

LASIX Administration – 2015

New ARC rule 1232(A):

(a) Subject to approval by the Commission, The Commission Veterinarian shall designate the veterinarians (each referred to herein as a "**Designated LASIX Veterinarian**") authorized to administer LASIX (furosemide) as independent contractors to horses on the grounds of the franchise holder within four (4) hours before the published post time for the race in which the horse is entered to run. The number of veterinarians designated by the Commission Veterinarian as Designated LASIX Veterinarians shall not be more than the number reasonably necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the Commission Veterinarian, to appropriately and efficiently administer LASIX (furosemide) on a timely basis to horses on the grounds of the franchise holder as contemplated by this rule. A Designated LASIX Veterinarian must be a veterinarian licensed and in good standing to practice veterinary medicine under the laws of Arkansas, have sufficient experience, reasonably satisfactory to the Commission Veterinarian, performing veterinary services for horses, including administration of LASIX (furosemide), and have a current malpractice insurance policy in effect with coverage customary for veterinarians performing veterinary services on the grounds of the franchise holder (and shall provide to the Commission Veterinarian a certificate of insurance in a form acceptable to the Commission Veterinarian).

(b) A Designated LASIX Veterinarian may not perform other veterinary services on the grounds of the franchise holder, or for any horse entered or expected to be entered to race at Oaklawn during the then current racing season, except (i) administration of LASIX (furosemide) as contemplated by this rule, (ii) assisting as independent contractors in pre-race exams with consent of the Commission Veterinarian, or (iii) to address emergency situations.

(c) The fee charged by the Designated LASIX Veterinarians for LASIX (furosemide) administration shall not exceed the fair market fee for such services. The fees charged by the Designated LASIX Veterinarians for LASIX (furosemide) administration shall be billed to applicable horse owner's account with the Horsemen's Bookkeeper and paid through the Horsemen's Bookkeeper.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) of this rule, no veterinarian or other person, except a Designated LASIX Veterinarian, may administer LASIX (furosemide) to any horse on the day the horse is scheduled to race prior to the running of the race, or after 6:00 p.m. on the day immediately before such race day.

(e) In the event of a shortage or other unavailability of a sufficient number of Designated LASIX Veterinarians to appropriately and efficiently administer LASIX (furosemide) on a timely basis to horses on the grounds of the franchise holder as contemplated by this rule,

the Commission or Stewards may authorize any licensed veterinarian to administer LASIX (furosemide) to horses under this rule and other applicable rules of the Commission.