



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 2021 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 can be obtained through the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTc) website (www.rmtcnet.com). A list of the schedule of controlled therapeutic substances (CTS) can be found by clicking on MENU > TECHNICAL RESOURCES > Controlled Therapeutic Substances > CTS Schedule. The CTS now includes 28 medications and provides regulatory thresholds and withdrawal guidance for controlling the use of these substances to protect the safety of racing horses and the integrity of competition. These are recommendations from an independent third party and are furnished for guidance only. The withdrawal times found on the RMTc CTS Schedule 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 more than 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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