

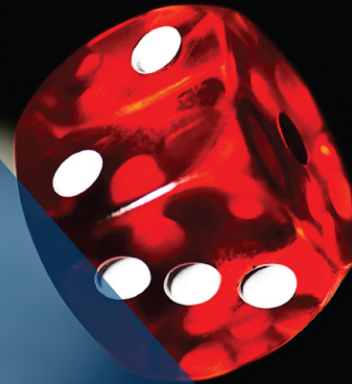


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Racing Division of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission

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# RACING IN MASSACHUSETTS



# MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION

-  2008: Greyhound Protection Act
  -  Abolished live greyhound racing in the commonwealth
  -  Significantly reduced agency activity and revenue
  -  State Racing Commission temporarily housed in the Division of Professional Licensure (“DPL”)
-  2011: Expanded Gaming Act
  -  Created Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“MGC”)
  -  DPL continued to oversee pari-mutuel operations through an interagency service agreement until MGC could get staffed
  -  MGC took over regulatory operations on January 1, 2013

# REGULATORY AND CULTURAL REFORM



Racing Surfaces  
Testing Laboratory  
Orono, Maine USA



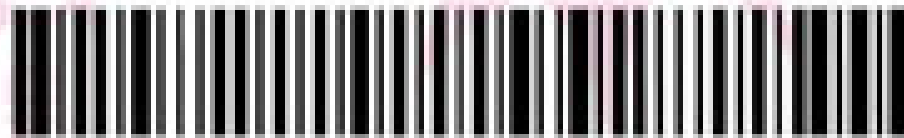
# RACING'S WINNING TRIFECTA

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## TRIFECTA

- #1 SAFETY INITIATIVES WITH
- #2 SENSIBLE REGULATION WITH
- #3 COMMITMENT TO AFTERCARE












# THE BEGINNING OF CHANGE










OPEN MEETING



# KEY REFORMS - 2013

-  Elimination of the administration of raceday phenylbutazone;
-  Adoption of model rules governing medication, veterinary practices, and safety standards;
-  Providing manuals for trainers and veterinary practitioners outlining our significant medication changes and offering guidelines for compliance;
-  Collecting treatment sheets from private practitioners;
-  Contracting with an accredited drug testing laboratory;
-  Drug testing of all horses working to get off the veterinarians' list, with raceday penalties in effect for violations; and
-  Submitting all horses which expire on licensed facility grounds to Tufts Veterinary Hospital for necropsy and other testing.

# KEY REFORMS - 2014

-  Commencement of Commission-controlled furosemide administration;
-  Implementation of a blood gas testing (TCO2) program;
-  Posting of TCO2 and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAID) test results levels on the MGC website;
-  Posting of stewards' and judges' rulings and daily reports on the MGC website;
-  Forming a catastrophic injury review committee;
-  Hiring a safety/field steward; and
-  Launching the Racing Division's "Horses First" commitment to the safety and welfare of our equine athletes.



# WORKING TOGETHER



*Horses first.* That's how our Racing Division staff is trained.

It sounds simple, but what starts as a simple premise goes to the core of our industry. Happy, healthy horses perform to the best of their ability. They run truer to form for our pari-mutuel customers, they maximize return on investment for their breeders and owners, they help create a safer training and racing environment for those who work around them, and they retire from the racetrack to productive second careers.

Ensuring the happiness and healthiness of our equine athletes is a big job, and it's where our knowledge about welfare and science intersects. The Racing Division's veterinary program is among the most comprehensive in the country. We use science and regulation to help us document and maintain the healthiness of our racehorses, and we're not afraid to step in if intervention becomes necessary. But that's not enough.

Equine welfare, by definition, addresses psychological as well as physiological well-being. Psychological well-being is dependent largely on housing, nutrition, health care, environment, and handling. While the Racing Division is committed to ensuring the happiness of our racehorses, we must rely heavily on their caregivers for this task.

The Racing Division of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is proud to partner with our hard-working, dedicated horsemen and women and our racetrack operators for another successful year of live racing in the commonwealth. We take very seriously our shared role as stewards of our industry, and we know you do, too. Together, we must hold each other accountable for putting the horse first in everything we do.

Because when we do right by the horse, all the rest follows.

# RACING DIVISION WEBSITE

<http://massgaming.com/>

<http://massgaming.com/the-commission/division-of-racing/>

<http://massgaming.com/the-commission/division-of-racing/division-of-racing-thoroughbred-racing/>

<http://massgaming.com/wp-content/uploads/Suffolk-Trainer-Manual-2014.pdf>

<http://massgaming.com/the-commission/division-of-racing/sd-tc02-test-results/>



# NSAID TEST RESULTS

Date	Track	Race	Horse	Trainer	Phenylbutazone (mcg/mL)	Flunixin (ng/mL)	Ketofen (ng/mL)
5/10	Suffolk	1	Odlum	J. Bernardini	0.8	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	1	Shine On Shine On	C. Servideo	0.9	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	2	Sauce Town	K. Mordenti	0.7	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	2	Pistol Smoke	F. Siravo	1.3	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	3	BL's Light	J. Rigattieri	1.9	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	3	Birdsofafeather	D. Jacobson	-	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	4	Nuestra Senor	J. Rigattieri	1.6	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	4	Majestic Desert	J. Pablo Silva	0.4	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	5	Jace	R. Shelansky	-	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	5	Jonathan C.	C. Grullon	0.3	1.0	-
5/10	Suffolk	6	Lover of Art	M. Heinen	4.1*	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	6	El Corriente	F.G. Siravo	0.3	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	7	Coolyourpipes	M. Collins	0.7	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	7	Trip Six	M.C. Reardon	0.7	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	8	Peter's Creek	J. Bernardini	0.3	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	8	Foreign Review	M. Peebles	1.1	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	9	Play	J. Bernardini	0.4	-	-
5/10	Suffolk	9	Time For Honor	O. Rivera	1.1	-	-

\* Violation - see Stewards Ruling # 2014-015



# WORK-OFF MEDICATION RULE

205 CMR 4.54(2)(c):

Horses working to be released from the Veterinarian's List are to be in compliance with 205 CMR 4.00 and are to be subjected to post-work biologic sample collection for laboratory confirmation or compliance. **Violations may result in penalties consistent with 205 CMR 4.52(1).**



# NSAID SAMPLE OVERAGES

## 2013:

-  3/64 (4.69%) of work-off bloods had NSAID overage
-  13/1514 (0.86%) of post-race samples

## 2014:




-  1/22 (4.55%) of work-off bloods had NSAID overage
-  2/311 (0.64%) of post-race samples

 (all work-off violations have been for phenylbutazone)

# HORSE #1

-  July 10, 2012: raced at Suffolk Downs, finished 7/7
-  July 18, 2012: morning regulatory vet scratch (sore)

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-  June 1, 2013: attempts to work off vets list
  -  returns sore
-  June 22, 2013: attempts to work off vets list
  -  returns OK
  -  post-work blood with phenylbutazone of 8.9 mcg
-  July 10, 2013: attempts to work off vets list
  -  fails to make publishable time, returns sore
-  No published work since that time

# HORSE #2

- 🐎 September 7, 2012: raced at Suffolk Downs, finished 6/7 (“gave way”)
- 🐎 September 24, 2012: post parade regulatory vet scratch (sore)

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- 🐎 June 19, 2013: attempts to work off vets list
  - 🐎 returns sore, post-work blood with phenylbutazone of 3.7 mcg
- 🐎 July 3, 2013: successfully works off vets list
- 🐎 July 20 and August 17, 2013: races
- 🐎 August 26, 2013: morning regulatory vet scratch (sore)
- 🐎 September 7 and September 23: races
- 🐎 October 5, 2013: post parade regulatory vet scratch (sore)
- 🐎 Hasn't has a published work since



# HORSE #3

 August 17, 2013: races at Suffolk Downs, wins

 sore in test barn

 August 31, 2013: attempts to work off vets list

 returns OK, post-work blood with phenylbutazone of 5.9 mcg

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 December 20, 2013: resumes breezing

 February 19, 2014: races in another jurisdiction

# HORSE #4

- 🐎 October 1, 2013: raced at Suffolk Downs, finished 2/9
- 🐎 October 12, 2013: morning regulatory vet scratch (sore)

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- 🐎 April 18, 2014: attempts to work off vets list
  - 🐎 returns ok, post-work blood with phenylbutazone of 7.1 mcg
- 🐎 May 7, 2014: successfully works off vets list
- 🐎 May 28, 2014: races, finishes 7/7
- 🐎 June 23, 2014: races, returns sore



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