

## **Stricter Calif. Steriod Penalties OK'd**

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Stronger penalties in California for the four most commonly used anabolic steroids in horse racing will be enforced starting Sept. 4 after the state's Office of Administrative Law gave its final approval to the regulatory amendment reclassifying the drugs.

The California Horse Racing Board passed the new rule July 17 moving stanozolol, boldenone, nandrolone, and testosterone from Class 4 to Class 3 and from Category D to Category B penalties.

As of Sept. 4, the presence of any of these anabolic steroids in a horse's post-race sample above the authorized levels set forth by the board will result in the automatic disqualification of the horse and redistribution of the purse. Category B penalties call for a minimum 30-day suspension and a fine up to \$10,000.

Until then, stanozolol, boldenone, nandrolone, and testosterone will remain Class 4 violations and Category D penalties. All other anabolic steroids have been Class 2 or Class 3 violations and Category B penalties since July 1.