

**THE JOCKEY CLUB
THOROUGHBRED SAFETY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION
August 12, 2012**

Recommendation: Protocol for Investigating and Reporting Fatalities Occurring On-Track

In an effort to target improvements to a racetrack's safety and injury mitigation programs, the Thoroughbred Safety Committee calls for:

“All racing regulatory authorities and the Association of Racing Commissioners International to develop and implement a rule calling for a Stewards investigation of the circumstances and parties associated with all fatalities of horses occurring during the conduct of a race. Conclusions and findings from the investigation should be made available to participants including racetracks, trainers and jockeys to encourage improvement to procedures and, safety and injury mitigation plans. Racing regulatory authorities are further encouraged to the extent permitted under controlling law to make results of investigations available to the public.”

To maximize the contribution of post-racing fatality investigations on the improvement of safety and injury mitigation planning, the Committee further requests the rule require the Stewards production of a formal report delivered at the Commission meeting after consideration of the following elements:

- Official Chart of race
- Past Performances
- Location of injury (track)
- Location of injury (horse)
- Description of injury
- Statement from jockey
- Statement from trainer
- Statement from other parties (jockey, outrider, starter, etc.)
- Attending Veterinarian
- Veterinary Records and medication history of horse for prior three (3) months
- Necropsy or Post-Mortem Reports if available

The Committee further calls for racing regulatory authorities to consider penalties as appropriate and further take such conclusions and findings into consideration during license renewal.