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INDIANA ADOPTS RCI MEDICATION & MUL- TIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATION RULES

At its April 30, 2014 public meeting, the Indiana Horse Racing Commission ("IHRC") unanimously voted (5-0) to approve the Association of Racing Commissioners ("RCI") national uniform medication rules and multiple medication violation penalties. The newly approved rules apply equally between all breeds and become effective beginning with the racing programs on May 15, 2014.

Horsemen should be aware that the new threshold levels will result in some medications having longer suggested withdrawal times than they currently do. This is especially true for a drug such as clenbuterol; its suggested withdrawal time changes from 5 days to 14 days. It is vital that horsemen and veterinarians be especially mindful of this, and treat their horses accordingly. Prior to the May 15th implementation date horsemen are urged to adhere to the longest published withdrawal time for each medication in order to avoid a positive test. Additional information regarding medication withdrawal times will be posted on the IHRC's website at www.in.gov/hrc.

Questions may be directed to Dr. Angela Demaree, IHRC Equine Medical Director, at ademaree@hrc.IN.gov or at (317) 233-3119.



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"We applaud the state of Indiana and the Indiana Horse Racing Commission for joining the growing number of states that have adopted these important reforms in their entirety," said Alex Waldrop, president and chief executive officer of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and chairman of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium. "Along with the recent RMTC accreditation of three national testing laboratories, this represents another important step toward our goal of national adoption and implementation of uniform rules, penalties, and testing standards."

Read more on BloodHorse.com: <http://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/articles/84785/indiana-adopts-model-rules-group-has-doubts#ixzz329ccpMhu>

"Horsemen across the country want just one thing, a level playing field, and that's what uniform medication is all about," Florida HBPA executive director Kent Stirling, who also serves as chairman of the National HBPA Medication Committee, said April 11. "Florida is 100% on board with that goal, and we'll continue with an open and frank dialogue with the RCI, The Jockey Club, and the RMTC as we move forward united toward that common end."

Read more on BloodHorse.com: <http://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/articles/84346/national-hbpa-endorses-changes-in-drug-rules#ixzz32BN3PHL8>

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INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO: WHERE HORSEMEN ARE TOP PRIORITY

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Interstate 74 in Indiana is dotted with ex-its to many rural farming towns. Tucked away just 26 miles from the heart of Indianapolis sits Shelbyville, Indiana. It is a quiet town known for its Hoosier hospitality, but right off the exit stands a Las Vegas-style casino called, Indiana Grand Racing & Casino, formerly known as Indiana Downs. Distant from the excitement of the more than 2,000 slot machines is a new state-of-the-art Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing track.



In 2002, the Indiana Grand Racing & Casino track opened to guests and quickly developed a loyal following of Indiana horse racing fans. In 2013 the facility was purchased by Centaur Corporation. This year the track has undergone a major overhaul. Today, third generation horse- man, John Jamison serves as track superintendent at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino. Mr. Jamison is a season veteran with experience from across the United States including popular horseman states like Texas and New Mexico.

With the adoption of the “one track/one breed” program in Indiana last year, all Indiana Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing now takes place, exclusively, at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino. Prior to 2013, the track at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino was used for Standardbred racing for part of the racing season. As such, modifications, mid-season were needed to change the configuration of the track. With the one track/one breed program in place, all Standardbred racing is now conducted exclusively at Hoosier Park, Indiana’s other racing facility located in Anderson, Indiana.

Immediately following the conclusion of the 2013 racing season, Centaur Corporation began removal of the existing track and the construction of a new state of the art track. To assure excellence, Centaur and Indiana Grand Racing & Casino retained two of the best track experts in the business to work alongside Mr. Jamison. Those experts and consultants are Butch Lehr and Mick Peterson. Butch Lehr was track superintendent at Churchill Downs for more than 40 years and came to oversee the track project. With regard to the new track at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino, Mr. Lehr stated: “We tried to implement some of the best things we used to do at Churchill.”

Also employed to assist as a consultant was Mick Peterson. Mr. Jamison described Mick Peterson as: “One of the foremost experts in racetracks and racetrack safety.” Peterson is a professor at the University of Maine and has been a consultant to major racetracks for years. Mr. Jamison, himself an expert in this field, was impressed at the overall process and the attention to detail demanded by both the consulting experts. Mr. Jamison stated: “We had Dr. Mick Peterson conduct a complete radar scan, which is kind of like an ultrasound on the ground beneath the racetrack.” In all of Mr. Jamison’s experiences and for

every place he has ever been, he has never seen a racetrack be so conscientious and safety minded. When asked about the overall project, Mr. Jamison stated: “With most racetracks, if you have a casino, they are about the casino, because that’s the money angle, but that’s not the case here. They have done more for the horseman than I have ever seen at any racetrack in the nation ever do, which is very abnormal.”

In November of last year construction crews began excavating the existing track and worked until the ground became frozen. Work was scheduled to commence again at the end of the winter, a time Messrs. Jamison, Lehr and Peterson, as well as track employees and all of us in the Hoosier State thought might never arrive. Jamison explained that the ground had to thaw because: “You have to let the ground thoroughly defrost before you start to work it because if it is frozen and holding water someplace, then that area after it thaws is going to be coarser because you put a lot of material on top of it and it was wet to begin with.” After the existing track material had been excavated and removed, the “new track” had to be constructed and installed. Drainage, bedding and surface material were the subject of extensive review and consideration. The surface of the new track required the correct “blend of soils” and that is exactly what has been selected and installed. Consideration was given to particle size and shape and even to how the material would stack upon itself. On this subject, Mr. Jamison stated: “You want the track so that you don’t hear the horses go by. You don’t want to hear when they’re thud, thud, thudding on the ground. You want the track to where they are kind of floating over the top of the racetrack.”

In addition to the surface material, experts Jamison, Lehr and Peterson considered the extreme weather conditions found and experienced over the course of a race season in Shelbyville, Indiana. Early race dates often see temperatures in the 30’s and, occasionally, even light snow. Later dates for Indiana horse racing can experience temperatures of nearly 100 degrees Fahrenheit. As such, materials with expansion and contraction properties were selected. This point and concern was one addressed by Butch Lehr based on his extensive experience and more than 40 years of overseeing the racetrack at Churchill Downs. Mr. Lehr said of the effect of the efforts and planning and installing Indiana Grand Racing & Casino new track: “I’m just trying to lend them anything I might have used during my time at Churchill to try to help out with some of the things that they are doing here.” He did so, as did Messrs. Peterson and Jamison and the track at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino has a track that is truly state of the art.

In many cases, the combination of big business and racinos have resulted in the footnoting of the racing and the highlighting of the casino. Indiana horsemen and those that have chosen to engage in the Indiana Bred Program as well as those who come to the Hoosier State to race their Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds are fortunate that Indiana Grand Racing & Casino new owner, Centaur Corporation, has elected to pursue a level of excellence for both. This excellence will be apparent at the 2014 Indiana Grand Racing & Casino meet and for years to come. The new track is superb and, perhaps, Mr. Lehr summarized it best when he said: “These people are passionate people and want to do and have the very best facility and I think that is why I am so impressed with Indiana Grand Racing & Casino.”



2014 INDIANA BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

2 Year Olds

Date	Race	Distance	Purse	Sex
October 1, 2014	The Indiana Stallion Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	F
October 1, 2014	The Crown Ambassador (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	
October 1, 2014	The Hillsdale Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	
October 1, 2014	The City Of Anderson	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	F
November 1, 2014	The Indiana Futurity	1 mile 70 yds.	\$85,000 added	
November 1, 2014	The Miss Indiana Stales	1 mile 70 yds.	\$85,000 added	F

3 Year Olds

Date	Race	Distance	Purse	Sex
June 4, 2014	The Swifty Sired Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	F
June 4, 2014	The Sagamore Sired Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	
July 9, 2014	The Ellen's Lucky Star Stakes	1 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	F
July 9, 2014	The Snack Stakes	1 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	
August 6, 2014	The Indiana First Lady Stakes	1 Mile 70 Yds.	\$150,000 guaranteed	F
August 6, 2014	The Governor's Stakes	1 Mile 70 Yds.	\$150,000 guaranteed	
October 4, 2014	Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	
October 4, 2014	Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	F

3 Year Olds & Up

Date	Race	Distance	Purse	Sex
June 25, 2014	The Shelby County Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	F/M
June 25, 2014	The William Henry Harrison Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	
Aug. 6, 2014	The Florence Henderson Stakes	1 1/16 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	F/M
Aug. 6, 2014	The A.J. Foyt Stakes	1 1/16 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	
Sep. 10, 2014	The Merrillville Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	F/M
Sep. 10, 2014	The Brickyard Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	
Oct. 4, 2014	The Richmond Stakes (*S)	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	F/M
Oct. 4, 2014	The Gus Grissom Stakes (*S)	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	
Nov. 1, 2014	The Frances Slocum Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$150,000 guaranteed	F/M
Nov. 1, 2014	The Too Much Coffee Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$150,000 guaranteed	

(*S) denotes this is for Sired Horses. (T) denotes this is a Turf Race. F denotes for fillies only. F/M denotes for Fillies and Mares.