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CHRB REGULATORY  
AMENDMENT 5-17

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To: CHRB Headquarters & Field Offices  
CHRB Stewards & Veterinarians  
Amendment Subscribers

SUBJECT: Regulatory Amendment of Rule 1581 and Amendment of Rule 1843


The following amendment to the CHRB Rules and Regulations has been approved by the Office of Administrative Law and became permanently effective July 26, 2017.

Rule 1581, Racing Secretary to Establish Conditions. The amendment of Rule 1581 provides that the racing secretary may establish race conditions that prohibit the use and/or presence of drug substances or medications in biological test samples, if the medication conditions are agreed to in writing by the acknowledged horsemen's organization, which, in the case of Thoroughbreds, shall be the owner's organization, and then approved by the Board before entries are taken. A biological test sample is defined as any biological test sample, including but not limited to: blood, urine, hair, tissue or saliva taken from a horse.

Rule 1843, Medication, Drugs and Other Substances. The amendment provides that nothing in the Article shall prevent a racing association or fair from setting eligibility conditions, as agreed to with the acknowledged horsemen's organization(s), for individual races, or an entire race meet, that prohibit the use and/or presence of drug substances or medications in biological test samples from participating horses at detection levels lower than what is authorized by the Board. Such conditions, if established in accordance with Rule 1581, shall not be deemed in conflict with Board rules and regulations.

Copies of the rules are attached for your reference.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

  
Andrea Ogden, Manager  
Policy and Regulations

Attachment



CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
TITLE 4. CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS  
ARTICLE 15. VETERINARY PRACTICES

Amendment became effective July 26, 2017.

1843. MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES.

It shall be the intent of these rules to protect the integrity of horse racing, to guard the health of the horse, and to safeguard the interests of the public and the racing participants through the prohibition or control of all drugs, medications and drug substances foreign to the horse. In this context:

(a) No horse participating in a race shall carry in its body any drug substance or its metabolites or analogues, foreign to the horse except as hereinafter expressly provided.

(b) No drug substance shall be administered to a horse which is entered to compete in a race to be run in this State except for approved and authorized drug substances as provided in these rules.

(c) No person other than a licensed veterinarian or animal health technician shall have in his/her possession any drug substance which can be administered to a horse, except such drug substance prescribed by a licensed veterinarian for a specific existing condition of a horse and which is properly labeled.

(d) A finding by an official chemist that a test sample taken from a horse contains a drug substance or its metabolites or analogues which has not been approved by the Board, or a finding of more than one approved non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drug substance or a finding of a drug substance in excess of the limits established by the Board for its use shall be prima facie evidence that the trainer and his/her agents responsible for the care of the horse has/have been negligent in the care of the horse and is prima facie evidence that the drug substance has been administered to the horse.

(e) Nothing in this Article shall prevent a racing association or fair from setting eligibility conditions, as agreed to with the acknowledged horsemen's organization(s), for individual races, or for its entire race meet, that prohibit the use and/or presence of drug substances or medications in biological test samples collected from participating horses at detection levels lower than what is authorized by the Board.

Such conditions, if established in accordance with Rule 1581, shall not be deemed in conflict with the rules and regulations of the Board.

Authority: Sections 19440, 19580, 19581 and 19582  
Business and Professions Code

Reference: Sections 19401, 19440, 19580, 19581 and 19582,  
Sections 337f, g and h, Penal Code