Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit IV

Breeders' Cup Health, Safety & Security





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RACING SURFACES

TO PROVIDE A SAFE, FAIR AND SECURE RACING SURFACE TO ALL EQUINE & HUMAN PARTICIPANTS

- Breeders' Cup requires that its host tracks maintain safe and consistent racing surfaces.
- Breeders' Cup, in conjunction with Santa Anita, has requested the services of the leading expert of bio-mechanics and racing surfaces, Michael Peterson, Ph.D., Professor for the College of Engineering at the University of Maine, to perform periodic inspections of the Santa Anita racing surfaces during 2012 and daily during Breeders' Cup Championship week beginning in mid-October.
- In addition, we receive monthly reports from the InCompass Equine Injury Database to monitor the injury rates and surfaces and assess the safety of both dirt and turf courses.





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PRE-RACE INSPECTIONS & INJURY MANAGEMENT

CREATED IN PART AS A RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THE EQUINE ATHLETES WITH SAFETY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN MIND

- Breeders' Cup's multi-jurisdictional veterinary team in association with CHRB veterinarians will physically inspect every runner as well as observing horses on the track during workouts, evaluating each horse's soundness and readiness to run in the week prior to Championship Friday and Saturday.
- The BC/CHRB veterinary team has worked together to implement a communications and equine emergency response plan that will be deployed in the event of an injury on track, tunnel or paddock.
- Three state-of-the-art Kimzey equine ambulances will be stationed at various points around the oval.
- The Southern California Equine Foundation operates an equine hospital in the stable area with facilities for surgery, x-ray and nuclear imaging. Severe injuries will be stabilized in this facility prior to transportation.



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BREEDERS' CUP IS COMMITTED TO THE HIGHEST TESTING STANDARDS IN PRE- AND POST-RACE TESTING.

- Out-of-competition testing for blood doping agents and other prohibited substances will be performed in advance on potential runners and follow up testing on selected runners will be performed within 24 hours of the initial testing.
- In 2012, all two-year old entrants in Breeders' Cup races shall not have medications or any other substances administered within 24 hours of post time including authorized bleeder medications otherwise permitted by state regulation.
- The CHRB has also approved the Breeders' Cup schedule with conditions restricting Authorized Bleeder Medication to furosemide only and administered by CHRB licensed veterinarians approved by Breeders' Cup.





Prohibited Substance Rule

- For any horse participating in a World Championships race that is found by the racing regulatory agency in the jurisdiction where the race is conducted to have tested positive for any substance listed under Class 1 or Class 2 in the Association of Racing Commissioners International Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances or to have violated the anabolic steroid rule in effect where the race is conducted, in addition to any penalties imposed by the racing regulatory agency in the jurisdiction, the following sanctions shall be imposed:
- (i) the horse shall be disqualified to last in the race and any purse earned by the horse shall be forfeited and redistributed in accordance with the revised order of finish;
- (ii) in the event of a first violation of the prohibited substance rule in a World Championships race, the horse's trainer and all horses directly or indirectly in such trainer's care shall be ineligible to participate in the World Championships races conducted in the year immediately following the final determination that such trainer's horse violated the prohibited substance rule;



- (iii) in the event of a second violation of the prohibited substance rule by a trainer in a World Championships race, the trainer and all horses directly or indirectly in such trainer's care shall be ineligible to participate in the World Championships races conducted in the two years immediately following the final determination that such trainer's horse violated the prohibited substance rule a second time;
- (iv) in the event of a third violation of the prohibited substance rule by a trainer in a World Championships race, the trainer and all horses directly or indirectly in such trainer's care shall be ineligible to participate in all World Championships races conducted for the remainder of such trainer's life following the final determination that such trainer's horse violated the prohibited substance rule a third time.





Convicted Trainer Rule

Effective with the 2012 Breeders' Cup World Championships, no person may participate as a trainer of a horse pre-entered or entered in a World Championships race if that person, during the twelve months preceding the World Championships, has been found by any racing regulatory agency, whether a governmental agency or a non-governmental regulatory body, to have violated a racing regulation prohibiting the possession or use of any substance listed under Class 1, carrying Category "A" or "B" penalties, or Class 2, carrying a Category "A" penalty, in the Association of Racing Commissioners International Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances or a racing regulation prohibiting the possession or use of steroids and the appeal periods for such finding shall have expired or all appeals, if any, will have received final disposition (a "Drug Conviction").



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Penalties:

- In the event a trainer has two Drug Convictions after May 1, 2012, such trainer may not participate as a trainer of a horse pre-entered or entered in a World Championships race during the next two Breeders' Cup World Championships following the second of the two Drug Convictions.
- In the event a trainer has three or more Drug Convictions after May 1, 2012, such trainer may not participate as a trainer of a horse pre-entered or entered in a World Championships race during any Breeders' Cup World Championships following the date of the third Drug Conviction.





Anabolic steroids:

Breeders' Cup has prohibited the use of Class 1 and 2 anabolic steroids in its Championships. Trainers of horses that test positive for these drugs at this year's event will face a one-year suspension from the 2012 event; and trainers who violate the policy three times will face a lifetime ban from participating in Breeders' Cup World Championships.

POST RACE TESTING:

The first four finishers and other starters at random will be selected for post-race testing of more than 100 performance-enhancing substances conducted under the "super-testing" guidelines established by TOBA. All runners will have the opportunity to request pre-race testing if they are concerned about withdrawal times for medications permitted during training but not racing.





Clenbuterol:

Effective July 18, 2012, the CHRB suspended the authorization for clenbuterol. Accordingly, there is no longer a regulatory threshold for clenbuterol in California. The CHRB recommends a 21-day withdrawal time from last administration of clenbuterol to racing to avoid a positive test. A clenbuterol violation requires disqualification of the horse and a minimum 30 day suspension of the trainer.



2013 and Beyond

- Beginning in 2013, all Breeders' Cup World Championship races including any sponsored undercard stakes will also be conducted under conditions that prohibit the use of medications or other substances administrated within 24 hours of post time including authorized bleeder medications otherwise permitted by state regulation.
- Breeders' Cup will continue to discuss ways to implement future recommendations of the RMTC, the RCI on model rules and to analyze the data and information provided by other leading industry organizations and committees.
- The Breeders' Cup Medication & Safety Committee, currently chaired by Breeders' Cup Director Helen Alexander will continue their commitment to conform our event to the highest standards of international competition.
- In awarding the Championships to future host sites, the highest standards will be sought by selecting tracks that have met or exceeded the accreditation process of the NTRA's Safety & Integrity Alliance.





The Focus of These Protocols is Fair Competition and the Safety and Security of All Equine Athletes.

- To provide a top level security program by building on the institutional knowledge and investigative skills provided by the investigators of the CHRB and BCL by combining with a private security force.
- To hold a series of joint meetings with the purpose of developing a team approach to set protocols, operating procedures, communication lines and reporting methods, and to conduct the event cleanly, safely and with the highest integrity.
- The safety of horses and jockeys, and the presentation of an event on which the public may wager with confidence requires a multi-faceted approach. One facet is the securing of horses in the 72 hours prior to their races. This creates a significant deterrent for those who would act deliberately to manipulate the condition of a horse with the intention of altering its performance. It also affords the ability to prevent inadvertent, or unintentional acts, that may have a similar outcome.





Logistics:

- There will be approximately 190-200 horses entered in the 2012 Breeders' Cup Championships.
- They will be stabled in 30-35 barns not including the quarantine facility throughout the stable area of Santa Anita Park.
- Horses racing on Friday must arrive no later than Noon on Tuesday, October 30th. Horses racing on Saturday must arrive no later than Noon on Wednesday, October 31st. Horses on the Also Eligible list must arrive by Noon Thursday, November 1st. 24 hour equine security begins at each arrival deadline.





Teams:

- Breeders' Cup will provide one liaison officer to communicate the security plan to trainers and their employees and to ensure that the plan is effective in protecting the horses from inappropriate contact and ensuring the highest possible level of integrity. This communication will include information about:
 - 1) Sign-in procedures for contact with BC horses
 - 2) Barn access restrictions
 - 3) Duties of BC provided security officers
- Breeders' Cup will also provide between 10-12 private equine investigators that will supervise the barn area and activity within those barns. These investigators will work closely with the CHRB investigators and provide the secondary layer of security above the uniformed officers.





CHRB Primary Role

- The California Horse Racing Board will provide training and protocols to security officers. CHRB Investigators will be in stable area and will take command of any situation if necessary.
- Since the CHRB has the sole authority to enforce the rules and regulations, the CHRB investigatory team must be the team in charge of any investigation.





USDA QUARANTINE FACILTY

to provide a temporary private quarantine and isolation facility on the grounds of Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, California for the purpose of permitting direct entry of foreign horses participating in the twenty-ninth running of the Breeders' Cup World Championships.

- Breeders' Cup and Santa Anita have created a five unit quarantine and isolation facility on the grounds of Santa Anita Park.
- The facility will be under the direction and supervision of the USDA with assistance from the International Racing Bureau and Mersant International.
- As each shipment arrives and is stabled, the unit will convert from quarantine to isolation after 42 hours and testing are complete.
- USDA personnel will accompany each runner to the track for workouts and racing.
- Each unit is complete with its own walking ring so that runners may continue to walk the shed-row while waiting for testing to be completed.





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