

**THE JOCKEY CLUB
THOROUGHBRED SAFETY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION
August 14, 2016**

Recommendation: National Uniform Veterinarian's List

Based upon testimony provided by regulatory officials and analyses of starts data of horses while appearing on veterinarian's lists in other jurisdictions, The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Safety Committee calls for:

“The Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) Model Rules Committee amends, and all regulatory authorities immediately adopt, ARCI Rules 011-030, 010-030 and 010-015 as follow to better manage and mutually enforce rest periods of horses featured on any official veterinarian's list. The new protocol will promote collaboration among racing officials in different jurisdictions to ensure issues causing a horse to be placed on the veterinarian's list have been fully resolved before the horse returns to competition. The new protocol would provide regulatory officials adequate latitude to distinguish horses observed as unsound and/or infirmed from horses that are the subject of a regulatory action related to drug testing and enforcement or reported therapeutic treatments. Horses would be required to pass a physical inspection by a regulatory veterinarian and successfully complete a timed workout with post workout sample(s) subjected to post-race drug testing. Violations would be subjected to penalties meted for violations of post-race testing.

ARCI-011-030 Physical Inspection of Horses

B. Veterinarian's List

- (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, physical distress, unsoundness, injury, infirmity, heat exhaustion, regulatory finding certified by the laboratory for a Prohibited Substance or Controlled Therapeutic Medication, 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 or train.
- (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 removing the horse from the Veterinarian's List of another racing jurisdiction.

- (3) A horse may be removed from the Veterinarian's List when, a minimum of seven days has passed from time the horse was placed on Veterinarian's List.
- (4) A horse placed on the Veterinarian's List for unfit to compete in a race due to illness, physical distress, unsoundness, injury, infirmity, heat exhaustion, or any other assessment or determination by the regulatory veterinarian that warrants withdrawal from the race shall be removed 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 at a minimum distance and time 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,
 - 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. Violations of ARCI-011-020 shall result in penalties consistent with ARCI-011 Equine Veterinary Practices, Health and Medication.
- (5) A horse placed on the Veterinarian's List for A regulatory finding certified by the laboratory for a Prohibited Substance or Controlled Therapeutic Medication , 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 removed 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 and
 - b. at the discretion of the official veterinarian, provide a published work at a minimum distance and time 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 shall result in penalties consistent with ARCI-011 Equine Veterinary Practices, Health and Medication.

ARCI-010-030 Horses Ineligible

A horse is ineligible to start in a race when:

- (9) its name appears on the Starter's List, Stewards' List or Veterinarian's List – except when an unforeseen administrative issue in removing the horse from the Veterinarian's List of another racing jurisdiction;

ARCI-010-015 Declarations And Scratches

Declarations and scratches are irrevocable.

- (6) Entry of any horse which has been scratched, or excused from starting by the stewards, because of a physical disability or sickness shall not be accepted until the expiration of seven racing days after such horse was scratched or excused and the horse has been removed from the Veterinarian's List by the official veterinarian.