

**DIRECTIVE NO. 205 – 2024**

**THOROUGHBRED AND QUARTER HORSE**

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

Chapter 3: General Horse Racing Rules \ Part 3 Horse Racing Misconduct  
Division 2 Rule Violations

The following rule is AMENDED to read:

**Rule 290 g Prohibited substances on race day**

(1) No person shall,

if a thoroughbred or quarter horse, after 10:00 am of the \*race day,  
administer to a \*horse entered in any form of racing in Alberta at any  
racetrack administer any of the following,

or, if a standardbred, 4 hours and 15 minutes in advance of the first post-  
time on the day of the \*race, administer to a \*horse entered in any form of  
racing in Alberta at any racetrack administer any of the following:

- (a) any \*drug, \*medication, or \*foreign substance, including alkalinizing agents that could increase the bicarbonate buffering capacity of a horse, other than normal feed;
- (b) any drug, medication, or foreign substance by way of injection by hypodermic syringe, including vitamins, minerals, food supplements, glucose, sugar, alkalinizing agents and alcohol;
- (c) any drug, medication, or foreign substance by way of drenching or by rectal lavage with a dose syringe, tube or bottle, or by nebulizer including sodium bicarbonate, sugar, camphor, alkalinizing agents and alcohol.

(2) Despite subsection (1), a horse entered to race may be medicated on race day

- (a) in an emergency or for a medical condition following which the horse will be \*scratched, or

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- (b) with a medication approved by \*Horse Racing Alberta for the control of exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage.

**Rule 290 g Prohibited substances on race day currently states:**

**(1) If a Thoroughbred or Quarter horse**

- (a) A horse entered to race shall not be administered any medications, drugs, or a foreign substance 24 hours before post time of the first race of the day in which the horse has been entered.**
- (b) Furosemide administration for Horse Racing Alberta Exercise Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage (EIPH) program shall not be considered as a violation of Rule 290 g.**
- (c) No unauthorized contact between the horse entered and a practicing veterinarian 24 hours prior to the horse racing will be permitted except for the Official Veterinarian.**
- (d) Veterinarians are prohibited from any contact with the horse entered to race 24 hours to post time of the first race on the day of racing.**
- (e) If a veterinarian shall have to act in the capacity of a veterinarian for a horse entered to race within 24 hours prior to post time of the first race on an emergency basis, the veterinarian and trainer shall notify the Board of Stewards as soon as reasonably possible in the circumstances and the horse will be scratched.**
- (f) If the horse entered to race has had contact with a veterinarian within 24 hours of the medication ban, the horse shall be disqualified for the race it is entered in and any purse monies shall be redistributed.**
- (g) Any horse that has been entered to race and has been administered any medication within the 24-hour medication ban, will be withdrawn or disqualified from the race.**

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**(2) If a standardbred, no person shall,**

**administer to a \*horse entered in any form of racing in Alberta at any racetrack administer any of the following**, 4 hours, and 15 minutes in advance of the first post-time on the day of the race, administer to a \*horse entered in any form of racing in Alberta at any racetrack administer any of the following:

- (a) any \*drug, \*medication, or \*foreign substance, including alkalinizing agents that could increase the bicarbonate buffering capacity of a horse, other than normal feed;
  - (b) any drug, medication, or foreign substance by way of injection by hypodermic syringe, including vitamins, minerals, food supplements, glucose, sugar, alkalinizing agents and alcohol;
  - (c) any drug, medication, or foreign substance by way of drenching or by rectal lavage with a dose syringe, tube or bottle, or by nebulizer including sodium bicarbonate, sugar, camphor, alkalinizing agents and alcohol.
- (3) Despite subsection (1) and (2), a horse entered to race may be medicated on race day
- (a) in an emergency or for a medical condition following which the horse will be \*scratched, or
  - (b) with a medication approved by \*Horse Racing Alberta for the control of exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage.

Dated at the City of Edmonton  
in the Province of Alberta  
this 04 day of March 2024.



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