



# State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

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**IHRC Advisory Notice to Horsemen**

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## **Notice to Trainers Utilizing Veterinary Services for Horses Racing at Harrah's Hoosier Park**

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission ("IHRC") is aware of the alleged criminal activity and federal indictment of numerous veterinarians, trainers, and others purportedly involved in the illegal medication of racehorses. To ensure that all Indiana trainers are aware of, and in compliance with the rules in place in Indiana, the IHRC is issuing this notice.

Pursuant to 71 IAC 5-3-3(9) and 71 IAC 5.5-3-3(9), a trainer is responsible for using the services of those veterinarians licensed by the commission to attend horses that are on association grounds. No trainer shall permit a veterinarian whose license is suspended in any jurisdiction or who is excluded from the stable area of tracks under the jurisdiction of the commission to treat any horse, regardless of its location, that has or will be actively participating in racing in Indiana during the 2020 race meet and beyond.

All trainers should also be aware that they are required to maintain a knowledge of the medication record and status of all horses in their care, (71 IAC 5-3-3(14), 71 IAC 5.5-3-3(14)). The IHRC is continuing to monitor the situation involving the federal indictments and may continue to use information gained to alter/improve its rules and policies regarding the medication of racehorses.

Trainers are encouraged to keep records of treatment for each horse in an effort to maintain the knowledge required in 71 IAC 5-3-3(14) and 71 IAC 5.5-3-3(14). Trainers should also be aware that the IHRC may, at its sole discretion and without prior notice, request records of treatment or other documents detailing the treatment of any horse participating in racing at Harrah's Hoosier Park ("HHP") or Indiana Grand ("IG"). Upon receiving such a request, trainers should be prepared to assist the IHRC however necessary pursuant to the mandate that all licensees cooperate fully with investigations and inquiries made by commission representatives or association security. 71 IAC 5-1-26, 71 IAC 5.5-1-28.

Questions about the above notice should be directed to the HHP Judges or the IG Stewards. If you are unsure about how to comply with any of the above, you are encouraged to reach out to the Judges/Stewards and discuss your individual situation prior to the initiation of any disciplinary action or further inquiry.

For additional information, contact:  
IHRC Judges at Harrah's Hoosier Park – (765) 609-4860  
IHRC Stewards at Indiana Grand – (317) 713-3360