



State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

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IHRC Advisory Notice to Horsemen

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The IHRC Recommends Caution in Medication Administrations

As the 2016 live racing meets wind down, the Indiana Horse Racing Commission would like to remind horsemen and veterinarians to approach the use of therapeutic medications in a cautious manner. Typically this time of year, the Commission sees a spike in positive tests, most notably for anti-inflammatory and analgesic medications.

Regardless of the reason for administration, pushing treatment inside the recommended withdrawal time for a particular drug, administering a drug via a route that is contrary to the guidelines, or increasing the administered dose of a drug are all recipes for a positive test.

As a reminder, recommended withdrawal times with corresponding dosages and routes of administration specific for use in Indiana can be obtained through the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) website (www.rmtcnet.com) by clicking on "Withdrawal Time Database" on the homepage and filtering the results to Indiana. These are recommendations from an independent third party and are furnished for guidance only. The withdrawal times found within this database are provided as a public service and intended for general use in consultation with your practicing veterinarian. The information reported on this site is often from an administration to a single horse or just a few horses; your horse may differ. Reliance on these guidelines is no guarantee of compliance with Indiana Horse Racing Commission (IHRC) medication rules.

Please keep in mind that any test result indicating the presence of a foreign substance in excess of the approved threshold (or the presence of a non-threshold drug), regardless of the time or method of administration, is a violation of Commission rules and may result in disciplinary action.

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