



# State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

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## IHRC Advisory Notice to Horsemen

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### Notice to Standardbred 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), 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 2021 race meet and beyond.

All trainers should also be aware that they are required to maintain a knowledge of the medication records and status of all horses in their care. 71 IAC 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.

The IHRC considers its main function to be the protection of the integrity of horse racing in Indiana. That includes requesting information and making inquiries about unlicensed or excluded veterinarians practicing on racehorses. 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.

Nothing in this notice is intended to limit the authority of the IHRC to take action against trainers using unlicensed/excluded veterinarians whether under federal indictment or other circumstances. Questions about the above notice should be directed to the HHP Judges. If you are unsure about how to comply with any of the above, you are encouraged to reach out to the Judges and discuss your individual situation prior to the initiation of any disciplinary action or further inquiry.