

LASIX RULES 2015 - 2016

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- 1: A horse shall be entered properly to participate on Furosemide and then such horse will be automatically added by the Division veterinarian to the Division test barn medication database for the current race meet. All first time usage of Furosemide by horses participating in a race, shall be designated properly in the official program. The Division veterinarian and the board of stewards shall monitor the usage and discontinuance of the administration of Furosemide during the current race meet for all non-bleeders.
- 2: Furosemide shall be administered only on Association grounds.
- 3: Upon the request of the Division representative, the veterinarian administering the authorized bleeder medication shall surrender the syringe used to administer such medication, which may then be submitted for testing.

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5.318 - For Horses only, pre-race use of injectable Furosemide (Lasix) as a bleeder preventative medication is authorized provided that its use has been approved by the veterinarian representing the Division of Racing Events and that the quantity injected is not more than 500 mg and that the injection is administered not less than four (4) hours prior to scheduled post time. Furosemide may be administered by intravenous or intramuscular injection only.

5.319 - The Division veterinarian shall maintain a bleeder list of all horses, which have demonstrated external evidence of exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage from one or both nostrils during or after a race as observed by the Division veterinarian.

- 1: All horses which have demonstrated external evidence of exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage from one or both nostrils during or after a workout may be observed by the

association veterinarian and/or practicing veterinarian and may be reported on a form supplied by the Division veterinarian to be placed on the bleeder list.

Original

5.322 - A bleeder stamp shall be attached to the foal certificate in the racing secretary's office. The Division veterinarian may accept other documentation of certification of a bleeder.

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A horse may be removed from the bleeder list prior to its first start at a given meet in Colorado if it meets the following criteria:

- (A) It has only bled one time in the past; and
- (B) It has not participated in an official race at any track during the previous six (6) months or it has raced officially in the previous six (6) months and finished 5th or worse the majority of times that it ran on furosemide according to *The Daily Racing Form*.

If a horse qualifies to be removed from the bleeder list according to the criteria above, and it subsequently bleeds, it will be considered a first time bleeder for the purposes of the veterinarian's list. Once the horse is placed on the bleeder list a second time, the horse will be considered a bleeder for its lifetime in Colorado and may not be removed from the list again for any reason.

Proposed Modification

5.324 - The veterinarian representing the Division or Association and/or stewards may require that a suspected bleeder come to the test barn after a race or workout for confirmation that bleeding did occur. ~~A horse exhibiting EIPH must be certified as a bleeder by the Division veterinarian before it can be entered to run on furosemide.~~ IF, AFTER CONFIRMATION, A HORSE IS PLACED ON THE BLEEDER LIST, ~~Only~~ ONLY the Division veterinarian, after consultation with the practicing veterinarian, may remove a THAT horse from the bleeder list DURING THE CURRENT RACE MEET.

~~A horse may be removed~~ TRAINER MAY REMOVE A HORSE from the bleeder list prior to its first start at a given meet in Colorado if it meets the following criteria:

- ~~(A) It has only bled one time in the past; and~~
- ~~(B) It has not participated in an official race at any track during the previous six (6) months or it has raced officially in the previous six (6) months and finished 5th or~~

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OR ANY SUBSEQUENT START, SO LONG AS THE HORSE HAS NOT BLED DURING THE CURRENT RACE MEET. REMOVAL FROM THE LIST BY THE TRAINER MUST BE EXECUTED AT TIME OF ENTRY AND THE TRAINER SHALL ENSURE THAT THE CHANGE IS NOTED ON THE ENTRY CARD.

If a horse ~~qualifies to be~~ HAS BEEN removed from the bleeder list ~~according to the criteria above,~~ and it subsequently bleeds, it will be considered a first time bleeder for the purposes of the veterinarian's list. ~~Once the horse is placed on the bleeder list a second time, the horse will be considered a bleeder for its lifetime in Colorado and may not be removed from the list again for any reason~~ AND MAY NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE BLEEDER LIST FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE RACE MEET, EXCEPT BY THE DIVISION VETERINARIAN.

5.330 - During any consecutive six (6) month period, horses exhibiting EIPH will be placed on the veterinarian's list for the following minimum periods of time, which includes the day the horse bleeds:

First time bleeder - 7 days

Second time bleeder - 14 days

Third time bleeder - 30 days

A longer period of time on the veterinarian's list for each incident may be imposed if the practicing veterinarian attending the horse and the Division veterinarian agree that it is necessary.

In the event a horse bleeds more than 3 times during a six (6) month period, it may be banned indefinitely from racing in Colorado if the Board of Stewards and the Division veterinarian after consultation with the practicing veterinarian determine that, based on past performance, this action is warranted.

5.320 - (*Modified Effective date May 15, 2015*) All practicing Veterinarians at horse racetracks shall complete, sign, and deliver to the Veterinarian representing the Division of Racing Events at the time designated by the Division Veterinarian but by no later than 2:00 p.m. on a form provided by the Division indicating all furosemide treatments anticipated for the following day's races. The Veterinarian, or other persons so designated by the Director, representing the Division of Racing Events shall ensure that enough furosemide and syringes are provided to or by the practicing Veterinarian. Additionally, the Division designee will schedule a Division representative that shall accompany each practicing Veterinarian, as required, while in the restricted barn area on race days. The syringe for the furosemide shall be prepared by the Division representative or by the practicing Veterinarian. All preparation and administration of any race day's medication shall be in view of and witnessed by the Division representative. The syringes used in all administrations shall be returned to the test barn by the Division representative. In addition, the trainer or his authorized representative must be present when the furosemide is administered and sign the above-mentioned form indicating they witnessed the furosemide injection. If the trainer or their authorized representative is not present and on time for the Lasix injection, the horse will not receive Lasix and may be scratched the same race week and placed on the stewards list. The race week ends Sunday after the last race. Once the dosage has been administered to a horse that is scheduled to race that day, the practicing Veterinarian shall leave the stall, and that stall

shall be designated as containing an "in today" horse. The administering authority or association may assess a fee on licensed owners of treated horses to recoup the reasonable cost of the furosemide injection in these rules.

Original

7.207 - At the time of a horse's first entry for the current race meet any person authorized to enter a horse shall be responsible to enter the horse with the correct weight and with all of the horse's medications, pursuant to Colorado Racing Commission Rules concerning authorized medications, and all of the published equipment to be used for the current race meet. Any changes in medication or equipment from the horse's first entry for the current race meet shall be the responsibility of any person authorized to enter a horse and must be approved by the stewards, the Division veterinarian or a racing official designee.

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THE RACING SECRETARY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSURING THAT ALL CHANGES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY RACING PROGRAM.

Original

7.602 - Before a horse can race in blinkers it must work out with blinkers to the starter's satisfaction. Once racing with blinkers it must work out to the starter's satisfaction without blinkers before it is permitted to race without them. The public shall be notified of any change in the use of blinkers.

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7.606 - Whips and/or blinkers may be used on two-year olds and other first time starters if they are schooled before the starter with that equipment, and approved by the starter and the stewards, before time of entry.

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