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GROUP

**Racing and Training Safety Procedures at Santa Anita – June 2019**

Pre-existing Racing Protocols

- The Regulatory Veterinarians review Past Performances (PP's) of all horses entered to race considering risk factors as identified in the National Equine Injury Database (EID). Those risk factors are identified prior to racing and discussed by on-track personnel and considered as the horse is evaluated prior to racing. Those deemed to have the most risk factors are subject to one or more pre-race day examinations to ascertain racing soundness.
- All horses are subject to pre-race total carbon dioxide blood testing.
- Furosemide administration on race-day is restricted to third-party veterinarians who have no relationship with the trainers or owners.
- All horses undergo pre-race examinations. During these exams, veterinarians under contract with Santa Anita palpate and flex the forelimbs, observe the overall condition of the horse, and watch the horse jog to ascertain racing soundness. The results of this exam are entered into a national database and are available to any Regulatory Veterinarian examining the horse in the future.
- There is a veterinarian on the track during the post-parade, at the starting gate during loading, following the field, and watching the horses while racing to ensure the safety and welfare of each racehorse. Those horses that are observed to not meet racing soundness criteria are scratched prior to the beginning of the race. The veterinarians on the racetrack respond to any incident with appropriate emergency intervention including use of the equine ambulance, splints, and emergency medications.
- All horses that are found not racing sound at any time on the racetrack are placed on the Official Veterinarian's List. Horses on the Veterinarian's List are prohibited from entering to race until they have completed a work of sufficient duration and pace while passing pre-work and post-work racing soundness examinations and blood testing for illicit and therapeutic substances.
- Out of Competition Testing (OCT) is performed on a significant number of horses that are in race training but not racing on that day. The goal of this is to deter the

administration of illicit substances that are a threat to horse welfare and may have the potential to influence the outcome of a race.

- A certain number 2-4 horses in each race are subjected to post-race blood and urine testing. The laboratory at the University of California, Davis is one of the leading laboratories in the world and one of only a handful of International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities (IFHA) Certified Laboratories.

#### Enhanced Racing Protocols

- The private veterinarian working for the trainer must affirm that they “have examined the above horse(s) and found it to be sound at the trot” and they are “unaware of any issues that would preclude it from entering to race.” This written affirmation must be submitted for the horse to enter on race day.
- Medication regulations are the strictest in the Country, particularly for those medications with anti-inflammatory properties.
  - Intra-articular treatments are prohibited within 14 days of a race, this is equal to or more restrictive than our international counterparts.
  - There is an absolute prohibition on the presence of more than one corticosteroid at any concentration in a post-race sample.
  - Non-steroidal anti-inflammatories are prohibited within 48 hours of racing and there is an absolute prohibition on the presence of more than one NSAID at any concentration in a post-race sample.
  - The maximum dose for furosemide (Lasix) on race day has been halved from 500 mg to 250 mg (Lasix will be prohibited in all horses born in or after 2018).
- Implementation of CHRB five member panel to review entrants for risk factors prior to confirming their entry in a race.
- Race Office reviews past performances and other information of horses entered to race against risk factors prior to confirming their entry in a race.
- CHRB is in the rule making process to implement rules which will limit the use of the riding crop for a corrective safety measures only in a race.
- Enhanced video camera surveillance of stake race nominated horses in place.

### Pre-existing Training Protocols

- Horses that are on the Official Veterinarian's List must have a statement submitted by the trainer's veterinarian that the horse is sound and fit to work. Otherwise, any horse could have an officially timed work (a timed, high-speed training exercise) at any time the trainer so choose.

### Enhanced Training Protocols

- All horses must register with the Racing Secretary 48 hours prior to having an officially timed work.
- Santa Anita reviews the PP's for horses registered to work and, based upon risk factors developed from the EID, identifies horses required to undergo a pre-work soundness examination by one of the Association Veterinarians. That list is also shared with the CHRB for their review and selection of horses for additional scrutiny.
- Between 2-4 Association Veterinarians are on the track daily to observe training. This includes scratching horses that are intended to work and identifying horses that require additional monitoring post-work for potential racing soundness issues.
- The first 15 minutes of training after the main track opens, and after each renovation break, are exclusively reserved for horses working for an official work.
- An increased number of outriders are deployed to the two racing surfaces during training hours with continuous reinforcement to "See something, say something".
- CHRB Veterinarians collect blood samples for testing consistent with ARCI medication regulations for NSAIDs, corticosteroids, analgesics, and local anesthetics for a selection of horses that were registered to work.
- House rule is implemented to limit use of the crop in training as a corrective safety measure only.

### Other Enhanced Protocols:

- Santa Anita Park veterinarians require horsemen to complete appropriate diagnostics such as X-Rays, ultrasounds, etc. for horses that are identified as being of special interest.
- A substantial investment by The Stronach Group in PET diagnostic equipment to aid in the early detection of pre-existing conditions.



- The Stronach Group has set aside funding for the payment of medical treatments should a horse present with a good prognosis for recovery from injury but the owner being financially constrained.
- The Stronach Group supports CHRB's initiatives for complete transparency of all veterinary records allowing important health records to follow the horse in the event of an ownership change.
- Continued engagement of outside experts to regularly review our dirt and turf courses for consistency, composition, and compaction.
- Dedicated the capital required to provide initial aftercare for horses where industry rehoming groups are unable to immediately rehabilitate, retrain, and rehome.

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