



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MEMORANDUM

Significant changes to Illinois Racing Board Medication Rules Section 603.70 –
Furosemide: **EFFECTIVE AUGUST 24, 2009**

c) Furosemide List

Furosemide shall be administered to a horse that is entered to race, only after the State Veterinarian has placed the horse on the Furosemide List. In order for a horse to be placed on the Furosemide List, the following process shall be followed:

- 1) After the horse's licensed trainer and licensed veterinarian determine that it would be in the horse's best interest to race with furosemide, they shall notify the State Veterinarian or his or her designee, using the prescribed form provided by the Board, that they wish the horse to be placed on the Furosemide List.
- 2) The form must be received by the State Veterinarian or his or her designee no later than the time of entry to ensure public notification prior to race participation.
- 3) A horse placed on the Furosemide List must remain on that list until the licensed trainer and licensed veterinarian submit a written request to remove the horse from the list. The request must be made to the State Veterinarian or his or her designee, on the proper form, no later than the time of entry.
- 4) After a horse has been removed from the Furosemide List, the horse may not be placed back on the list for a period of 60 calendar days unless it is determined, in consultation with the State Veterinarian, to be detrimental to the welfare of the horse. If a horse is removed from the Furosemide List a second time in a 365-day period, the horse may not be placed back on the list for a period of 90 calendar days.

d) Bleeder List

- 1) The State Veterinarian shall maintain a Bleeder List of all horses that have demonstrated:
 - A) External evidences of exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage from one or both nostrils during or after a race or workout, as observed by an official veterinarian.
 - B) Internal evidences of exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage via endoscopy reported by a licensed practicing veterinarian on a Board approved form.
- 2) Every confirmed bleeder, regardless of age, shall be placed on the Bleeder List and be ineligible to race for the following time periods:
 - A) First incident – 14 days;
 - B) Second incident within a 365 day period – 30 days;
 - C) Third incident within a 365 day period – 180 days;
 - D) Fourth incident within a 365 day period – Barred from racing for its lifetime.
- 3) For the purposes of counting the number of days a horse is ineligible to run, the day the horse bled is the first day of the recovery period.
- 4) After the expiration of the barred periods in subsections (d)(2)(A), (B) and (C), a horse must perform a workout, without bleeding, to the satisfaction of the State Veterinarian. Prior to the workout, a blood sample may be collected by the State Veterinarian and sent to the Board laboratory for testing. After the workout, the State Veterinarian may witness an endoscopic examination of the horse to confirm that it has not bled.
- 5) All horses on the Bleeder List that are eligible to race shall be administered Furosemide pursuant to subsection (e).

David Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.
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