



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MEMORANDUM

Significant changes to Illinois Racing Board Medication Rules Section 603.180 – Carbon Dioxide Tests: **EFFECTIVE AUGUST 24, 2009**

- 1) The TCO₂ level in the blood shall be less than 37.0 millimoles/liter, plus the measurement uncertainty of the laboratory analyzing the sample.

This level will be for horses treated with furosemide and for horses not treated with furosemide.

This level will be for samples collected pre-race and/or post-race.

- 2) First time reported overages, the trainer shall be fined not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 (previously \$2,000), the purse shall be redistributed and the trainer shall be ordered suspended for at least 15 days but not to exceed 60 days (previously 60 to 90 days).

Second time reported overages, in a 365 day period in any jurisdiction, the trainer shall be fined not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$2,500 (previously \$5,000), the trainer shall be ordered suspended for at least 30 days but not to exceed 180 days (previously 180 days) and the purse shall be redistributed.

Third or subsequent reported overages, in a 365 day period in any jurisdiction, the trainer shall be fined not less than \$2,500 and not more than \$5,000 or 5% of the purse (greater of the two), the trainer shall be ordered suspended for at least 60 days but not to exceed 365 days (previously 2 years) and the purse shall be redistributed. In addition, absent mitigating circumstances, the owner shall be fined \$5,000.

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