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Subject: Penalties for drug users in Harness-from Steve Temming.
Attachments: New penalty guidelines (2).pdf

Hello Mr Gural,

Congratulations once again for introducing language which hopefully will set the different racing jurisdictions on the same path when it comes to medications/timelines in the Harness horse.

I have attached the latest penalty list imposed on drug violators in Australia.

Please have a look at it--and you can see---the minimum any trainer gets--is 12 months--and it goes up from there.

I can inform you that if Lou Pena had used the medications that he did over here --in Australia at the times he did prior to racing--he would be receiving about 10 life penalties in a row.

Its time to get tough on positives--or use of drugs which should not be in the horse when racing.

One thing that really should be addressed Mr Gural--is the use of corticosteroids in Joints in racehorses in USA--which is way out of line with any other country you care to mention.

ALL your leading trainers here use them closer to racing than in any other Country.

For instance Depomedrol cannot be used for 6 weeks prior to racing in any joint in Australia--but yet over here--its used from week to week in poor horses.

This wears out the joints--and one reason--why you see NO 15 YO-USA horse retiring from racing--they simply cannot last from the abuse..

IMHO--MOST corticosteroids should not be used in a harness horse for 2 weeks prior to it racing.

Vets will not like this--however its for the best interests of the horses.

There are only a few corticosteroids that are helpful in a horses joint--**SOME should be allowed up to a week out like in PA**---NONE should be used within a week from racing---others like DEPO--should be outlawed or used **much further out**.

If they can ban it in every other country--why should USA lead the way--in the destruction of the horse?.

The other idea I have which would make the Meadowlands more popular with Fans and Owners--is to set up a retirement fund for horses that race at the Meadowlands.

This can be done by allocating a % of the purse and placing that money in an escrow account or an account that shows on the horses eligibility--accumulating money for the horses retirement.



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New penalty guidelines for prohibited substances

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NEW PENALTY GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE 3 JUNE 2012

CLASS 1

This category of drugs has the highest potential to affect performance and have no generally accepted medical use in the racing horse. It includes, but is not limited to, central nervous systems stimulants and depressants, narcotic analgesics, synthetic EPO derivatives, including polyethylene glycolated – epoetin beta (PEG-EPO), ITPP, AICAR, snake venom, snail venom, other animal venom and all substances specifically referred to in AHRR 190A (2) Out of Competition Testing and any other substance not registered for use in equines and/or Humans. The below lists some of those substances, but is not limited to:

- Anileridine
- Etorphine
- Dipipanone
- Endorphins
- Human erythropoietin, darbepoetin alpha
- Human insulin, bovine insulin and porcine/canine insulin
- Diacetylmorphine (heroin), cocaine, cannabinoids and lysergic acid diethylamine (LSD)
- Amphetamines including amphetamine, methylamphetamine
- Methylenedioxyamphetamine and methylenedioxyamphetamine

First offence

- No less than five (5) years disqualification

Second offence

- No less than (10) years disqualification

CLASS 2

Drugs in this category have a high potential to affect performance but less of a potential than Class 1. They include but are not limited to psychotropic drugs, certain nervous system stimulants and depressants and neuromuscular blocking agents. Local anaesthetics are included in this class because of their high potential for abuse as nerve blocking agents.

It also includes but is not limited to:

TCO2

Anabolic steroids (including HPC)

SARMs

SERMs (eg Tamoxifen)



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First offence

- No less than two (2) years disqualification

Second offence

- No less than five (5) years disqualification

Third offence

- No less than ten (10) years disqualification

CLASS 3

This category includes those medications registered in Australia for veterinary use which have an accepted therapeutic use in the racing horse. Australian registered human preparations with an accepted therapeutic use in the racing horse may also be included in this Class.
Includes all therapeutic substances.

First offence

- Twelve(12) months disqualification

Second offence

- Two (2) years disqualification

Third offence

- Five (5) years disqualification

Fourth offence

- Ten (10) years disqualification

Stewards may consider a reduction on compelling evidence that the person:

- Did not administer or caused to administer the prohibited substance
- Did not know or have reason to believe it was administered
- Taken all reasonable steps to ensure administered was not possible
- If a person makes an omission or pleads "guilty" to any offence

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