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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Arkansas Racing Commission will meet on December 10, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission office located at 1515 West Seventh Street, Suite 500, Little Rock, Arkansas, to consider the adoption of the following rule changes:

(1) Thoroughbred Rule 1217C Prohibited Practices; Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy; Radial Pulse Wave Therapy. Proposed amendment (i) to prohibit shockwave therapy and other similar treatments on horses on the grounds of Oaklawn; (ii) to prohibit equipment for shockwave and other similar treatments in the stable area at Oaklawn; and (iii) to prohibit horses that have received such treatments from racing at Oaklawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the treatment.

(2) Thoroughbred Rule 1217D(5). Proposed amendment to prohibit the use of Clenbuterol or any other beta-2 agonist within sixty (60) days of a race.

(3) Thoroughbred Rule 1217E Furosemide as a permitted foreign substance. Proposed amendment to reduce the permitted dosage of furosemide from 500 to 250 milligrams, unless authorized by the commission veterinarian; and sets the testing threshold for furosemide at 50 nanograms if the dosage is 250 milligrams.

(4) Thoroughbred Rule 1217E - Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances and Recommended Penalties Model Rule. Proposed amendment to classify different prohibited drugs according to their seriousness and provides recommended penalties for owners and trainers that have horses that test positive for the presence of a prohibited drug.

(5) Thoroughbred Rule 1232. Proposed amendment (i) to reduce maximum level of Lasix administration to 250 milligrams unless the official veterinarian approves a dose of up to 500 milligrams; and (ii) to allow Oaklawn to write (A) Lasix-free 3-year old races as necessary for the race participants to be eligible to accumulate Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks points, and (B) Lasix-free stakes races as necessary for such stakes races to remain eligible for graded status.

(6) Thoroughbred Rule 1236. Proposed amendment to authorize the Commission to collect and test horse hair for drugs and prohibited substances in addition to saliva, urine and blood.

(7) Thoroughbred Rule 1245(A). Proposed amendment to govern eligibility of horses testing positive for certain drugs named in this rule; also adds clenbuterol and the beta-2 agonists to the list of drugs tested for prior to a race.

(8) Thoroughbred Rule 1272. Proposed new rule to regulate corticosteroid and intra-articular injections and makes a horse ineligible to race for a period of fourteen (14) days following an intra-articular injection; also requires the trainer to maintain a complete record of all intra-articular joint injections.

(9) Thoroughbred Rule 2099.1(a)(4). Proposed amendment to require a horse which has not run for a period of six (6) months or more to be examined and approved for racing by the trainer's practicing veterinarian, where formerly, the Commission veterinarian performed these duties; also sets out the required number of work outs prior to entering a race for horses that have not raced in six (6) months or more,

(10) Thoroughbred Rule 2133. Proposed new rule to require trainers and veterinarians to keep records of all medical treatments administered to horses; also requires records of treatments to horses to be available to the Commission veterinarian upon request.