

Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit III

Work Group Objectives

Racing Equipment and Safety

- Process for implementing and tracking standards for racing equipment
- Rider Injury Database
- Implementation of advanced safety equipment on a phased basis based on data
- Safety committees at all tracks to focus on licensing, experience and post-meet lessons

Racetrack Environment and Training Practices

- Formalize reciprocity of veterinarians', stewards', and starters' lists nationally
- Develop best practices documents for
 - Training practices
 - Stable area design
 - Track maintenance
 - Biosecurity / disaster planning
- Develop comprehensive database
 - Track maintenance
 - Training records (including injuries)
 - Vet records
- Re-evaluate traditional practices
 - Veterinary services
 - Racing office operation / condition book
- Restructure claiming regulations

Education, Licensing and Continuing Education

- Create an advisory committee to address and determine content for continuing education as means to accreditation for trainers, grooms, farriers, jockeys
- Endorse a National Trainers Test; find a means to validate the test with a group such as an educational testing service

Transitioning Thoroughbred Racehorses to Second Careers

- Establish Standing Committee
- Create track liaison position at each racetrack
- Publish best practices guidelines: funding, vet care, communications, education, strategies to give incentive for transition to second career
- Cooperate with AAEP to create a vet guideline classifying racing conditions for horses' transition into second careers
- Establish accreditation program for rescues