

ARCI-025-030 Physical Inspection of Horses

A. Assessment of Racing Condition

- (1) Every horse entered to participate in an official race shall be subjected to a veterinary inspection prior to starting in the race for which it is entered.
- (2) The inspection shall be conducted by the official veterinarian or the racing veterinarian, or if necessary the association veterinarian.
- ~~(3) The trainer of each horse or a representative of the trainer must present the horse for inspection as required by the examining veterinarian.~~
- ~~(4)(3) The assessment of a horse's racing condition shall be based on the recommendations of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and shall include:~~
 - (a) Proper identification of each horse inspected;
 - (b) Clinical Observation of each horse in motion during a warm-up mile, during the post parade, during the running of the race, and following the race until the horse has exited the race track;
 - (c) Visual inspection of the entire horse and assessment of overall condition; and,
 - ~~(e) Manual palpation when indicated;~~
 - (d) Close observation in the paddock and saddling area, during the parade to post and at the starting gate; and
 - (e) Any other inspection deemed necessary by the official veterinarian and/or the racing veterinarian including but not limited to manual palpation and/or manipulation of the limbs.
- ~~(5) Every horse shall be observed by the racing veterinarian during and after the race~~
- ~~(6)(4) The official veterinarian and/or the racing veterinarian shall maintain a permanent, continuing health and racing soundness record of each horse inspected.~~
- (5) The official veterinarian and/or the racing veterinarian are authorized access to any and all horses housed on the association grounds regardless of entry status.
- (6) If, prior to starting, a horse is determined to be unfit for competition, the veterinarian will recommend to the stewards the horse be scratched.
- (7) Horses scratched upon the recommendation of the official veterinarian and/or the racing veterinarian are to be placed on the Veterinarians' List
- ~~(7) The examining veterinarian shall inspect all of the horses in a race prior to their starting and after the finish of a race shall observe the horses upon their leaving the track.~~

B. Veterinarian's List

- (1) The official veterinarian shall maintain the Veterinarians' List of all horses which are determined to be unfit to compete in a race due to illness, physical distress, unsoundness, infirmity or any other medical condition. Horses so listed are ineligible to enter to race in any jurisdiction until released by an official veterinarian or racing veterinarian.

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- (2) A horse may be removed from the Veterinarian's List when, in the opinion of the official veterinarian, ~~the horse has satisfactorily recovered the capability of competing in a race~~ the condition which resulted in the horse's placement on the Veterinarians' List is resolved and the horse's status is returned to racing soundness.
- (3) Horses participating in a qualifying race or working to be released from the Veterinarians' List are to be in compliance with ARCI-025-020 and are to be subjected to post-exercise biologic sample collection for laboratory confirmation of compliance.
- (4) Horses may be released from the Veterinarians' List only by authorization of an official veterinarian or the racing regulatory veterinarian.
- (5) Horses having generated of a "positive" post-race test for a RCI Class I, II, III or IV substance shall be required to generate a negative test at the expense of the current owner prior to being entered for the first start following the positive test.

C. Postmortem Examination

- (1) The Commission may conduct a postmortem examination of any horse that is injured in this jurisdiction while in training or in competition and that subsequently expires or is destroyed. In proceeding with a postmortem examination the Commission or its designee shall coordinate with the trainer and/or owner to determine and address any insurance requirements.
- (2) The Commission may conduct a postmortem examination of any horse that expires while housed on association grounds or at recognized training facilities within this jurisdiction. Trainers and owners shall be required to comply with such action as a condition of licensure.
- (3) The Commission may take possession of the horse upon death for postmortem examination. The Commission may submit blood, urine, other bodily fluid specimens or other tissue specimens collected during a postmortem examination for analysis. Upon completion of the postmortem examination, the carcass may be returned to the owner or disposed of at the owner's option.
- (4) The presence of a prohibited substance in a specimen collected during the postmortem examination may constitute a violation.
- (5) The cost of Commission-ordered postmortem examinations, testing and disposal shall be borne by the Commission.

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