

**THE JOCKEY CLUB  
THOROUGHBRED SAFETY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION  
August 9, 2015**

**Recommendation: Horses Working and Testing off the Veterinarian's List**

Based on testimony provided by regulatory officials, results of a survey conducted with regulatory veterinarians, and the results of statistical analyses of data contained in the Equine Injury Database demonstrating an increased risk of racing-related injury for horses that have previously featured on official veterinarian lists, The Jockey Club's Thoroughbred Safety Committee calls for:

“All North American racing associations and regulatory authorities to require all Thoroughbreds featured on any official veterinarian lists for soundness, illness, physical distress, infirmity or any other medical reason to demonstrate fitness to return to competition via satisfactory workout observed by appropriate regulatory officials including clearance of post-workout biological samples at the owner's expense pursuant to the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule for Horses – Version 2.2 Revised April 2015. Moreover, any violations should result in penalties commensurate with post-race drug testing including ineligibility to return to competition until satisfactory observed workouts and drug tests are obtained. Prior to the observed workout of any horse placed on the official veterinarian list for unsoundness, a copy of the medical record from the horse's attending veterinarian that includes the results of a lameness exam and any imaging of the affected site, the diagnosis and the treatment undertaken after the observed unsoundness must be provided to the regulatory veterinarian.”

Racing associations, regulatory authorities, industry organizations and related trade associations should amend all relevant regulations, code of standards and house rules to condition return to competition upon satisfactory results of drug tests on post-workout biological samples.

The Thoroughbred Safety Committee recommends the following amendments to ARCI Model Rule 011-030:

(3) Horses working to be released from the Veterinarian's List are to be in compliance with ARCI-~~00~~011-020 and are to be subjected to post-work biologic sample collection for laboratory confirmation or compliance. Violations shall result in penalties consistent with ARCI-011, inclusive.

The Thoroughbred Safety Committee further recommends the following amendments to the National Thoroughbred Racing Association Safety and Integrity Alliance Code of Standards: 1. Injury and Fatality Reporting:

(E) Veterinarian's List:

**Draft for discussion**

Members must adhere to ARCI model rules, which state that a horse may be removed from the Veterinarians' List when, in the opinion of the Official Veterinarian, (1) the condition which caused the horse to be placed on the Veterinarians' List is resolved; ~~and~~ (2) the horse's status is returned to that of racing soundness, and (3) post-workout drug testing of biological samples confirm compliance with ARCI-011-020 subject to penalties for non-compliance pursuant to ARCI-011, inclusive.