurisdiction:
 - 1. shall be limited to veterinarians licensed to practice by the commission;
 - 2. may only be performed with machines that are:
 - (i) registered and approved for use by the commission; and
 - (ii) used at a previously-disclosed location that is approved by the commission
 - 3. must be reported within 24-hours prior to treatment on the prescribed form to the official veterinarian.
 - (c) Any treated horse shall not be permitted to race or breeze for a minimum of 10 days following treatment;
 - (d) Any horse treated with Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy shall be added to a list of ineligible horses. This list shall be kept in the race office and accessible to the jockeys and/or their agents during normal business hours and be made available to other regulatory jurisdictions.
 - (e) A horse that receives any such treatment without full compliance with this section and similar rules in any other jurisdiction in which the horse was treated shall be placed on the Steward's List.
 - (f) Any person participating in the use of ESWT and/or the possession of ESWT machines in violation of this rule shall be considered to have committed a Prohibited Practice and is subject to a Class A Penalty.
- (5) The use of a nasogastric tube (a tube longer than six inches) for the administration of any substance within 24 hours prior to the post time of the race in which the horse is entered is prohibited without the prior permission of the official veterinarian or his/her designee.
- (6) It is a Prohibited Practice to administer bisphosphonates to any horse under four years of age. Horses four years of age or older may only be administered bisphosphonate under the following circumstances:
 - (a) Only bisphosphonates that are FDA approved for use in the horse may be administered according to label requirements and only for diagnosed cases of navicular disease.

- (1) If a horse is older than four years of age is administered bisphosphonates the Regulatory Authority must be notified within 24 hours of the administration and the horse shall be placed on the Veterinarian's list for no less than six months after the last administration. Prior to returning to racing, the horse must work for the Official Veterinarian as required by ARCI -01130)(8)(4)
- (b) If any bisphosphonate is detected in and out of competition or post race test sample and the Regulatory Authority has not received timely notification of an administration, the detection shall be treated as the finding of an illicit substance. The horse shall be placed on the Veterinarian's List for no less than six months from the date of sampling and be required to work for the official veterinarian as described in Model Rules section ARCI 011-030(b)(4).
- (c) Prohibited practices include but are not limited to:
- (1) Racing a pregnant mare beyond the time set by the appropriate authority.
 - (2) Withholding of water pre-race to the detriment of the health, welfare or safety of the horse.
 - (3) The use of extracorporeal shock wave therapy in a manner that may desensitize any limb structures during racing or training.
 - (4) The withdrawal of blood from a horse for any purpose other than for diagnostic/laboratory testing procedures or as permitted by 2(e) below.
 - (5) The withdrawal, manipulation and re-infusion of homologous, heterologous, or autologous, blood products or blood cells into the circulatory system with the exception of those procedures performed for life-saving purposes or in the use of veterinary regenerative therapies for the treatment of musculoskeletal injury or disease.
 - (6) The use of chemical castration or immunocastration.
- (7) The application of thermocautery to the skin over the musculoskeletal structures to cause a counter-irritant effect.
- Where such an application is made, the appropriate authority may, in its discretion:
- (a) suspend, make ineligible to race or otherwise make any order in relation to the subject horse; and/or
 - (b) take any disciplinary action against the trainer and/or any other relevant person.
- (8) The application of a substance to cause vesiculation of the skin and underlying tissues.
- Where such an application is made, the Racing Authority may, in its discretion:
- (a) suspend, make ineligible to race or otherwise make any order in relation to the subject horse; and or;

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(b) take any disciplinary action against the trainer and/or any other relevant person.

Annexed Materials For ARCI-011-015

- **Annex I: Prohibited List**
- **Annex II: Restricted Therapeutic Use requirements**

Annex I

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

All substances in the categories below shall be strictly prohibited unless otherwise provided in accordance with ARCI-011-015 or ARCI025-015. Any reference to substances in this section does not alter the requirements for testing concentrations in race day samples.

Nothing in this list shall alter the requirements of post-race testing.

S0. NON-APPROVED SUBSTANCES

Any pharmacologic substance that is not approved by any governmental regulatory health authority for human or veterinary use within the jurisdiction is prohibited. This prohibition includes drugs under pre-clinical or clinical development, discontinued drugs, and designer drugs (a synthetic analog of a drug that has been altered in a manner that may reduce its detection); but does not include vitamins, herbs and supplements for nutritional purposes that do not contain any other prohibited substance, or the administration of a substance with the prior approval of the commission in a clinical trial for which an FDA or similar exemption has been obtained.

S1. ANABOLIC AGENTS

Anabolic agents are prohibited.

1. Anabolic Androgenic Steroids (AAS)

1.1. Exogenous AAS, including:

1-androstenediol (5 α -androst-1-ene-3 β ,17 β -diol);
1androstenedione (5 α - androst-1-ene-3,17-dione);
bolandiol (estr-4-ene-3 β ,17 β -diol); bolasterone;
boldenone; boldione (androsta-1,4-diene-3,17dione);
calusterone; clostebol; danazol
([1,2]oxazolo[4',5':2,3]pregna-4-en-20-
yn17aol);dehydrochlormethyltestosterone (4-
chloro17 β hydroxy-17 α -methylandrosta- 1,4-dien-3-one);
desoxymethyltestosterone (17 α -methyl-5 α -androst-2-en- 17 β -
ol); drostanolone; ethylestrenol (19-norpregna-4en17 α -ol);
fluoxymesterone; formebolone; furazabol (17 α -
methyl[1,2,5]oxadiazolo[3',4':2,3]-5 α -androst-17 β -ol);
gestrinone; 4- hydroxytestosterone
(4,17 β dihydroxyandrost-4-en-3-one); mestanolone;
mesterolone; metandienone (17 β -
hydroxy17 α methylandrosta-1,4-dien-3- one); metenolone;
methandriol; methasterone (17 β -hydroxy-2 α ,17 α - dimethyl-
5 α -androst-3-one); methyldienolone (17 β hydroxy-17 α -
methylestra-4,9-dien-3-one); methyltestosterone (17 β -
hydroxy-17 α -methyl-5 α -androst-1en3-one);
methylnortestosterone (17 β -hydroxy17 α methylestr-4-en-3-
one); methyltestosterone; metribolone (methyltrienolone,
17 β - hydroxy-17 α methylestra-4,9,11trien-3-one);
mibolone; nandrolone; 19norandrostenedione (estr-4-ene-
3,17-dione); norboletone; norclostebol; norethandrolone;
oxabolone; oxandrolone; oxymesterone; oxymetholone;
prostanazol (17 β [(tetrahydropyran-2-yl)oxy]-1'H-
pyrazolo[3,4:2,3]-
5 α - androstane); quinbolone; stanozolol; stenbolone;
1testosterone (17 β - hydroxy-5 α -androst-1-en-3-one);
tetrahydrogestrinone (17-hydroxy-18 α - homo-19-
nor17apregna-4,9,11-trien-3-one); trenbolone
(17 β hydroxyestr- 4,9,11-trien-3-one); and other substances
with a similar chemical structure or similar biological
effect(s).

1.2. Endogenous AAS or their synthetic esters when administered
exogenously:

androstenediol (androst-5-ene-3 β ,17 β -diol);
androstenedione (androst-4-ene-3,17-dione);

dihydrotestosterone (17 β -hydroxy-5 α -androstane-3-one);
prasterone (dehydroepiandrosterone, DHEA,
3 β hydroxyandrost-5-en-17-one); testosterone;
and their metabolites and isomers, including but not limited to:

5 α -androstane-3 α ,17 α -diol; 5 α -androstane-3 α ,17 β -diol;
5 α androstane-3 β ,17 α -diol; 5 α -androstane-3 β ,17 β -diol;
5 β androstane-3 α , 17 β -diol, androst-4-ene-3 α ,17 α -diol;
androst-4-ene-3 α ,17 β -diol; androst-4-ene-3 β ,17 α -diol;
androst-5-ene-3 α ,17 α -diol; androst-5-ene-3 α ,17 β -diol;
androst-5-ene-3 β ,17 α -diol; 4-androstenediol (androst-
4ene3 β ,17 β -diol); 5-androstenedione (androst-5- ene-
3,17dione); androsterone (3 β -hydroxy-5 α – androstan-17-
one); epidihydrotestosterone; epitestosterone; etiocholanolone;
7 α hydroxy-DHEA ; 7 β -hydroxy-DHEA; 7-keto-
DHEA; 19norandrosterone; 19-noretiocholanolone.

2. Other Anabolic Agents, including but not limited to:

Clenbuterol, selective androgen receptor modulators (SARMs e.g.,
andarine and ostarine), ractopamine, tibolone, zeranol,
zilpaterol.

**S2. PEPTIDE HORMONES, GROWTH FACTORS AND RELATED
SUBSTANCES**

The following substances, and other substances with similar chemical
structure or similar biological effect(s), are prohibited:

1. Erythropoietin-Receptor agonists:

1.1 Erythropoiesis-Stimulating Agents (ESAs) including, e.g.,
darbepoetin (dEPO); erythropoietins (EPO); EPO-Fc;
EPOmimetic peptides (EMP), e.g., CNTO 530 and peginesatide;
and methoxypolyethylene glycol-epoetin beta (CERA); and

1.2 Non-erythropoietic EPO-Receptor agonists, e.g., ARA-290,
asialo EPO and carbamylated EPO;

2. Hypoxia-inducible factor (HIF) stabilizers, e.g., cobalt (when found in excess of regulatory authority limits) and roxadustat (FG-4592); and HIF activators, (e.g., argon, xenon);
3. Chorionic Gonadotropin (CG) and Luteinizing Hormone (LH) and their releasing factors, in males;
4. Corticotrophins and their releasing factors;
5. Growth Hormone (GH) and its releasing factors including Growth Hormone Releasing Hormone (GHRH) and its analogues, e.g., CJC-1295, sermorelin and tesamorelin; Growth Hormone Secretagogues (GHS), e.g., ghrelin and ghrelin mimetics, e.g., anamorelin and ipamorelin; and GH-Releasing Peptides (GHRPs), e.g., alexamorelin, GHRP-6, hexarelin and pralmorelin (GHRP-2);
6. Venoms and toxins including but not limited to venoms and toxins from sources such as snails, snakes, frogs, and bees as well as their synthetic analogues such as ziconotide.
7. In addition, the following growth factors are prohibited:

Fibroblast Growth Factors (FGFs), Hepatocyte Growth Factor (HGF), Insulin-like Growth Factor-1 (IGF-1) and its analogues, Mechano Growth Factors (MGFs), Platelet-Derived Growth Factor (PDGF), Vascular-Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) and any other growth factor affecting muscle, tendon or ligament protein synthesis/degradation, vascularization, energy utilization, regenerative capacity or fiber type switching.

S3. BETA-2 AGONISTS

All beta-2 agonists, including all optical isomers (i.e. *d*- and *l*-) where relevant, are prohibited.

S4. HORMONE AND METABOLIC MODULATORS

The following are prohibited:

1. Aromatase inhibitors, including but not limited to: aminoglutethimide, anastrozole, androsta-1,4,6-triene-3,17dione (androstatrienedione), 4-androstene-3,6,17 trione (6oxo), exemestane, formestane, letrozole, testolactone;
2. Selective estrogen receptor modulators (SERMs), including but not limited to: raloxifene, tamoxifen, toremifene;
3. Other anti-estrogenic substances, including but not limited to: clomiphene, cyclofenil, fulvestrant;
4. Agents modifying myostatin function(s), including but not limited to: myostatin inhibitors;
5. Metabolic modulators:
 - 5.1. Activators of the AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK), e.g., AICAR, and Peroxisome Proliferator Activated Receptor δ (PPAR δ) agonists (e.g., GW 1516);
 - 5.2. Insulins;
 - 5.3. Trimetazidine; and
 - 5.4. Thyroxine and thyroid modulators/hormones, including but not limited to those containing T4 (tetraiodothyronine/thyroxine), T3 (triiodothyronine), or combinations thereof.

S5. DIURETICS AND OTHER MASKING AGENTS

The following diuretics and masking agents are prohibited, as are other substances with similar chemical structure or similar biological effect(s): acetazolamide, amiloride, bumetanide, canrenone, chlorthalidone, desmopressin, etacrynic acid, indapamide, metolazone, plasma expanders (e.g. glycerol; intravenous administration of albumin, dextran, hydroxyethyl starch and mannitol), probenecid, spironolactone, thiazides (e.g. bendroflumethiazide, chlorothiazide, hydrochlorothiazide), torsemide,

triamterene, and vasopressin receptor antagonists or vaptans (e.g., tolvaptan).

Furosemide and trichlormethiazide may be administered only in a manner permitted by other rules of the commission.

PROHIBITED METHODS

M1. MANIPULATION OF BLOOD AND BLOOD COMPONENTS

The following are prohibited:

1. The administration or reintroduction of any quantity of autologous, allogenic (homologous) or heterologous blood or red blood cell products of any origin into the circulatory system.
2. Artificially enhancing the uptake, transport or delivery of oxygen, including, but not limited to, perfluorochemicals, efaproxiral (RSR13) and modified hemoglobin products (e.g. hemoglobin-based blood substitutes, microencapsulated hemoglobin products), excluding supplemental oxygen.
3. Any form of intravascular manipulation of the blood or blood components by physical or chemical means.

M2. CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL MANIPULATION

Tampering, or attempting to tamper, in order to alter the integrity and validity of samples collected by the commission, is prohibited. These methods include but are not limited to urine substitution or adulteration (e.g., proteases).

M3. GENE DOPING

The following, with the potential to enhance sport performance, are prohibited:

1. The transfer of polymers of nucleic acids or nucleic acid analogues.
2. The use of normal or genetically modified hematopoietic cells.

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Annex II

Restricted Therapeutic Use Requirements

	Required Conditions for Therapeutic Use Exemption						
Prohibited Substance	Report When Sampled	Pre-file Treatment Plan	Written Approval from Commission	Emergency Use (Report)	Prescribed by Veterinarian	Veterinary Record	Other Limitations
Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone (ACTH)		X			X	X	
Albuterol		X			X	X	6-month Vet List⁴
Altrenogest					X	X	Fillies/Mares only
Autologous Conditioned Plasma (IRAP)							

Bisphosphonates (clondronate, tiludronate only; all prohibited all times)					X	X	Four years old and older only 6-month Vet list
Blood Replacements	X			X	X	X	
Boldenone		X			X	X	6-month Vet List
Clenbuterol		X			X	X	6-month Vet List⁴
Chorionic Gonadotropin		X	X₁		X	X	60-day Vet List
Furosemide	X				X	X	
Lutenizing Hormone		X	X₁		X	X	60-day Vet List
Nandrolone		X			X	X	6-month Vet List
Nucleic Polymer Transfers		X	X				

Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP)	X				X	X	
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Stanozolol		X			X	X	6-month Vet List
S0 (not FDA approved)			X ₂		X	X	
Testosterone		X			X	X	6-month Vet List
Thyroxine (T4)		X	X ₃		X	X	
Trichlormethiazide	X				X	X	
Other Diuretics	X			X	X	X	

1: The approved treatment plan must show a specific treatment of a specific individual horse for an undescended testicle condition.
2: The approved treatment plan must show: (A) the substance has a generally accepted veterinary use; (B) the treatment provides a significant health benefit for the horse; (C) there is no reasonable therapeutic alternative; and (D) the use of the substance is highly unlikely to produce any additional enhancement of performance beyond what might be anticipated by a return to the horse's normal state of health, not exceeding the level of performance of the horse prior to the onset of the horse's medical

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3: The approved treatment plan must show: (A) the thyroxine is prescribed to a specific individual horse for a specific period of time; (B) the diagnosis and basis for prescribing such drug, the dosage, and the estimated last administration date; and (C) that any container of such drug on licensed premises shall be labeled with the foregoing information and contain no more thyroxine than for the treatment of the specific individual horse, as prescribed.

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4: Vet list requirement applies to Quarter Horses only

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Version 2.1 to 3.0 ARCI 4/3/04 NAPRA 4/3/04: Amended new rule language

Version 4.3 to 4.4 ARCI Board 12/10/08: Amended Shock Wave to 10 days

Version 5.1 to 5.2 ARCI Board 7/15/12: Amended Shock Wave language

Version 5.2 to 5.3 ARCI Board 12/7/12 Amended Blood doping agents, limited uses of drugs and broadened approving agency designation, changed train to breeze in shock wave restrictions

Version 5.5 to 5.6 ARCI Board 12/9/13 Amended ARCI-011-015 (4) Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy

Version 5.5 to 5.6 ARCI Board 12/9/2013 Amended ARCI-011-015(4) Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy

Version 6.3 to 7.0 ARCI Board 12/09/2016 Amended ARCI 011-015(1) Prohibited Practices; Added ARCI-001-015(2)

Prohibited Substances and Methods, Restricted Therapeutic Use language

Version 6.3 to 7.0 ARCI Board 12/09/2016 ARCI 011-015, added annexed materials “Prohibited List” and “Restricted Therapeutic Use Requirements” table.

Version 7.0 to 8.0, ARCI Board, 4/20.2017, Amended Annex II, “Restricted Therapeutic Use Requirements,” (Added: footnote 4, re: Quarter Horses

Version 9.1 to 9.2 ARCI Board 12/13/19, Endorsed in Principal, Subsection 6 added to ban the use of bisphosphonates in horses younger than four years old, must be used to treat navicular disease only and FDA approved substances only. Can only be administered by label instructions and horses will be placed on a vet’s list for 180 days if used. Subsection 6 (c) was added to ban bloodletting and chemical castration/immunocastration and to harmonize with IFHA rules.

ARCI-011-020 Medications and Prohibited Substances

Upon a finding of a violation of these medications and prohibited substances rules, the stewards shall consider the classification level of the violation as listed in at the time of the violation in the Uniform Classification Guidelines of Foreign Substances as promulgated by the Association of Racing Commissioners International and impose penalties and disciplinary measures consistent with the recommendations contained therein. The stewards shall also consult with the official veterinarian to determine if the violation was a result of the administration of a therapeutic medication as documented in a veterinarian’s Medication Report Form received per ARCI-011-010 (C). The stewards may also consult with the laboratory director or other individuals to determine the seriousness of the laboratory finding or the medication violation Penalties for all medication and drug violations shall be investigated and reviewed on a case by case basis. Extenuating factors include, but are not limited to:

- (1) The past record of the trainer, veterinarian and owner in drug cases;
- (2) The potential of the drug(s) to influence a horse’s racing performance;
- (3) The legal availability of the drug;
- (4) Whether there is reason to believe the responsible party knew of the administration of the drug or intentionally administered the drug;
- (5) The steps taken by the trainer to safeguard the horse;
- (6) The probability of environmental contamination or inadvertent exposure due to human drug use;
- (7) The purse of the race;
- (8) Whether the drug found was one for which the horse was receiving a treatment as determined by the Medication Report Form;
- (9) Whether there was any suspicious betting pattern in the race, and;

(10) Whether the licensed trainer was acting on the advice of a licensed veterinarian. As a result of the investigation, there may be mitigating circumstances for which a lesser or no penalty is appropriate for the licensee and aggravating factors, which may increase the penalty beyond the minimum.

A. Uniform Classification Guidelines

The following outline describes the types of substances placed in each category. This list shall be publicly posted in the offices of the official veterinarian and the racing secretary.

(1) Class 1

Opiates, opium derivatives, synthetic opioids, psychoactive drugs, amphetamines, all United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Schedule I drugs and many Schedule II drugs. Also found in this class are drugs that are potent stimulants of the central nervous system. Drugs in this class have no generally accepted medical use in the racing horse and their pharmacologic potential for altering the performance of a racing horse is very high.

(2) Class 2

Drugs placed in this category have a high potential for affecting the outcome of a race. Most are not generally accepted as therapeutic agents in the racing horse. Many are products intended to alter consciousness or the psychic state of humans, and have no approved or indicated use in the horse. Some, such as injectable local anesthetics, have legitimate use in equine medicine, but should not be found in a racing horse. The following groups of drugs placed are in this class:

- (a) Opiate partial agonists, or agonist-antagonists;
- (b) Non-opiate psychotropic drugs. These drugs may have stimulant, depressant, analgesic or neuroleptic effects;
- (c) Miscellaneous drugs which might have a stimulant effect on the central nervous system (CNS);
- (d) Drugs with prominent CNS depressant action;
- (e) Antidepressant and antipsychotic drugs, with or without prominent CNS stimulatory or depressant effects;
- (f) Muscle blocking drugs that have a direct neuromuscular blocking action;
- (g) Local anesthetics that have a reasonable potential for use as nerve blocking agents (except procaine); and
- (h) Snake venoms and other biologic substances, which may be used as nerve blocking agents.

(3) Class 3

Drugs placed in this class may or may not have an accepted therapeutic use in the horse. Many are drugs that affect the cardiovascular, pulmonary and autonomic nervous systems. They all have the potential of affecting the performance of a racing horse. The following groups of drugs are placed in this class:

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- (a) Drugs affecting the autonomic nervous system that do not have prominent CNS effects, but which do have prominent cardiovascular or respiratory system effects. Bronchodilators are included in this class;
 - (b) A local anesthetic that has nerve blocking potential but also has a high potential for producing urine residue levels from a method of use not related to the anesthetic effect of the drug (procaine);
 - (c) Miscellaneous drugs with mild sedative action, such as the sleep inducing antihistamines;
 - (d) Primary vasodilating/hypotensive agents;
 - (e) Potent diuretics affecting renal function and body fluid composition; and
 - (f) Anabolic and/or androgenic steroids and other drugs
- (4) Class 4

Drugs in this category comprise primarily therapeutic medications routinely used in racing horses. These may influence performance, but generally have a more limited ability to do so. Groups of drugs assigned to this category include the following:

- (a) Non-opiate drugs that have a mild central analgesic effect;
- (b) Drugs affecting the autonomic nervous system that do not have prominent CNS, cardiovascular or respiratory effects
 - (A) Drugs used solely as topical vasoconstrictors or decongestants (B) Drugs used as gastrointestinal antispasmodics
 - (C) Drugs used to void the urinary bladder
 - (D) Drugs with a major effect on CNS vasculature or smooth muscle of visceral organs.
 - (E) Antihistamines which do not have a significant CNS depressant effect (This does not include H1 blocking agents, which are listed in Class 5);
- (c) Antihistamines that do not have a significant CNS depressant effect. This does not include H2 blocking agents, which are in Class 5.
- (d) Mineralocorticoid drugs;
- (e) Skeletal muscle relaxants;
- (f) Anti-inflammatory drugs. These drugs may reduce pain as a consequence of their anti-inflammatory action.
 - (A) Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs);
 - (B) Corticosteroids (glucocorticoids); and
 - (C) Miscellaneous anti-inflammatory agents.
- (g) Less potent diuretics;
- (h) Cardiac glycosides and antiarrhythmic agents.
 - (A) Cardiac glycosides;
 - (B) Antiarrhythmic agents (exclusive of lidocaine, bretylium and propranolol); and

- (C) Miscellaneous cardiotoxic drugs.
- (i) Topical Anesthetics--agents not available in injectable formulations; (j)
Antidiarrheal drugs;
- (k) Miscellaneous drugs.
 - (A) Expectorants with little or no other pharmacologic action;
 - (B) Stomachics; and
 - (C) Mucolytic agents.

(5) Class 5

Drugs in this category are therapeutic medications for which concentration limits have been established by the racing jurisdictions as well as certain miscellaneous agents. Included specifically are agents that have very localized actions only, such as anti-ulcer drugs and certain antiallergenic drugs. The anticoagulant drugs are also included.

B. Penalties

- (1) In issuing penalties against individuals found guilty of medication and drug violations a regulatory distinction shall be made between the detection of therapeutic medications used routinely to treat racehorses and those drugs that have no reason to be found at any concentration in the test sample on race day.
- (2) The stewards or the commission will use the penalty guidelines schedule contained in these rules as a starting place in the penalty stage of the deliberations for a rule violation for any drug listed in the *Association of Racing Commissioners International Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances*.
- (3) If a licensed veterinarian is administering or prescribing a drug not listed in the *RCI Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign*, the identity of the drug shall be forwarded to the official veterinarian to be forwarded to the Drug Testing Standards and Practices Committee of the Association of Racing Commissioners International for classification.
- (4) Any drug or metabolite thereof found to be presenting a pre- or post-race sample which is not classified in the most current *RCI Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances* shall be assumed to be a RCI Class 1 Drug and the trainer and owner shall be subject to those penalties as set forth in schedule "A" unless satisfactorily demonstrated otherwise by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium, with a penalty category assigned.
- (5) The penalty categories and their related schedules, if applicable, shall be on the following criteria:
 - (a) Whether the drug is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in the horse;

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- (b) Whether the drug is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in any species;
 - (c) Whether the drug has any legitimate therapeutic application in the equine athlete;
 - (d) Whether the drug was identified as “necessary” by the RMTC Veterinary Advisory Committee;
 - (e) Whether legitimate, recognized therapeutic alternatives exist, and; (f) The current RCI Classification of the drug.
- (6) The penalty categories “A”, “B” and “C” and their related schedules for Trainers and Owners are shown in the following tables.

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The following are recommended penalties for violations due to the presence of a drug carrying a **Category “A” penalty** and for violations of ARCI-011-015: Prohibited Practices:

LICENSED TRAINER:		
1st offense	2nd LIFETIME offense in any jurisdiction	3rd LIFETIME offense in any jurisdiction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Minimum one-year suspension absent mitigating circumstances. The presence of aggravating factors could be used to impose a maximum of a three-year suspension. <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Minimum fine of \$10,000 or 10% of total purse (greater of the two) absent mitigating circumstances. The presence of aggravating factors could be used to impose a maximum of \$25,000 or 25% of purse (greater of the two). <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ May be referred to the Commission for any further action deemed necessary by the Commission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Minimum three-year suspension absent mitigating circumstances. The presence of aggravating factors could be used to impose a maximum of license revocation with no reapplication for a three-year period. <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Minimum fine of \$25,000 or 25% of total purse (greater of the two) absent mitigating circumstances. The presence of aggravating factors could be used to impose a maximum of \$50,000 or 50% of purse (greater of the two). <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ May be referred to the Commission for any further action deemed necessary by the Commission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Minimum five-year suspension absent mitigating circumstances. The presence of aggravating factors could be used to impose a maximum of license revocation with no reapplication for a five-year period. <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Minimum fine of \$50,000 or 50% of total purse (greater of the two) absent mitigating circumstances. The presence of aggravating factors could be used to impose a maximum of \$100,000 or 100% of purse (greater of the two). <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ May be referred to the Commission for any further action deemed necessary by the Commission.
LICENSED OWNER:		
1st offense	2nd LIFETIME offense in owner’s stable in any jurisdiction	3rd LIFETIME offense in owner’s stable in any jurisdiction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Disqualification and loss of purse. <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Disqualification and loss of purse. <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Disqualification, loss of purse and \$50,000 fine. <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Horse shall be placed on the veterinarian’s list for 180 days and must pass a commission-approved examination before becoming eligible to be entered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Horse shall be placed on the veterinarian’s list for 180 days and must pass a commission-approved examination before becoming eligible to be entered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Horse shall be placed on the veterinarian’s list for 180 days and must pass a commission-approved examination before becoming eligible to be entered. <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Referral to the Commission with a recommendation of a suspension for a minimum of 90 days.
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Version 7.0 to 8.0, ARCI Board, April 2017, changed recommended veterinarian’s list time to 180 Days for 1st and 2nd offense.

The following are recommended penalties for violations due to the presence of a drug carrying **Category “B” penalty**, for the for the detection of two or more NSAIDs in a plasma/serum and/or urine sample, subject to the provisions set forth in ARCI-011020(E) and for violations of the established levels for total carbon dioxide:

LICENSED TRAINER:		
1st offense	2nd offense (365-day period) in any jurisdiction	3rd offense (365-day period) in any jurisdiction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Minimum 15-day suspension absent mitigating circumstances. The presence of aggravating factors could be used to impose a maximum of a 60-day suspension. AND ◦ Minimum fine of \$500 absent mitigating circumstances. The presence of aggravating factors could be used to impose a maximum of \$1,000. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Minimum 30-day suspension absent mitigating circumstances. The presence of aggravating factors could be used to impose a maximum of a 180-day suspension. <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Minimum fine of \$1,000 absent mitigating circumstances. The presence of aggravating factors could be used to impose a maximum of \$2,500. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Minimum 60-day suspension absent mitigating circumstances. The presence of aggravating factors could be used to impose a maximum of a one-year suspension. AND ◦ Minimum fine of \$2,500 absent mitigating circumstances. The presence of aggravating factors could be used to impose a maximum of \$5,000 or 5% of purse (greater of the two). AND ◦ May be referred to the Commission for any further action deemed necessary by the Commission.

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LICENSED OWNER:		
1st offense	2nd offense in stable (365-day period) in any jurisdiction	3rd offense in stable (365-day period) in any jurisdiction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Disqualification and loss of purse [in the absence of mitigating circumstances] * <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Horse must pass a commission-approved examination before becoming eligible to be entered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Disqualification and loss of purse [in the absence of mitigating circumstances] * <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Horse must pass a commission-approved examination before becoming eligible to be entered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Disqualification and loss of purse, and a \$5,000 fine.* <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Horse shall be placed on the veterinarian's list for 45 days and must pass a commission-approved examination before becoming eligible to be entered.

The following are recommended penalties for violations due to the presence of a drug carrying a Category “C” penalty and overages for permitted NSAIDs and furosemide: *(All concentrations are for measurements in serum or plasma.)*

LICENSED TRAINER	Furosemide (>100 ng/ml) and no furosemide when identified as administered**	Phenylbutazone (>0.3 mcg/ml) Flunxin (>5.0 ng/ml) Ketoprofen (>2.0 ng/ml) and CLASS C Violations
1 st Offense (365-day period) in any jurisdiction	Minimum of a written warning to a maximum fine of \$500	Minimum fine of \$1,000 absent mitigating circumstances

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2 nd Offense (365-day period) in any jurisdiction	Minimum of a written warning to a maximum fine of \$750	Minimum fine of \$1,500 and 15-day suspension absent mitigating circumstances
3 rd Offense (365-day period) in any jurisdiction	Minimum fine of \$500 to a maximum fine of \$1,000	Minimum fine of \$2,500 and 30-day suspension absent mitigating circumstances
LICENSED OWNER	Furosemide (>100 ng/ml) and no furosemide when identified as administered**	Phenylbutazone (>0.3 mcg/ml) Flunixin (>5.0 ng/ml) Ketoprofen (>2.0 ng/ml) AND CLASS C VIOLATIONS
1 st Offense (365-day period) in any jurisdiction	Horse may be required to pass commission-approved examination before being eligible to run.	Loss of purse [in the absence of mitigating circumstances]. Horse must pass commission-approved examination before being eligible to run
2 nd Offense (365-day period) in any jurisdiction	Horse may be required to pass commission-approved examination before being eligible to run	Loss of purse. If same horse, placed on veterinarian's list for 45 days, must pass commission-approved examination before being eligible to run
3 rd Offense (365-day period) in any jurisdiction	Disqualification and loss of purse. Horse must pass commission-approved examination before being eligible to run	Loss of purse. Minimum \$5,000 fine. If same horse, placed on veterinarian's list for 60 days, must pass commission-approved examination before being eligible to run

*If the trainer has not had more than one violation within the previous two years, the Stewards/Judges are encouraged to issue a warning in lieu of a fine provided the reported level is below 3.0 mcg/ml, absent of aggravating factors.

After a two year period, if the licensee has had no further violations, any penalty due to an overage in the 2.0 – 5.0 category will be expunged from the licensee's record for penalty purposes.

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- (7) The recommended penalty for a violation involving a drug that carries a Category “D” penalty is a written warning to the trainer and owner. Multiple violations may result in fines and/or suspensions
- (8) Any licensee of the commission, including veterinarians, found to be responsible for the improper or intentional administration of any drug resulting in a positive test may, after proper notice and hearing, be subject to the same penalties set forth for the licensed trainer.
- (9) The licensed owner, veterinarian or any other licensed party involved in a positive laboratory finding shall be notified in writing of the hearing and any resulting action. In addition their presence may be required at any and all hearings relative to the case.
- (10) Any veterinarian found to be involved in the administration of any drug carrying the penalty category of “A” shall be referred to the State Licensing Board of Veterinary Medicine for consideration of further disciplinary action and/or license revocation. This is in addition to any penalties issued by the stewards or the commission.
- (11) Any person who the stewards or the commission believe may have committed acts in violation of criminal statutes may be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Administrative action taken by the stewards or the commission in no way prohibits a prosecution for criminal acts committed, nor does a potential criminal prosecution stall administrative action by the stewards or the commission.
- (12) Procedures shall be established to ensure that a licensed trainer is not able to benefit financially during the period for which the individual has been suspended. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that horses are not transferred to licensed family members.
- (13) Multiple Medication Violations (MMV)
 - (a) A trainer who receives a penalty for a medication violation based upon a horse testing positive for a Class 1-5 medication with Penalty Class A-C, as provided in the most recent version of the ARCI Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances, or similar state regulatory guidelines, shall be assigned points as follows:

Penalty Class	Points If Controlled Therapeutic Substance	Points If Non-Controlled Substance
Class A	N/A	6
Class B	2	4
Class C	½ for first violation with an additional ½ point for	1 for first violation with an additional ½ point for each additional violation within 365 days

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	each additional violation within 365 days ⁴	
Class D	0	0

If the Stewards or Commission determine that the violation is due to environmental contamination, they may assign lesser or no points against the trainer based upon the specific facts of the case.

- (b) The points assigned to a medication violation by the Stewards or Commission ruling shall be included in the ARCI official database. The ARCI shall record points consistent with Section 13(a) including when appropriate, a designation that points have been suspended for the medication violation. Points assigned by such regulatory ruling shall reflect, in the case of multiple positive tests as described in paragraph (d), whether they constitute a single violation. The Stewards' or Commission Ruling shall be posted on the official website of the Commission and within the official database of the Association of Racing Commissioners International. If an appeal is pending, that fact shall be noted in such Ruling. No points shall be applied until a final adjudication of the enforcement of any such violation.
- (c) A trainer's cumulative points for violations in all racing jurisdictions shall be maintained by the ARCI. Once all appeals are waived or exhausted, the points shall immediately become part of the trainer's official ARCI record and shall be considered by the Commission in its determination to subject the trainer to the mandatory enhanced penalties by the Stewards or Commission as provided in this regulation.
- (d) Multiple positive tests for the same medication incurred by a trainer prior to delivery of official notice by the commission may be treated as a single violation. In the case of a positive test indicating multiple substances found in a single post-race sample, the Stewards may treat each substance found as an individual violation for which points will be assigned, depending upon the facts and circumstances of the case.

⁴ Points for NSAID violations only apply when the primary threshold of the NSAID is exceeded. Points are not to be separately assigned for a stacking violation.

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- (e) The official ARCI record shall be used to advise the Stewards or Commission of a trainer's past record of violations and cumulative points. Nothing in this administrative regulation shall be construed to confer upon a licensed trainer

the right to appeal a violation for which all remedies have been exhausted or for which the appeal time has expired as provided by applicable law.

- (f) The Stewards or Commission shall consider all points for violations in all racing jurisdictions as contained in the trainer's official ARCI record when determining whether the mandatory enhancements provided in this regulation shall be imposed.
- (g) In addition to the penalty for the underlying offense, the following enhancements shall be imposed upon a licensed trainer based upon the cumulative points contained in his/her official ARCI record:

Points	Suspension in days
5-5.5	15 to 30
6-8.5	30 to 60
9-10.5	90 to 180
11 or more	180 to 360

MMV penalties are not a substitute for the current penalty system and are intended to be an additional uniform penalty when the licensee:

- (i) Has had more than one medication violation for the relevant time period, and
- (ii) Exceeds the permissible number of points.

The Stewards and Commission shall consider aggravating and mitigating circumstances, including the trainer's prior record for medication violations, when determining the appropriate penalty for the underlying offense. The MMP is intended to be a separate and additional penalty for a pattern of violations.

- (h) The suspension periods as provided in Section 13(g) shall run consecutive to any suspension imposed for the underlying offense.

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- (i) The Stewards' or Commission Ruling shall distinguish between the penalty for the underlying offense and any enhancement based upon a Stewards or Commission review of the trainer's cumulative points and regulatory record, which may be considered an aggravating factor in a case.
- (j) Points shall expire as follows:

Penalty Classification	Time to Expire
A	3 years
B	2 years
C	1 year

In the case of a medication violation that results in a suspension, any points assessed expire on the anniversary date of the date the suspension is completed.

c. Medication Restrictions

- (1) A finding by the commission approved laboratory of a prohibited drug, chemical or other substance in a test specimen of a horse is prima facie evidence that the prohibited drug, chemical or other substance was administered to the horse and, in the case of a post-race test, was present in the horse's body while it was participating in a race. Prohibited substances include:
- (a) Drugs or medications for which no acceptable threshold concentration has been established;
 - (b) Controlled therapeutic medications in excess of established threshold concentrations or administration within the restricted time period as set forth in the ARCI Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule, Version 2.2.;
 - (c) Substances present in the horse in excess of concentrations at which such substances could occur naturally; and
 - (d) Substances foreign to a horse at concentrations that cause interference with testing procedures.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, a person may not administer or cause to be administered by any means to a horse a prohibited drug, medication, chemical or other substance, including any restricted medication pursuant to this chapter during the 24-hour period before post time for the race in which the horse is entered.

d. Medical Labeling

- (1) No person on association grounds where horses are lodged or kept, excluding licensed veterinarians, shall have in or upon association grounds which that person

occupies or has the right to occupy, or in that person's personal property or effects or vehicle in that person's care, custody or control, a drug, medication, chemical, foreign substance or other substance that is prohibited in a horse on a race day unless the product is labeled in accordance with this subsection.

- (2) All allowable medications must have a prescription label which is securely attached to the medication container and clearly ascribed to show the following:
 - (a) name, address, and telephone number of the pharmacy or veterinarian dispensing the medication;
 - (b) prescription number when dispensed by a pharmacy if required by law;
 - (c) date prescription filled;
 - (d) name of the prescribing veterinarian;
 - (e) name of the horse for whom the medication is prescribed or dispensed;
 - (f) name of the trainer or owner of the horse for whom the product was dispensed;
 - (g) dose, dosage, route of administration, and duration of treatment of the prescribed product (instructions for use);
 - (h) name, active ingredient, quantity prescribed, expiration date (if applicable), beyond use date (if applicable), and lot number (if applicable); and (i) cautionary statements (if any), and if applicable, withdrawal time.
- (3) The use of an expired medication is considered a violation of this rule.
- (4) Any medication that has a label that is missing, illegible, tampered with or altered, or in any other way does not comply with this section shall be considered a violation of these rules.
- (5) Any licensee that voluntarily surrenders any non-compliant medication shall not be considered to be in violation of the medication rules described in this section and/or ARCI-011-020(D). A surrender shall not be deemed voluntary after a licensee has been advised or it is apparent that an investigatory search has commenced.

E. Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)

- (1) The use of NSAIDs shall be governed by the following conditions:
 - (a) No NSAID may be administered at less than 48 hours to the scheduled post time of the race in which the horse is entered;
 - (b) Evidence of an NSAID administration at less than 48 hours to the scheduled post time of the race in which the horse is entered constitutes a Class C violation.
 - (c) NSAIDs included in the ARCI Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule, Version 4.1, are not to be used in a manner inconsistent with the restrictions contained therein. NSAIDs not included on the ARCI Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule, Version 4.1, are not be present in a racing horse biological sample at concentrations in excess of the laboratory's lower limit of quantification in blood or urine.

- (d) Notwithstanding the above, the presence of one of the following does not constitute a violation:
1. Phenylbutazone at a concentration of less than 0.3 micrograms per milliliter of plasma or serum;
 2. Flunixin at a concentration less than 5.0 nanograms per milliliter of plasma or serum; or
 3. Ketoprofen at a concentration less than 2.0 nanograms per milliliter of plasma or serum.
- (e) The detection of two or more NSAIDS in blood and/or urine constitutes a NSAID Stacking Violation (Penalty Class B).

F. Intra Articular Joint Injections

- (1) The use of intra articular joint injections in flat and jump racing shall be governed by the following conditions;
- (a) Treatment reporting is required pursuant to ARCI 011-010 (2)
 - (b) A treated horse shall be established as ineligible to race for a period of 14 days following an intra articular injection;
 - (i) For the purpose of the counting number of days a horse is ineligible to run following an intra articular injection is the first day.
 - (ii) The horse is eligible to race on the 15th day.

G. Corticosteroids

- (1) The detection of two or more corticosteroids in a flat or jump racing horse's post race serum/plasma and/or urine sample constitutes a stacking violation (Penalty Class B).
- (2) The detection of one or more additional NSAIDS in blood and/or urine constitutes a stacking violation in addition to the violation associated with the detection of each additional NSAID.

H. Furosemide

(1) Furosemide may be administered intravenously to a horse, which is entered to compete in a race. Except under the instructions of the official veterinarian or the racing veterinarian for the purpose of removing a horse from the Veterinarian's List or to facilitate the collection of a post-race urine sample, furosemide shall be permitted only after the official veterinarian has placed the horse on the Furosemide List. In order for a horse to be placed on the Furosemide List the following process must be followed.

- (a) After the horse's licensed trainer and licensed veterinarian determine that it would be in the horse's best interests to race with furosemide the official veterinarian or his/her designee shall be notified using the prescribed form, that the horse is to be put on the Furosemide List.
- (b) The form must be received by the official veterinarian or his/her designee by the proper time deadlines so as to ensure public notification.
- (c) A horse placed on the official Furosemide List must remain on that list unless the licensed trainer and licensed veterinarian submit a written request to remove the horse from the list. The request must be made to the official veterinarian or his/her designee, on the proper form, no later than the time of entry.

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- (d) After a horse has been removed from the Furosemide List, the horse may not be placed back on the list for a period of 60 calendar days unless it is determined to be detrimental to the welfare of the horse, in consultation with the official veterinarian. If a horse is removed from the official Furosemide List a second time in a 365-day period, the horse may not be placed back on the list for a period of 90 calendar days.
 - (e) Furosemide shall only be administered on association grounds.
 - (f) Furosemide shall be the only authorized bleeder medication
- (2) The use of furosemide shall be permitted under the following circumstances on association grounds where a detention barn is utilized:
- (a) Furosemide shall be administered by the official veterinarian, the racing veterinarian or his/her designee no less than four hours prior to post time for the race for which the horse is entered.
 - (b) Any veterinarian or vet techs participating in the administration process must be prohibited from working as private veterinarians or technicians on the race track or with participating licensees;
 - (c) A horse qualified for furosemide administration must be brought to the detention barn within time to comply with the four-hour administration requirement specified above.
 - (d) The dose administered shall not exceed 500 mg. nor be less than 150 mg.
 - (e) Furosemide shall be administered by a single, intravenous injection.
 - (f) After treatment, the horse shall be required by the Commission to remain in the detention barn in the care, custody and control of its trainer or the trainer's designated representative under association and/or Commission security supervision until called to the saddling paddock.
- (3) The use of furosemide shall be permitted under the following circumstances on association grounds where a detention barn is not utilized:
- (a) Furosemide shall be administered by the official veterinarian, the racing veterinarian or his/her designee no less than four hours prior to post time for the race for which the horse is entered.
 - (b) Any veterinarian or vet techs participating in the administration process must be prohibited from working as private veterinarians or technicians on the race track on or with participating licensees;
 - (c) The furosemide dosage administered shall not exceed 500 mg. nor be less than 150 mg.
 - (d) Furosemide shall be administered by a single, intravenous injection.
 - (e) After treatment, the horse shall be required by the Commission to remain in the proximity of its stall in the care, custody and control of its trainer or the trainer's designated representative under general association and/or Commission security surveillance until called to the saddling paddock.
- (4) Test results must show a detectable concentration of the drug in the post-race serum, plasma or urine sample.

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- (a) The specific gravity of post-race urine samples may be measured to ensure that samples are sufficiently concentrated for proper chemical analysis. The specific gravity shall not be below 1.010. If the specific gravity of the urine is found to be below 1.010 or if a urine sample is unavailable for testing, quantitation of furosemide in serum or plasma shall be performed;
 - (b) Quantitation of furosemide in serum or plasma shall be performed when the specific gravity of the corresponding urine sample is not measured or if measured below 1.010. Concentrations may not exceed 100 nanograms of furosemide per milliliter of serum or plasma.
- (5) The administering authority or association may assess a fee approved by the commission on licensed owners of treated horses to recoup the reasonable costs associated with the administration of furosemide in the manner prescribed in these rules.
- (6) The presence of furosemide in a post-race sample in a furosemide restricted contest constitutes a violation (Penalty Class B).

I. Bleeder List

- (1) The official veterinarian shall maintain a Bleeder List of all horses, which have demonstrated external evidence of exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage from one or both nostrils during or after a race or workout as observed by the official veterinarian.
- (2) Every confirmed bleeder, regardless of age, shall be placed on the Bleeder List and be ineligible to race for the following time periods:
 - (a) First incident – 14 days;
 - (b) Second incident within 365 day period – 30 days;
 - (c) Third incident within 365 day period – 180 days;
 - (d) Fourth incident within 365-day period – barred for racing lifetime.
- (3) For the purposes of counting the number of days a horse is ineligible to run, the day the horse bled externally is the first day of the recovery period.
- (4) The voluntary administration of furosemide without an external bleeding incident shall not subject the horse to the initial period of ineligibility as defined by this policy.
- (5) A horse may be removed from the Bleeder List only upon the direction of the official veterinarian, who shall certify in writing to the stewards the recommendation for removal.
- (6) A horse which has been placed on a Bleeder List in another jurisdiction pursuant to these rules shall be placed on a Bleeder List in this jurisdiction.

J. Environmental Contaminants and Substances of Human Use

- (1) Environmental contaminants are either endogenous to the horse or can arise from plants traditionally grazed or harvested as equine feed or are present in equine feed because of contamination during the cultivation, processing, treatment, storage or transportation phases.

- (2) Substances of human use and addiction may be found in the horse due to its close association with humans.
- (3) If the preponderance of evidence presented in the hearing shows that a positive test is the result of environmental contamination, including inadvertent exposure due to human drug use, or dietary intake, or is endogenous to the horse, those factors should be considered in mitigation of any disciplinary action taken against the affected trainer. Disciplinary action shall only be taken if test sample results exceed the regulatory thresholds in the most recent version of the ARCI Endogenous, Dietary, or Environmental Substances Schedule.
- (4) The identification and adoption of these uniform thresholds for certain substances shall not preclude an individual jurisdiction from maintaining thresholds for substances not on this list which predate the adoption of this regulation in such jurisdiction.

K. Androgenic-Anabolic Steroids (AAS)

- (1) No AAS shall be permitted in test samples collected from racing horses except for endogenous concentrations of the naturally occurring substances **boldenone**, **nandrolone**, and testosterone at concentrations less than the indicated thresholds.
- (2) Concentrations of these AAS shall not exceed the following free (*i.e.*, not conjugated) steroid concentrations in plasma or serum:
 - (a) Boldenone – A confirmatory threshold not greater than 25 picograms/milliliter for all horses, regardless of sex;
 - (b) Nandrolone – A confirmatory threshold not greater than 25 picograms/milliliter for fillies, mares, and geldings; males horses other than geldings shall be tested for Nandrolone in urine (see (2)(b)(B) below);
 - (c) Testosterone – A confirmatory threshold not greater than 100 picograms/milliliter for fillies, mares, and gelding.
- (3) Total concentrations of these AAS shall not exceed the following total concentrations in urine after hydrolysis of conjugates:
 - (a) Boldenone - A confirmatory threshold not greater than 1 nanogram/milliliter for fillies, mares, and geldings; a confirmatory threshold not greater than 15 nanograms/milliliter in male horses other than geldings;
 - (b) Nandrolone - A confirmatory threshold not greater than 1 nanogram/milliliter for fillies, mares, and geldings; a confirmatory threshold not greater than 45 nanograms/milliliter (as 5 α -estrane-3 β ,17 α -diol) of urine in male horses other than geldings;
 - (c) Testosterone – A confirmatory threshold of not greater than 55 nanograms/milliliter of urine in fillies and mares (unless in foal); a confirmatory threshold of not greater than 20 nanograms/milliliter in geldings
- (4) Any other AAS are prohibited in racing horses.
- (5) The sex of the horse must be identified to the laboratory on all pre-race and postrace samples designated for AAS testing.

- (6) If an anabolic steroid has been administered to a horse in order to assist in its recovery from illness or injury, that horse may be placed on the Veterinarian's List in order to monitor the concentration of the drug or metabolite in urine or blood. After the concentration has fallen below the designated threshold for the administrated AAS, the horse is eligible to be removed from the list.

Version 8.4.1 to 8.5 ARCI Board 12/03/18, amended ARCI-011-020 I.(2)(c) to 100 picograms/ml. Version 8.5 to 9.0 ARCI Board 04/04/2019, corrected language in ARCI-011-020 I (3)(c).

L. Alkalinizing Substances

The use of agents that elevate the horse's TCO₂ or Base excess level above those existing naturally in the untreated horse at normal physiological concentrations is prohibited. The following levels also apply to blood gas analysis:

- (1) The regulatory threshold for TCO₂ is 37.0 millimoles per liter of plasma/serum or a base excess level of 10.0 millimoles, and;
- (2) The decision level to be used for the regulation of TCO₂ is 37.0 millimoles per liter of plasma/serum plus the measurement uncertainty of the laboratory analyzing the sample, or a base excess level of 10.4 millimoles per liter of plasma/serum.

M. Compounded Medications on Association Grounds

- (1) The possession or use of a drug, substance, or medication on Association Grounds that has not been approved by the appropriate federal agency (e.g., the United States Food and Drug Administration in the United States) for any use in (human or animal) is forbidden without prior permission of the Commission or its designee.
- (2) It is a violation of this regulation to possess, use, or distribute a compounded medication on Association Grounds if there is an FDA approved equivalent of that substance available for purchase. A difference in available formulations or concentrations does not alleviate the need to use FDA approved products.
- (3) It is a violation of this regulation to possess, use, or distribute a compounded medication on Association Grounds made from bulk substances if an FDA approved equivalent is available for purchase.
- (4) Combining two or more substances with pharmacologic effect constitutes the development of a new drug. This may only be done in accordance with state and local laws and must contain FDA approved medications, if available.
- (5) Compounded veterinary drugs. Veterinary drugs shall be compounded in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws. Compounded medication shall be dispensed only by prescription issued by a licensed veterinarian to meet the medical needs of a specific horse and for use only in that specific horse
- (6) Labels on compounded veterinary drugs. All compounded medications must be labeled in accordance with section ARCI-011-020(D) : Medical Labeling
- (7) Possession of an improperly labeled product by any person on Association Grounds is considered a violation of this section.

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Version 9.1 to 9.2 ARCI Board 12/13/19 approved NSAIDS may not be administered less than 48 hours before a horse’s scheduled post time and violating this rule is a Class C violation.

Version 9.1 to 9.2 ARCI Board 12/13/19 banned stacking and it is a Penalty Class B. Language was altered to reflect these modifications for E (1)(a)(b)(c). Sections E(d)(1)(2)(3) were added as was E(1)(e). Section F on intra articular injections and G on corticosteroids were also added.

ARCI-011-022 Out of Competition Testing

(1) *Out-of-competition testing authorized.* The commission may at a reasonable time on any date take blood, urine or other biologic samples as authorized by commission rules from a horse to enhance the ability of the commission to enforce its medication and antidoping rules, *e.g.*, the Prohibited List pursuant to ARCI-011-015. The commission shall own such samples. This rule authorizes only the collection and testing of samples and does not independently make impermissible the administration to or presence in any horse of any drug or other substance. A race day prohibition or

restriction of a substance by a commission rule is not applicable to an out-of-competition test unless there is an attempt to race the horse in a manner that violates such rule.

(2) *Horses eligible to be tested.* Any horse that has been engaging in activities related to competing in horse racing in the jurisdiction may be tested. This includes without limitation any horses that are training outside the jurisdiction to participate in racing in the jurisdiction and all horses that are training in the jurisdiction, but excludes weanlings, yearlings and horses no longer engaged in horse racing (e.g., retired broodmares).

- (a) A horse is presumed eligible for out-of-competition testing if:
 - (i) It is on the grounds at a racetrack or training center under the jurisdiction of the commission;
 - (ii) It is under the care or control of a trainer licensed by the commission;
 - (iii) It is owned by an owner licensed by the commission;
 - (iv) It is entered or nominated to race at a premises licensed by the commission;
 - (v) It has raced within the previous 12 months at a premises licensed by the commission; or
 - (vi) It is nominated to a program based on racing in the jurisdiction, including without limitation a state thoroughbred development, breeder's award fund, or standardbred state sires stakes.
- (b) Such presumptions are conclusive in the absence of evidence that a horse is not engaged in activities related to competing in horse racing in the jurisdiction.

(3) *Selection of horses to be tested.*

- (a) Horses shall be selected for sampling by a commission Veterinarian, Executive Director, Equine Medical Director, Steward or Presiding Judge or a designee of any of the foregoing.
- (b) Horses may be selected to be tested at random, for cause, or as otherwise determined in the discretion of the commission.
- (c) Collectors shall for suspicion-less collections of samples abide by a plan that has been approved by a supervisor not in the field and identifies specific horses or provides neutral and objective criteria to follow in the field to determine which

horses to sample. Such a supervisor may consider input from persons in the field during the operation of the plan and select additional horses to be sampled.

(4) *Cooperation with the commission*

- (a) Licensees of the commission are required to cooperate and comply fully with the provisions of this rule.
- (b) Persons who apply for and are granted a trainer or owner license shall be deemed to have given their consent for access at such premises as their horse may be found for the purpose of commission representatives collecting out-of-competition samples. Licensees shall take any steps necessary to authorize access by commission representatives at such premises.
- (c) No other person shall knowingly interfere with or obstruct a sampling.

(5) *General procedure for collecting samples*

- (a) Samples shall be taken under the supervision and direction of a person who is employed or designated by the commission. All blood samples shall be collected by a veterinarian licensed in the state where the sample is collected, or by a veterinary technician who is acting under appropriate supervision of the veterinarian.
- (b) Upon request of a representative of the commission, the trainer, owner, or their specified designee shall provide the location of their horses eligible for out-of-competition testing.
- (c) The commission need not provide advance notice before arriving at any location, whether or not licensed by the commission, to collect samples.
- (d) The trainer, owner, or their specified designee shall cooperate with the person who takes samples for the commission, which cooperation shall include without limitation:
 - (i) Assist in the immediate location and identification of the horse;
 - (ii) Make the horse available as soon as practical upon arrival of the person who is responsible for collecting the samples;
 - (iii) Provide a stall or other safe location to collect the samples;
 - (iv) Assist the person who is collecting samples in properly procuring the samples; and

(v) Witness the taking of samples including sealing of sample collection containers.

(e) The management and employees of a licensed racetrack or training facility at which a horse may be located shall cooperate fully with a person who is authorized to take samples. The person who collects samples for the commission may require that the collection be done at a specified location on such premises.

(f) The commission, if requested and in its sole discretion, may permit the trainer, owner, or their specified designee to present a horse that is located in the jurisdiction, but not at a racetrack or training center licensed by the commission, to be sampled at a time and location designated by the commission.

(6) *Procedure for collecting samples from horses located outside the jurisdiction*

(a) The commission may arrange for the sampling of an out-of-state horse by the racing commission or other designated person in the jurisdiction where the horse is located. Such racing commission or other designated person shall follow the relevant provisions of this rule, including paragraph (a) of subdivision five of this rule.

(b) The test results shall be made available, for its regulatory use, to each jurisdiction that has participated in the process of collecting any out-of-competition sample, subject to any restrictions on public disclosure of test results that apply to the commission that selected the horse for sampling.

(c) The commission, if requested and in its sole discretion, may permit the trainer or owner instead to transport the horse into its jurisdiction for sampling at a time and place designated by the commission.

(7) *Additional procedures*

(a) The person who takes samples for the commission shall provide identification and disclose the purpose of the sampling to the trainer or designated attendant of the horse.

(b) A written protocol for the collection of samples shall be made generally available.

(c) An owner or trainer does not consent to a search of the premises by making a horse that is not located at a racetrack or training center available for sampling.

(d) If the trainer or other custodian of a selected horse refuses or declines to make the horse available for sampling and the managing owner has previously provided the commission with a means for the commission to give immediate notification to the managing owner in such situation, then the commission shall attempt to notify the managing owner and the eligibility of the horse shall be preserved if the managing owner is able to make the horse available for immediate sampling. The commission is not required to make repeated attempts to notify the managing owner.

(e) The chain of custody record for the sample (including a split sample where appropriate) shall be maintained and made available to the trainer, owner, or their designee when a complaint results from an out-of-competition test.

(8) *Analysis of collected samples*

(a) The commission may have out-of-competition samples tested to produce information that may enhance the ability of the commission to enforce its medication and anti-doping rules.

(b) Split sample rules and procedures for post-race testing shall apply to outofcompetition testing.

(c) The commission may use any remaining sample for research and investigation.

(9) *Penalties for non-cooperation*

(a) Willful failure to make a horse available for sampling or other willfully deceptive acts or interference in the sampling process shall carry a minimum penalty of a one year license suspension and referral to the commission in addition to any other authorized penalties.

(b) A selected horse that is not made available for out-of-competition sampling shall be placed on the Steward's List. The horse shall remain on the Steward's List for a minimum of 180 days unless the owner can establish extraordinary mitigating circumstances.

(c) A selected horse that is presumed eligible for out-of-competition testing shall be placed on the Steward's list and be ineligible to race in the jurisdiction for 180 days if the horse is not sampled because the trainer, owner or their designee asserts that the horse is not engaged in activities related to competing in horse racing in the

jurisdiction. This restriction shall not apply if the trainer, owner or their designee instead permits voluntarily an immediate collection of such samples from the horse.

(10) *Responsible Persons*

- (a) The trainer of the horse is responsible for the condition of a horse sampled for an out-of-competition test while on the grounds of a licensed training facility or racetrack.
- (b) If the horse is sampled while not on the grounds of a licensed training facility or racetrack, then the owner shall be presumed to be the responsible person unless the owner can establish, by substantial evidence, that another licensed person had accepted the responsibility for the care, custody, and control of the horse, making such person the responsible person.
- (c) If a horse sampled for an out-of-competition test was claimed, sold, or otherwise transferred during the time the substance giving rise to the positive test may have been administered, then the Commission shall investigate to determine, by a preponderance of the evidence, the identity of the responsible person at the time such substance may have been administered.
- (d) If the Commission cannot determine a responsible person, then the Commission may deem the owner responsible and may place the horse on the veterinarian's list for such time as is necessary to protect the integrity of racing.
- (e) A claimed horse is ineligible to be subjected to out-of-competition testing in the 48 hours post claim unless the horse was subjected to post race testing.

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ARCI-011-023 Testing

A. Reporting to the Test Barn

- (1) The official winning horse and any other horse ordered by the Commission and/or the stewards shall be taken to the test barn to have a blood and urine samples taken at the direction of the official veterinarian.
- (2) Random or extra testing may be required by the stewards or the Commission at any time on any horse on association grounds.
- (3) Unless otherwise directed by the stewards or the official veterinarian, a horse that is selected for testing must be taken directly to the test barn.
- (4) A track security guard shall monitor access to the test barn area during and immediately following each racing performance. All persons who wish to enter the test barn area must be a minimum of 18-years-old, be currently licensed by the

Commission, display their Commission identification badge and have a legitimate reason for being in the test barn area.

B. Sample Collection

- (1) Sample collection shall be done in accordance with the guidelines and instructions provided by the official veterinarian.
- (2) The official veterinarian shall determine a minimum sample requirement for the primary testing laboratory.
 - (a) If the specimen obtained from a horse is less than the minimum sample requirement, the entire specimen shall be sent to the primary testing laboratory.
 - (b) If a specimen obtained is greater than the minimum sample requirement but less than twice that amount, the portion of the sample that is greater than the minimum sample requirement shall be secured as the split sample.
 - (c) If a specimen obtained is greater than twice the minimum sample requirement, a portion of the sample approximately equal to the amount provided for the primary testing laboratory shall be secured as the split sample.
 - (d) Split samples collected for simultaneous determination of TCO₂ levels shall be collected and shipped in accordance with C. of this rule.
 - (e) Blood samples must be collected at consistent time, preferably not later than one hour post-race.

C. Alkalinizing Substances

- (1) Pre-race Sampling, Post-race Testing
 - (a) Blood samples for TCO₂ and base excess testing should be collected within one hour pre-race. The samples must be handled in a consistent manner and cannot be frozen.
 - (b) If a secure detention barn is available, a sample may be obtained prior to furosemide administration and the horse must be kept in the secure detention barn until race time.
 - (c) The provisions of this rule pertaining to B. Sample Collection and C. Storage and Shipment of Split Samples shall not apply to blood samples drawn for TCO₂ analysis.
 - (d) Split sample analyses of TCO₂ must be run in parallel with the official sample at the official laboratory in order to avoid delays in testing that result in lower TCO₂ values as a result of sample degradation.
 - (e) Blood samples must be processed within 120 hours and tested using standardized, reproducible, validated procedures.
- (2) Pre-race Sampling, Pre-race Testing
 - (a) The commission shall adopt standard operating procedures that include but is not limited to calibration procedures, sampling procedures, personnel and notification processes.

- (b) If a sample taken pre-race is determined to be above the thresholds stated in ARCI-011-020(J)(2) the horse shall be scratched.
- (c) Any owner, trainer or other licensed delegate of the owner or trainer who refuses or fails to permit any horse to be tested when a demand for testing has been made by an authorized commission designee shall have the applicable horse scratched.

(3) Post-race Sampling, Post-race Testing

Post-race sampling of thoroughbreds is discouraged.

D. Storage and Shipment of Split Samples

- (1) Split samples obtained in accordance with Subsection B, Numbers 2b and 2c above shall be secured and made available for further testing in accordance with the following procedures:
 - (a) A split sample shall be secured in the test barn under the same manner as the portion of the specimen acquired for shipment to a primary laboratory until such time as specimens are packed and secured for shipment to the primary laboratory. Split samples shall then be transferred to a freezer at a secure location approved by the Commission.
 - (b) A freezer for storage of split samples shall be equipped with two hasps or other devices to provide for use of two independent locks. One lock shall be the property of the Commission and one lock shall be the property of a representative of the group representing a majority of the horsemen at a race meeting. The locks shall be closed and locked so as to prevent access to the freezer at all times except as specifically provided by these rules.
 - (c) A freezer for storage of split samples shall be opened only for depositing or removing split samples, for inventory, or for checking the condition of samples.
 - (d) When a freezer used for storage of split samples is opened, it shall be attended by both a representative of the Commission and the owner, trainer or designee. A log shall be maintained that shall be used each time a split sample freezer is opened to specify each person in attendance, the purpose for opening the freezer, identification of split samples deposited or removed, the date and time the freezer was opened, and the time the freezer was closed and to verify that both locks were secured prior to and after opening of the freezer.
 - (e) Any evidence of a malfunction of a split sample freezer or samples that are not in a frozen condition during storage shall be documented in the log and immediately reported to the official veterinarian or a designated Commission representative.
- (2) Provisions for split sample testing for TCO₂ analysis shall be arranged by the trainer or designee at the time of sampling. The trainer shall be responsible for the cost of split sample testing. The trainer or designee shall make arrangements for

payment prior to or at the time of sampling. Split sample analysis of TCO₂ must be run in parallel with the official sample at the official laboratory as described in C. of this rule.

- (3) A trainer or owner of a horse having been notified that a written report from a primary laboratory states that a prohibited substance has been found in a specimen obtained pursuant to these rules may request that a split sample corresponding to the portion of the specimen tested by the primary laboratory be sent to another laboratory approved by the Commission. The request must be made in writing and delivered to the stewards not later than three (3) business days after the trainer of the horse receives written notice of the findings of the primary laboratory. Any split sample so requested must be shipped within an additional 48 hours.
- (4) The owner or trainer requesting testing of a split sample shall be responsible for the cost of shipping and testing. Failure of the owner, trainer or designee to appear at the time and place designated by the official veterinarian shall constitute a waiver of all rights to split sample testing. Prior to shipment, the Commission shall confirm the split sample laboratory's willingness to simultaneously provide the testing requested, the laboratory's willingness to send results to both the person requesting the testing and the Commission, and arrangements for payment satisfactory to the split sample laboratory. If a reference laboratory will accept split samples, that laboratory must be included among the laboratories approved for split sample testing.
- (5) Prior to opening the split sample freezer, the Commission shall provide a split sample chain of custody verification form that shall provide a place for recording the following information and such other information as the official veterinarian may require. The form shall be fully completed during the retrieval, packaging, and shipment of the split sample. The split sample chain of custody form requirements are:
 - (a) The date and time the sample is removed from the split sample freezer;
 - (b) The sample number;
 - (c) The address where the split sample is to be sent;
 - (d) The name of the carrier and the address where the sample is to be taken for shipment;
 - (e) Verification of retrieval of the split sample from the freezer;
 - (f) Verification of each specific step of the split sample packaging in accordance with the recommended procedure;
 - (g) Verification of the address of the split sample laboratory on the split sample package;
 - (h) Verification of the condition of the split sample package immediately prior to transfer of custody to the carrier; and
 - (i) The date and time custody of the sample is transferred to the carrier.

- (6) A split sample shall be removed from the split sample freezer by a Commission representative in the presence of a representative of the horsemen's association.
- (7) The owner, trainer or designee shall pack the split sample for shipment in the presence of the representative of the Commission, in accordance with the packaging procedures recommended by the Commission. A form shall be signed by both the horsemen's representative and the Commission representative to confirm the packaging of the split sample. The exterior of the package shall be secured and identified with initialed tape, evidence tape or other means to prevent tampering with the package.
- (8) The package containing the split sample shall be transported in a manner prescribed by the commission to the location where custody is transferred to the delivery carrier charged with delivery of the package to the Commission-approved laboratory selected by the owner or trainer.
- (9) The owner, trainer or designee and the Commission representative shall inspect the package containing the split sample immediately prior to transfer to the delivery carrier to verify that the package is intact and has not been tampered with.
- (10) The split sample chain of custody verification form shall be completed and signed by the representatives of the Commission and the owner or trainer. A Commission representative shall keep the original and provide a copy for the owner or trainer.

E. Frozen Samples

The commission has the authority to direct the official laboratory to retain and preserve by freezing samples for future analysis. Positive Tests arising from this analysis are subject to penalties in effect on the date of the race. The fact that purse money has been distributed prior to the issuance of a laboratory report from the future analysis of a frozen sample shall not be deemed a finding that no drug substance prohibited by these rules has been administered.

F. Laboratory Minimum Standards

Laboratories conducting either primary or split post-race sample analysis must meet at least the following minimum standards.

- (1) A testing laboratory must be accredited by an accrediting body designated by the Association of Racing Commissioners International to standards set forth and required by the Commission or the Association of Racing Commissioners International.
- (2) A testing laboratory must have, or have access to, LC/MS instrumentation for screening and/or confirmation purposes.
- (3) A testing laboratory must be able to meet minimum standards of detection, which is defined as the specific concentration at which a laboratory is expected to detect the presence of a particular drug and/or metabolite or by the adoption of a regulatory threshold.

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ARCI-011-025 Trainer Responsibility

The purpose of this subsection is to identify responsibilities of the trainer that pertain specifically to the health and well being of horses in his/her care.

- (1) The trainer is responsible for the condition of horses entered in an official workout or race and is responsible for the presence of any prohibited drug, medication or other substance, including permitted medication in excess of the maximum allowable level, in such horses. A positive test for a prohibited drug, medication or substance, including permitted medication in excess of the maximum allowable concentration, as reported by a Commission-approved laboratory, is prima facie evidence of a violation of this rule. In the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, the trainer shall be responsible.
- (2) A trainer shall prevent the administration of any drug or medication or other prohibited substance that may cause a violation of these rules.
- (3) For a horse not on association grounds at the time the drug or medication is prescribed and such medication is not prescribed by a veterinarian licensed by the commission, the trainer shall have 14 days from the time the horse enters association grounds to:
 - (a) exhaust any supply of medication validly prescribed pursuant to ARCI011010(B)(6); or
 - (b) consult with a veterinarian licensed by the Commission to review the medication(s) in his or her possession to determine:
 - i. if all medications comply with the medical labeling requirements described in ARCI-011-020(D); and
 - ii. If the medications are permitted for use in a racehorse under applicable law.
- (4) The trainer of the horse that has a medication reviewed in Subsection 3 shall sign a form approved by the Commission certifying that the required review described in Subsection 3 has been undertaken. The form shall be filed with the Commission prior to the expiration of the 14 days described in Subsection 3.
- (5) Any medication that does not comply with Subsection 3, Subsection 4, and the medical labeling requirements in ARCI-011-020(D) is considered to be in violation of these rules.
- (6) A trainer whose horse has been claimed remains responsible for any violation of rules regarding that horse's participation in the race in which the horse is claimed.
- (7) The trainer is responsible for:

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- (a) Maintaining the assigned stable area in a clean, neat and sanitary condition at all times;
 - (b) Using the services of those veterinarians licensed by the Commission to attend horses that are on association grounds;
- (8) Additionally, with respect to horses in his/her care or custody, the trainer is responsible for:
- (a) The proper identity, custody, care, health, condition and safety of horses;
 - (b) Ensuring that at the time of arrival at locations under the jurisdiction of the Commission a valid health certificate and a valid negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test certificate accompany each horse and which, where applicable, shall be filed with the racing secretary;
 - (c) Having each horse in his/her care that is racing, or is stabled on association grounds, tested for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) in accordance with the jurisdiction's law and for filing evidence of such negative test results with the racing secretary;
 - (d) Using the services of those veterinarians licensed by the Commission to attend horses that are on association grounds;
 - (e) Immediately reporting the alteration of the sex of a horse to the horse identifier and the racing secretary;
 - (f) Promptly reporting to the racing secretary and the official veterinarian when a posterior digital neurectomy (heel nerving) is performed and ensuring that such fact is designated on its certificate of registration;
 - (g) Promptly notifying the official veterinarian of any reportable disease and any unusual incidence of a communicable illness in any horse in his/her charge;
 - (h) Promptly reporting the serious injury and/or death of any horse at locations under the jurisdiction of the Commission to the stewards and the official veterinarian and compliance with the rules in this chapter governing postmortem examinations;
 - (i) Maintaining a knowledge of the medication record and status;
 - (j) Immediately reporting to the stewards and the official veterinarian knowledge or reason to believe, that there has been any administration of a prohibited medication, drug or substance;
 - (k) Ensuring the fitness to perform creditably at the distance entered;
 - (l) Ensuring that every horse he/she has entered to race is present at its assigned stall for a pre-race soundness inspection as prescribed in this chapter;
 - (m) Ensuring proper bandages, equipment and shoes;
 - (n) Presence in the paddock at least 20 minutes before post time or at a time otherwise appointed before the race in which the horse is entered;
 - (o) Personally attending in the paddock and supervising the saddling thereof, unless excused by the stewards; and

- (p) Attending the collection of a urine or blood sample or delegating a licensed employee or the owner to do so.

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ARCI-011-030 Physical Inspection of Horses

A. Assessment of Racing Condition

- (1) Every horse entered to participate in an official race shall be subjected to a veterinary inspection prior to starting in the race for which it is entered.
- (2) The inspection shall be conducted by the official veterinarian or the racing veterinarian.
- (3) The agency or the association employing the examining veterinarian(s) should provide a staffing level of not less than 2 veterinarians.
- (4) The trainer of each horse or a representative of the trainer must present the horse for inspection as required by the examining veterinarian. Horses presented for examination must have bandages removed; the legs must be clean. Prior to examination horses may not be placed in ice nor shall any device or substance be applied that impedes veterinary clinical assessment.
- (5) The assessment of a horse's racing condition shall include:
 - (a) Proper identification of each horse inspected;
 - (b) Observation of each horse in motion;
 - (c) Manual palpation and passive flexion of both forelimbs;
 - (d) Visual inspection of the entire horse and assessment of overall condition;
 - (e) Clinical observation in the paddock and saddling area, during the parade to post and at the starting gate, during the running of the race, and following the race until the horse has exited the race track; and,
 - (f) Any other inspection deemed necessary by the official veterinarian and/or the racing veterinarian.
- (6) The official veterinarian and/or the racing veterinarian shall maintain a permanent continuing health and racing soundness record of each horse inspected.
- (7) The official veterinarian and/or the racing veterinarian are authorized access to any and all horses housed on association grounds regardless of entry status.
- (8) If, prior to starting, a horse is determined to be unfit for competition, or if the veterinarian is unable to make a determination of racing soundness, the veterinarian will recommend to the Stewards the horse be scratched.
- (9) Horses scratched upon the recommendation of the official veterinarian and/or the racing veterinarian are to be placed on the Veterinarian's List.

B. Veterinarian's List

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- (1) The official veterinarian shall maintain the Veterinarian's List of all horses which are determined to be unfit to compete in a race due to illness, unsoundness, injury, infirmity, heat exhaustion, positive test or overage, administration of a medication invoking a mandatory stand down time, administration of shock-wave therapy, positive out-of-competition test, or any other assessment or determination by the regulatory veterinarian that the horse is unfit to race.
- (2) Horses so listed are ineligible to start in a race in any jurisdiction until released by an official veterinarian or racing veterinarian except when there is an unforeseen administrative issue in releasing the horse from the Veterinarian's List of another racing jurisdiction.
- (3) A horse may be released from the Veterinarian's List when a minimum of seven days has passed from the time the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List.
- (4) A horse placed on the Veterinarian's List for being unfit to compete in a race due to illness, physical distress, unsoundness, injury, infirmity, heat exhaustion, or any other assessment of determination by the regulatory veterinarian that warrants withdrawal from the race shall be released from the list only after the following has been met:
 - a. establish or demonstrate to the satisfaction of the official veterinarian or the racing veterinarian that the horse is serviceably sound and in fit physical condition to exert its best effort in a race or pass the Assessment of Racing Condition by the official veterinarian and/or the racing veterinarian,
 - b. provide a published work of a minimum of four furlongs at 0:52 for Thoroughbreds (220 yards at 13.3 seconds for Quarter Horses) observed by the official veterinarian and/or the racing veterinarian for horses that are listed as unsound or lame; other listed reasons above may be required to work at the discretion of the official veterinarian. Prior to such work, a declaration in writing must be provided by the attending veterinarian as to the fitness of the subject horse, and,
 - c. submit to a post-work biologic sample collection for laboratory confirmation for compliance with ARCI-011-020 at the expense of the current owner unless otherwise provided in the local jurisdiction. Violations of ARCI-011-020 may result in penalties consistent with ARCI-011 Equine Veterinary Practices, Health, and Medication.
- (5) A horse placed on the Veterinarian's List for Positive Test or Overage, administration of a medication invoking a mandatory stand down time, administration of shock-wave therapy, positive out-of-competition test, or any other veterinary administrative withdrawal shall be released from the list only after the following have been met:
 - a. establish or demonstrate to the satisfaction of the official veterinarian or the racing veterinarian that the horse is serviceably sound and in fit physical condition to exert its best effort in a race or it has passed the

Assessment of Racing Condition by the official veterinarian and/or the racing veterinarian, and

- b. at the discretion of the official veterinarian, it has provided a published work at a minimum of four furlongs in 0:52 (220 yards in 13.3 seconds for Quarter Horses) observed by the official veterinarian and/or the racing veterinarian and submit to a post-work biologic sample collection for laboratory confirmation for compliance with ARCI-011-020 at the expense of the current owner. Violations of ARCI-011-020 may result in penalties consistent with ARCI-011 Equine Veterinary Practices, Health, and Medication.
- (6) Horses having generated a positive finding on a biological sample collected pursuant to this section shall not be released from the vet's list until generating a negative test.

C. Postmortem Examinations

- (1) The Commission may require a postmortem examination of any horse that dies or is euthanized on association grounds.
- (2) The Commission may require a postmortem examination of any horse that dies or is euthanized at recognized training facilities within this jurisdiction.
- (3) If a postmortem examination is to be conducted, the Commission shall take possession of the horse upon death for postmortem examination. All shoes and equipment on the horse's legs shall be left on the horse.
- (4) If a postmortem examination is to be conducted, the Commission or its representative shall collect blood, urine, bodily fluids, or other biologic specimens immediately, if possible before euthanization. The Commission may submit blood, urine, bodily fluids, or other biologic specimens collected during a postmortem examination for analysis. The presence of a prohibited substance in a specimen collected during the postmortem examination may constitute a violation.
- (5) All licensees shall be required to comply with postmortem examination requirements as a condition of licensure. In proceeding with a postmortem examination the Commission or its designee shall coordinate with the owner or the owner's authorized agent to determine and address any insurance requirements.
- (6) Postmortem examinations shall be conducted according to the most recent edition of the *American Association of Equine Practitioners Guidelines for the Necropsy of Racehorses*.

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AAEP GUIDELINES FOR THE NECROPSY OF RACEHORSES

General Guidelines

The AAEP recommends that all horses that die or are euthanized at a licensed racetrack or training facility undergo a complete necropsy by a board-certified veterinary pathologist at an accredited veterinary diagnostic laboratory. Necropsy findings should be entered into The Jockey Club Equine Injury Database.

It is recommended that regular communication and interaction between the on-site regulatory veterinarian(s), practicing racetrack veterinarians, and the pathology staff at the diagnostic laboratory be established. This will enhance the necropsy process and the resultant information. It will also facilitate collaborative efforts when specific research interests are identified.

Transportation options for necropsy cases should be identified prior to need. Storage, pending transport, and transportation of the body should be managed in such a way that tissue degradation and the development of post-mortem artifacts are minimized. Care should also be taken to employ good infection control practices with respect to equine infectious and/or zoonotic disease.

If time or distance constraints preclude the transport of a deceased horse to the veterinary diagnostic laboratory, a field necropsy is recommended.

Field Necropsy

It is recommended for racetracks where field necropsy must be performed that a dedicated facility be available for performing necropsies. This facility should be located in a secluded area and be enclosed and covered for both privacy and protection from the elements. (A temperature-controlled environment is recommended in areas where extreme weather conditions may exist.) Facility design should allow an equine ambulance to drive through. The enclosure should contain a large, well-drained concrete or asphalt slab with a rough finish providing adequate traction. Ample hot and cold water supply and hose are required to clean the area. Disinfection and/or sanitization protocols should be employed following each necropsy.

Field necropsy requires advance communication with carcass removal companies to determine requirements to insure that necropsied remains can be removed. Carcass removal and disposal should be performed by a licensed animal disposal company and in compliance with local, state, and federal regulations.

Regulatory veterinarians are encouraged to seek guidance from veterinary pathologists to establish field necropsy protocols. Minimum standards for field necropsy are as follows:

For appendicular injuries, the affected limb at the site of the injury should undergo gross dissection (+/- diagnostic imaging, toxicology, histopathology) and appropriate documentation of findings (written description and photography). The necropsy report should include identification of the affected anatomical structure(s) including a description of gross lesions found in bones, joints, ligaments, tendons, skin and blood vessels.

For non-appendicular conditions, reasonable effort should be made to determine and document the cause of death. For sudden death occurring during or immediately after a race, the cardiovascular and respiratory systems warrant as comprehensive an examination as is possible.

Race-related Fatalities

For race-related fatalities, a ‘best practice’ inquest protocol is recommended that incorporates ante-mortem information (examples include: interviews with personnel relevant to the horse and/or the incident, exercise history, race replay video, medical history) and post-mortem findings.

Ante- or immediately post-mortem blood samples (and urine, when available) should be collected, maintained under chain of custody protocols, and submitted to the official racing laboratory.

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