



State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

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IHRC Advisory Notice to Horsemen

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Advisory on Use of Adjunct Bleeder Medications

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission strongly advises horsemen to discontinue the use of all adjunct bleeder medications for horses training and racing in Indiana. Specifically, the IHRC recommends discontinuing use of aminocaproic acid—commonly called Amicar. In 2013, Amicar and several other adjunct bleeder medications were placed on the Prohibited Medication List under the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances and Recommended Penalties Model Code and the National Uniform Medication Program.

Aminocaproic acid (Amicar) is a Class 4 substance with a Class C penalty.

It is important to understand that many of these drugs cannot be regulated by withdrawal time guidance and/or a testing threshold. Please note that the use of these medications, no matter how far in advance of a race, may result in a positive post-race test.

Any trainer who chooses to continue the use of these medications for training in the future will run the risk of a post-race violation.