

DIRECTIVE NO. 219-2025

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The Rules Governing Horse Racing in Alberta are **AMENDED** as follows:

Chapter 3: General Horse Racing Rules, Part 1 Administration of Horse Races and Veterinary Care \ Division 2 Veterinary Treatment of Race Horses Generally

Rule 122 g Shock Wave Therapy

The use of Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy is not permitted unless the following conditions are met:

- (1) Any Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy machine, whether in operating condition or not, must be registered with and approved by the ***Official** Veterinarian before such machine is brought to or possessed on any racetrack within the jurisdiction of Horse Racing Alberta.
 - (a) **No person, other than a *licensed veterinarian may possess or use an Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy machine or a Radial Pulse Wave Therapy machine on any race horse.**
 - (b) **At the beginning of each calendar year, practicing veterinarians licensed by Horse Racing Alberta who possess or use an Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy machine or a Radial Pulse Wave Therapy machine must register their machines with Horse Racing Alberta as approved by the *Official Veterinarian.**

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- (2) Use of the Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy machine or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy machine on a race horse must be reported within 24 hours of the treatment on the prescribed form and forwarded to the *Official Veterinarian.
- (a) Any treated horse is not permitted to race, breeze and/or train for a minimum of 10 days following treatment;
- (b) Any horse treated with Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy is to be added to a list of ineligible horses. This list is **to** be kept in the race office and accessible to all racing participants during normal business hours and be made available to other regulatory jurisdictions.
- (c) Any horse treated by a licensed Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (ABVMA) veterinarian other than a veterinarian licensed by Horse Racing Alberta must be reported by the owner or trainer to the *Official Veterinarian.**
- (d) A horse that receives any such treatment without full compliance with this section in any other jurisdiction is to be placed on the Judge's or Steward's List.**

Rule 122 g Shock Wave Therapy currently states: (amended 03/20)

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- (1) Any Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy machine, whether in operating condition or not, must be registered with and approved by the **Commission** Veterinarian before such machine is brought to or possessed on any racetrack within the jurisdiction of the Commission;
- (2) The use of Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy within the jurisdiction:
 - (a) Is limited to veterinarians licensed to practice by the **commission**.
 - (b) May only be performed with machines that are:
 - (i) Registered and approved for use by the HRA; and
 - (ii) Used at a previously-disclosed location that is approved by the **Commission** Veterinarian.
- (3) Must be reported within 24-hours prior to treatment on the prescribed form to the Official Veterinarian.
 - (a) Any treated horse is not permitted to race, breeze and/or train for a minimum of 10 days following treatment;
 - (b) Any horse treated with Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy is to be added to a list of ineligible horses. This list is to be kept in the race office and accessible to all racing participants during normal business hours and be made available to other regulatory jurisdictions.
 - (c) A horse that receives any such treatment without full compliance with this section and similar rules in any other jurisdiction in which the horse was treated is to be placed on the Judge's or Steward's List.

Dated at the City of Edmonton
in the Province of Alberta
this 7th day of April 2025.



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