



Fair Competition and Drug Control

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IFHA ANTIDOPING AND WELFARE POLICIES

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IFHA ANTIDOPING AND WELFARE POLICIES

Two aspects of antidoping policy :

1. Control of medications

- **International Screening Limits** (25) *(can be found on IFHA Website)*
International screening Limits are instructions given to laboratories by racing jurisdictions for reporting positive cases of therapeutic substances.
- **Detection Times**
Detection Times are advice given to veterinarians to guide their clients before resuming racing after administration of therapeutic substances



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Two aspects of antidoping policy :

2. Detection of doping agents and prohibited practices :

- Sampling programme in and out of competition at any time by all methods at the lowest possible level **during the racing career of the horse**
- Biological integrity of the horse
Ex : Genetic manipulations



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- For National racing Authorities this programme **must** include:
 - Organization of pre-race , post race and **out of competition testing**. (urine, blood, hair, etc.).
 - Funding, where necessary, of the development of new analytical lines in order to detect these molecules at **the lowest possible level**.



AMENDMENT TO IABRW



Enforcement in their Rules of Racing of provisions of Article 6 (A, B, C, D and E)

- **Total ban on raceday medication.**
- **Records of treatments and procedures** – a complete record of all veterinary procedures and treatments must be maintained and made available for inspection.
- **Career of horse defined** – from the commencement of training to final retirement from racing.
- **Out-of-competition testing** – racing authorities to test for prohibited substances throughout the career of a horse.
- **Traceability**
 - Trainers to notify racing authority of horses in training and location thereof and owners to inform racing authority of location of horses out of training.
 - Where traceability cannot be guaranteed, horse not to be **permitted** to be entered in a race until after a minimum period of 6 months in training.



AMENDMENT TO IABRW - continued



Substances prohibited at any time in the career of a horse :

- Anabolic agents
- Beta-2 agonists unless prescribed by veterinarians as a bronchodilator at appropriate dose
- Peptide hormones, growth factors and metabolic modulators



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- For Laboratories:
 - the objective of the IFHA is to launch, manage and maintain a **proficiency and quality control scheme** and establish a list of compliant laboratories;
 - **Financial support** for such a scheme will be conjointly provided by the IFHA and National Racing Authorities;
 - the scheme will be targeted at **specified doping agents** and, in the first instance, the international races should be controlled only by such laboratories;
 - the **laboratory certification** will be an ongoing process;
 - the IFHA will **create a task force** to work with the AORC and the laboratories to establish mechanisms by which this is accomplished.



The IFHA Welfare Committee



- Created in 2010, it has built the basement : the fundamental principles have been placed at the head of the International Agreement.
- The Welfare Committee has done a lot of works :
 - the use of the whip,
 - the life of the horses at the end of their racing career,
 - the 2 years-old training, the transport or the risk of injuries ...

This work on the principles of the horse protection was essential, but it must be now extended through practical measures.



The IFHA Welfare Committee



- Reminding the fundamental principles controlling on racing day isn't enough: we must enforce a **daily fair attitude in keeping, housing, feeding, nursing and training horses.**
- The time used for the out of training testing must be the occasion for controlling the life conditions of racehorses. When we send a testing vet in a yard, he has also to control the way the horses are kept, and trained and **the respect of Rules of Racing for medication in training.**



The IFHA Welfare Committee



- The IFHA is now asking the Welfare Committee to focus on the means to be given to the racing authorities to ensure that welfare is properly taken into account by people in charge of horses at the different times of their life, and especially in training and racing **and during rest periods**.
- Welfare issues must be introduced in the trainer and jockey **educational courses** in liaison with the Veterinary profession.
- Every behavior forming an abuse of horses must be punished.

The Welfare of the racehorse is paramount !



CONCLUSIONS



- IFHA must be proactive, with the support of all its members, to address all issues concerning **the welfare of race horses** which is a fundamental principle.
- IFHA will target at specified doping agents **for drug control in international races** worldwide.
- IFHA will liaise permanently with FEI through the newly created **“International Horse Sports Confederation”** in order to coordinate and strengthen their policy to guarantee the welfare of the horse.
- A **special Fund** will be created by the IHSC to encourage joint initiatives to support the integrity of the horse sports industry worldwide and ensure its quality and fairness.



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Thank You !



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