

**THE JOCKEY CLUB
THOROUGHBRED SAFETY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION
AUGUST 13, 2017**

Recommendation: Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) Regulations

Although rule changes have been implemented to prevent NSAIDs from compromising pre-race inspections, regulatory veterinarians continue to express concern that these medications are still affecting horses presented for pre-race inspections.

For this reason, the Thoroughbred Safety Committee hereby calls for:

“The Association of Racing Commissioners International to amend the Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule for Horses for the three approved NSAIDs (Flunixin, Ketoprofen, and Phenylbutazone) to be administered at least 48-hours before post time and for all North American racing authorities to immediately adopt regulatory thresholds consistent with an administration of at least 48-hours before post time for the three approved NSAIDs.”

Further, the 48-hour pre-race administration is supported by the American Association of Equine Practitioners [“Prescription for Racing Reform: A 10-Point Plan for Action.”](#)