

## **OCALA BREEDERS' SALES COMPANY**

### **Policy for Medication, Prohibited Practices, Riding Crops and Horseshoes (Updated January 2019)**

#### **Medication**

All medication administered to a horse within 72 hours of an under tack show or beginning of a sales session must be reported the earlier of 12 hours after treatment or 1 hour **prior to an under tack show and/or sales session**. The reports must be signed by a Florida licensed veterinarian and submitted to the OBS main office or Repository. The reports must identify the medication and the amount, strength and mode of administration; the date and time of administration; and the diagnosis and/or reason for treatment. Medications may only be administered at or below manufacturers recommended dosages.

#### **Under tack show – controlled therapeutic medication guidelines**

The administration of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and bronchodilators must be in accordance with the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI) schedule for controlled therapeutic medications. **No medication may be administered within 24 hours of a horse's under tack show performance.**

#### **Additional restrictions/clarifications:**

- 1) No more than two (2) non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID) may be present in a test sample.
  - a) If two NSAIDs are administered prior to an under tack show, RCI stacking thresholds will apply.
  - b) Firocoxib (Equioxx) has a withdrawal guideline of 14 days
- 2) No more than one (1) corticosteroid may be present in a test sample.
- 3) **Intra-articular injections are prohibited on the sales grounds.**
- 4) Bronchodilators
  - a) Clenbuterol may not be administered within **14 days** of an under tack show or sales session in which the horse is entered.
  - b) Albuterol may only be administered intra-nasal per RCI dosage specifications and may not be administered within 72 hours of an under tack show or sales session in which the horse is entered. Administration of albuterol by any means other than intra-nasally has a high likelihood in resulting in a positive finding.
  - c) No other bronchodilator may be administered within 72 hours of an under tack show or sales session in which the horse is entered.
- 5) OBS amended the anabolic androgenic steroid policy (Condition Eleventh) effective July 1, 2016. The '45-day' rule for administration has been eliminated and the administration of steroids to weanlings, yearlings and 2-year-olds at any time prior to sale is prohibited.
- 6) The following medications may **NOT** be administered on the sales grounds:
  - a) All substances classified as either Class 1 or Class 2 by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI).
  - b) Furosemide (Salix) (except for horses that have raced on Furosemide)
  - c) Procaine Penicillin

Please note: Fluphenazine (Prolixin), Reserpine (Serpasil), Carisoprodol (Soma, Rela) are class 2 medications. Many herbal supplements contain prohibited substances including bronchodilators and stimulants.

Please review these medication policies with your veterinarian to assure compliance.

RCI Uniform Classification Guidelines: [ARCI Uniform Classification Guideline version 14.0](#)

RCI Controlled Therapeutic Medication: [ARCI-controlled-therapeutic-medications-schedule version 4.1](#)

Florida Statute 535.08: [FL Statute 535.08.pdf](#)

These are also available at the OBS office and accessible on the OBS website under consignor information.

## **Testing**

- 1) Post-breeze random testing will be performed on horses selected at the sole discretion of OBS.
- 2) Buyers may request testing for anabolic androgenic steroids at the time of purchase and for undisclosed medication within 24 hours of purchase.
- 3) Test results will be submitted to the Department of Agriculture as required. The consignor is subject to penalties described in Florida Statute Chapter 535.08 including being charged with a misdemeanor and barred from selling for a period of 2 years.

## **Prohibited Practices**

Horses that have been subject to any of the following prohibited practices shall be subject to return or withdrawal:

- 1) **Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy**
- 2) **Acupuncture and/or Electro-Stimulation** with the intent of altering laryngeal function
- 3) **Electrical devices** designed or used to increase the speed of a horse. Anyone in possession of a prohibited electrical device will be banned from the OBS sales grounds.
- 4) **Any invasive practice which intentionally conceals a material defect or chronic lameness.**
- 5) **Internal Blister or other injections** to the knee intended to have the effect of concealing the true conformation of the horse is not permitted at any time.

## **Use of a Riding Crop and Spurs at an Under Tack Show**

At any time after the starting pole which the horse begins to breeze (i.e. 1/8, 1/4, or 3/8), a rider may only use the riding crop while both hands are holding the reins and may not strike the horse behind the girth. A rider is prohibited from striking the horse in any manner beyond the finish line. In situations where the safety of the horse or rider is in jeopardy, a riding crop may be used in front of the girth. Excessive whipping before the beginning of the work or in preparation for a breeze is prohibited. Spurs are not allowed at an under tack show. Any infraction of this rule may result in a fine of \$500 fine to be paid by the consignor. Chronic offenders may be banned from riding on the sales grounds. The sales company or its representatives have full, final and sole authority to interpret and enforce this rule. Funds collected from fines levied will be distributed to a thoroughbred industry related charity at the sole discretion of Ocala Breeders' Sales Company.

## **Horseshoes**

A horse at a two-year-old in training sale may not train with front shoes that have toe grabs which exceed 2mm, or bends, turn-downs, stickers, jar caulks or any other traction device. Turn-downs of more than ¼" will not be permitted on hind shoes. For training on the Safetrack surface, OBS recommends the use of only flat Queen's Plate, Queen's Plate XT or equivalent.

## **Summary of RCI recommended withdrawal times for administration of NSAIDs and Bronchodilators**

Refer to RCI Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule – [ARCI-controlled-therapeutic-medications-schedule version 4.1](#)

### **NSAIDs – no more than 2 may be present in a test sample**

**Diclofenac (Surpass)** 48 hours

- Five inch ribbon topical application of 1% diclofenac liposomal cream formulation
- 5 nanograms per milliliter of plasma or serum

**Firocoxib (Equioxx)** 14 days

- Oral administration as EQUIOXX oral paste at a daily dose of 0.1 milligram per kilogram for four days
- 20 nanograms per milliliter of plasma or serum

**Flunixin (Banamine)** 32 hours 48 hours secondary anti-stacking withdrawal guideline

- Single intravenous dose of flunixin as Banamine (flunixin meglumine) at 1.1 milligram per kilogram
- 20 nanogram per milliliter of plasma or serum
- Secondary anti-stacking threshold: 3.0 nanograms per milliliter of plasma or serum

**Ketoprofen (Ketofen, Orudis)** 24 hours 48 hours secondary anti-stacking withdrawal guideline

- Single intravenous dose of ketoprofen as Ketofen at 2.2 milligrams per kilogram
- 2 nanograms per milliliter of plasma or serum
- Secondary anti-stacking threshold: 1 nanogram per milliliter of plasma or serum

**Phenylbutazone (Bute)** 24 hours 48 hours secondary anti-stacking withdrawal guideline

- Single intravenous dose of phenylbutazone at 4.0 milligrams per kilogram
- 2 micrograms per milliliter of plasma or serum
- Secondary anti-stacking threshold: 0.3 micrograms per milliliter of plasma or serum

Please note that if two NSAIDs are administered the test samples may contain one of the NSAIDs listed above at a concentration up to the primary threshold and the sample may also contain another one of the NSAIDs but Flunixin, Ketoprofen, or Phenylbutazone must be at a concentration up to the Secondary Threshold.

### **Bronchodilators**

**Albuterol (Proventil, Ventolin)** 72 hours

- 720 micrograms total dose intra-nasal only. Based upon dosing up to 4 times per day
- 1 nanogram per milliliter of plasma or serum
- Administration of albuterol by any means other than intra-nasally has a high likelihood in resulting in a positive finding. This specifically includes oral administration. Veterinarians are cautioned against using oral albuterol.

**Clenbuterol (Ventipulmin)** 14 days

- Oral administration of clenbuterol as Ventipulmin® syrup at 0.8 mcg/kg twice a day
- 140 picograms per milliliter of urine or Level of Detection in plasma or serum

## **Medication and Prohibited Practices Penalties**

- 1) If a positive test result is received and a confirmation test is not requested or is confirmed by a laboratory selected by OBS for the administration of:
  - a) Any anabolic androgenic steroids;
  - b) Undisclosed medication administered within 72 hours;
  - c) An RCI class 1 or 2 medication, Salix, procaine penicillin;
  - d) Clenbuterol administered within 14 days, or any other bronchodilator administered within 72 hours;

The purchaser shall have the right to rescind the sale and the consignor shall refund any sales proceeds paid to consignor by OBS and pay the purchaser or OBS all proper expenses and legal fees incurred by either of them from the time of the sale until the return of the horse to the consignor or consignor's owner.

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- 2) Horses that have been subject to any of the following prohibited practices shall be subject to return or withdrawal and the consignor shall be responsible for expenses incurred by the purchaser and for OBS fees, penalties, and expenses:
  - a) Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy
  - b) Acupuncture and/or Electro-Stimulation with the intent of altering laryngeal function
  - c) Electrical devices designed or used to increase the speed of a horse. Anyone in possession of a prohibited electrical device will be banned from the OBS sales grounds.
  - d) Any invasive practice which intentionally conceals a material defect or chronic lameness.
  - e) Internal Blister or other injections to the knee intended to have the effect of concealing the true conformation of the horse is not permitted at any time.
- 3) The consignor will be subject to the penalties in section four (4) if a positive test result is received and a split sample test is not requested or is confirmed by a laboratory selected at the sole discretion of OBS which indicates the administration of:
  - a) Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID) or bronchodilators at levels above the threshold indicated in the RCI Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule - Version 4.1.
  - b) Any medication within 24 hours of the horse's under tack show performance
  - c) More than one (1) corticosteroid
  - d) More than two (2) non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)
- 4) The consignor will be subject to the following penalties for positive test results in section One (1) and Two (2); or prohibited practices in section Three (3):
  - a) 1st offense - Warning with a maximum fine of \$1,000; possible increased testing of consignors' horses at consignor expense.
  - b) 2nd offense - Warning with a maximum fine of \$1,500; increased testing of consignors' horses at consignor expense; possible suspension of consignor for up to 1 year to be determined by OBS Board of Directors.
  - c) 3rd offense - Fine of \$500 to \$2,500 absent mitigating circumstances; increased testing of consignors' horses at consignor expense; possible suspension of consignor for up to 2 years to be determined by OBS Board of Directors.
- 5) Funds collected from fines levied will be distributed to a thoroughbred industry related charity at the sole discretion of OBS. Fines will be deducted from proceeds when available. Failure to pay fines may result in suspension from participating in OBS Sales.