

**THE JOCKEY CLUB
THOROUGHBRED SAFETY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION
August 11, 2013**

Recommendation: Selection and Testing Policy

As first concluded in the 1991 McKinsey & Company report, *Building a World-Class Drug Detection System for the Racing Industry*, an alternative system for selecting horses for post-competition sample collection may produce more efficient and effective results as compared to more traditional means.

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) recently adopted selection and testing criteria based upon the 1991 report. Since adopting these new methods, the KHRC has reported savings exceeding 16% of historical costs. The KHRC also reports the majority of positive findings originated from samples collected using intelligence-based selection criteria rather than rote testing of only the winner.

The Thoroughbred Safety Committee calls for:

“The Association of Racing Commissioners International and all North American Racing Regulatory Authorities develop and adopt a new model rule and criteria for selecting horses for sampling that includes observation and/or analysis of trends in racing performances, workouts or other intelligence-based inputs as described in the 1991 report from McKinsey & Company, *Building a World-Class Drug Detection System for the Racing Industry*.”

Improvements in testing efficiency, effectiveness and cost structures afforded through new test selection methods potentially allow redeployment of savings towards new initiatives aimed at improving the health, safety and welfare of the athletes, and the integrity of the sport.