

DRUG FREE RACING

ARE WE SUCCEEDING ?



XXth Century

- Medication control : Racing samples
- Article 6A
- ISLs : 28
- Detection times : 31

It is now possible to treat sick horses provided that they come back to racing (detection times) when the medication is eliminated (ISLs) and do not train under drug.

Conclusion : Yes ! We are succeeding !

IFHA ANTIDOPING AND WELFARE POLICIES



Two major aspects of current antidoping policy concerning **control of medications** developed over past years :

- 1. International Screening Limits** (28 - *can be found on IFHA Website*)
International Screening Limits are instructions given to laboratories by racing jurisdictions for reporting positive cases of therapeutic substances.
- 2. Detection Times** (31 - *can be found on IFHA Website*)
Detection Times are advice given to veterinarians to guide their clients before resuming racing after administration of therapeutic substances

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1. Doping control
2. Gene Doping
3. Modification of heritable genome strictly forbidden

Conclusion : As doping is an ever developing problem, we will be always running for solution but racing is surely the sport which is most advanced !

GLOBAL INTEGRITY OF RACING



INTRODUCTION

- I- This is probably **the most important issue for Racing Authorities** around the world because :
 - Their funding comes from **betting** which will only develop if punters and spectators perceive it as being **totally clean** and respectful of **horse welfare**,
 - The results of their races is used by breeders **to select the Thoroughbred breed** and by the commercial market to evaluate the price of such Thoroughbred.

- II- It must cover **the whole life of the thoroughbred** from conception to final retirement from racing and breeding ensuring **full traceability** with permanent access available to every horse and **total transparency**.

- III- IFHA **International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering** is defining basic principles and recommending best practices but only Racing Authorities can implement them.

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Two aspects of antidoping policy :

1. « *Horses should compete only when they are free from the influence of medication.* »

2. Detection of doping agents and prohibited practices :

- Sampling programme in and out of competition at any time by all methods at the lowest possible level during the racing career of the horse
- Biological integrity of the horse must be guaranteed :
Ex : Genetic manipulations → the horse will lose its status as a Thoroughbred in case of modification of the heritable genome during conception, gestation or at any stage

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Enforcement in Rules of Racing of new provisions of Article 6 (A, B, C, D and E)

- **Total ban on raceday medication.**
- **Records of treatments and procedures** – a complete record of all veterinary procedures and treatments must be maintained and made available for inspection.
- **Career of horse defined** – from the commencement of training to final retirement from racing.
- **Out-of-competition testing** – racing authorities to test for prohibited substances throughout the career of a horse.
- **Traceability**
 - Trainers to notify racing authority of horses in training and location thereof and owners to inform racing authority of location of horses out of training.
 - Where traceability cannot be guaranteed, horse not to be **permitted** to be entered in a race until after a minimum period of 6 months in training.

IFHA CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME



- Following the announcement at the ARC in May 2014 (Hong Kong) a core group (task force) has been created. **Laboratories of different continents** were approached :
 - Europe (GB and FR)
 - America (USA)
 - Asia (ARF) (HK)
 - Oceania (AUS)
- The mission of the group is to **elaborate with the collaboration of AORC a testing programme** which is consistent with the new article 6E of the IABRW.

WHAT ARE THESE DRUGS ?

- **Anabolic Agents**
- **Substances acting on the level of oxygen transported**
- **Growth hormones and peptides**
- **Hormones and metabolic modulators**

CONCLUSION

IFHA OBJECTIVES



- The implementation of best practices and global standards for a **proactive Horse Welfare policy** which is of paramount importance
- The agreement with FEI and OIE to facilitate **the international movement of horses**
- The new programme of **Certification of Reference Laboratories** in all Continents