

**THE JOCKEY CLUB  
THOROUGHBRED SAFETY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION  
August 10, 2014**

**Recommendation: Continuing Education: Advanced Horsemanship Program**

With the intent of enhancing equine welfare through the improvement of horse handling and overall horsemanship skills, the Thoroughbred Safety Committee calls for:

“The immediate adoption by all North American racing authorities of the Association of Racing Commissioners (ARCI) International Model Rule on Trainer Eligibility subsection (4), which states beginning no later than January 31, 2012, in order to maintain a current license, trainers must complete at least four (4) hours per calendar year of continuing education courses approved by the ARCI or the commission in that jurisdiction.”

The need to improve horsemanship skills has been identified at the Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit. The committee commends and recognizes two jurisdictions that currently have trainer continuing education rules: the Indiana Horse Racing Commission and the Colorado Division of Racing Events.

To further the Continuing Education: Advanced Horsemanship Program, the Thoroughbred Safety Committee, will contribute to the development of a free online resource to provide educational resources and information from the Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit.

It is the intent of the Thoroughbred Safety Committee for this resource to continue to accumulate an inventory of educational content sufficient to support Continuing Education: Advanced Horsemanship Programs for all U.S. racing jurisdictions.