

**THE JOCKEY CLUB
THOROUGHBRED SAFETY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION
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Recommendation: Racing Integrity Hotline

To enhance the health and safety of the athletes, both human and equine, and to improve the integrity of the sport, the Thoroughbred Safety Committee urges all industry stakeholders and participants to vigilantly monitor and report incidents of illegal behavior, including physical contact with horses that have been entered to race, to the appropriate authorities.

A whistleblower policy enabling any individual to report an activity that he/she considers to be illegal is a critical element in maintaining the integrity of a sport. To increase awareness of the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau's (TRPB) racing integrity hotline among industry participants and stakeholders, and to facilitate the sharing of information by security personnel and racing investigators, the Thoroughbred Safety Committee recommends:

“All industry participants and stakeholders should vigilantly report all illegal activity, including physical contact with horses who have been entered to race, to the appropriate authorities. Those individuals preferring to report anonymously should avail themselves of the TRPB's integrity hotline or online resources. Availability of the racing integrity hotline and online resources should be aggressively promoted by all North American racing authorities, track security personal and local law enforcement agents involved in the investigation of racing activities.”

Additionally all North American security personnel should participate as active members in the Organization of Racing Investigators (ORI) and contribute information on a regular basis to the facilitated information data-sharing platform provided via the ORI website www.racinginvestigators.org/.

Further, the Committee encourages all North American race tracks to seek National Thoroughbred Racing Association Safety and Integrity Alliance accreditation. Among the requirements is a security assessment and the adoption of training guidelines from the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium. The guidelines recommend the use of “in today” signs to easily identify and restrict contact with all horses entered to race, the administration of race day furosemide by independent veterinarians, and the use of earned surveillance for licensees who repeatedly receive medication violations.

While the Thoroughbred Safety Committee recognizes recent progress of the National Uniform Medication Program, it also believes that improved security measures are equally important to ensure a level playing field for all industry stakeholders and participants.