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MEDICATION, SAFETY, AND WELFARE **COMMITTEE MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **Medication, Safety, and Welfare Committee (committee) of the California Horse Racing Board** will be held on **Wednesday, July 13, 2022**, commencing at **12:00 p.m.** at the **Del Mar Hilton, 15575 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, California**. The audio portion only of the committee meeting will be available online through a link at the CHRB website (www.chrb.ca.gov) under "Webcasts."

AGENDA

Agenda Items

1. Discussion and consideration to **amend Rule 1420, Definitions, Rule 1846, Racing Soundness Examination, and Rule 1846.1, Veterinary Records for Horses Shipping into an Inclosure to Race, and add Rule 1846.2, Training Soundness Examination, and Rule 1846.3, Veterinary and Training Records for Horses Requiring Training Soundness Examinations**, to address large bone injuries occurring after extended periods between a recorded work or race, and to align with HISA regulations.
2. Discussion and consideration of a potential regulation that would **limit the accumulation of high-speed furlongs**.
3. Discussion and consideration of a potential regulation that would **limit multiple inter-articular joint injections and require diagnostics in advance of those injections**.
4. Discussion and consideration of a potential regulation that would **require associations to install video surveillance in the stable area**.
5. **Public Comment:** Communications, reports, requests for future actions of the Board. **Note:** During the public comment period, a total of thirty minutes will be allowed for public comments. After thirty minutes, no further comments will be accepted. Each person will be limited to two minutes.

Additional information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the CHRB Administrative Office, 1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95825; telephone (916) 263-6000; fax (916) 263-6042. This notice is located on the CHRB website at www.chrb.ca.gov. *Information for requesting disability related accommodation for persons with a disability who require aid or services in order to participate in this public meeting, should contact Zachary Voss. Requests will be swiftly resolved by CHRB staff.

Date of Notice: June 30, 2021

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MEDICATION, SAFETY, AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

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Agenda Item 1

STAFF ANALYSIS

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO AMEND RULE 1420, DEFINITIONS, RULE 1846, RACING SOUNDNESS EXAMINATION, AND RULE 1846.1, VETERINARY RECORDS FOR HORSES SHIPPING INTO AN INCLOSURE TO RACE, AND TO ADD RULE 1846.2, TRAINING SOUNDNESS EXAMINATION, AND RULE 1846.3, VETERINARY AND TRAINING RECORDS FOR HORSES REQUIRING TRAINING SOUNDNESS EXAMINATIONS, TO ADDRESS LARGE BONE INJURIES OCCURRING AFTER EXTENDED PERIODS BETWEEN A RECORDED WORK OR RACE, AND TO ALIGN WITH HISA REGULATIONS.

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ISSUE:

Catastrophic injuries related to large bone fractures occur at a concerning rate in horses returning to training after extended periods between a recorded work or race. To help reduce the incidence of these type of musculoskeletal failures, the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) is proposing two additional rules, CHRB Rule 1846.2, Training Soundness Examination, and CHRB Rule 1846.3, Veterinary and Training Records for Horses Requiring Training Soundness Examinations. Amendments are also being proposed to CHRB Rules [1846](#) and [1846.1](#) to improve and clarify existing requirements and to align with the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) regulatory language where applicable.

ANALYSIS:

In collaboration with regulatory veterinarians, safety stewards, investigators, and industry partners, and informed by data on horses injured after extended periods between a recorded work or race, CHRB staff has proposed two new rules that require examinations and veterinary and training record disclosure protocols for every horse that has not had a recorded work or race within the past 90 days. As proposed, an initial examination will be required by both a regulatory veterinarian and the attending veterinarian, including review of veterinary and training records for the previous 60-day period, prior to the horse going to the track to train. Additionally, a follow up examination will be required between 30 and 45 days. The goal is to provide a baseline examination and identify any at risk factors that may predispose a horse from suffering a catastrophic injury related to the shins, tibias, shoulder, pelvis, etc. Amendments to existing CHRB Rules 1846 and 1846.1 are also proposed to clarify the specific requirements of racing soundness examinations, including the condition of the horse when presented for examination, who must be present, and how the examination information will be recorded. These clarifications also establish consistent requirements for both racing soundness and training soundness examinations. Additionally, requirements for veterinary treatment records are clarified, including the timeframe for trainers to submit records and the official veterinarian's responsibility to maintain the records.

This item will be presented for discussion at the Medication, Safety and Welfare Committee Meeting on July 13, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for Board discussion and action.

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TITLE 4. CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
DIVISION 4. CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS
PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF CHRB RULE 1420, DEFINITIONS

1420. Definitions.

As used in these rules:

- (a) "Chairman" means the member elected by the Board to be Chairman of the Board and its presiding member.
- (b) "Commissioner" means a member of the Board.
- (c) "Age of Horse" means the age as reckoned beginning on the first day of January of the year in which the horse was foaled.
- (d) "Authorized Agent" means an agent appointed by a written document which is signed by the owner and filed with the Board.
- (e) "Breeder" means the owner of the dam at the time of foaling.
- (f) "Conviction" includes a plea of guilty, forfeiture of bail, a judgment or verdict of guilty, or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere, whether or not the conviction is later set aside pursuant to the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.
- (g) "Driver" means one who drives and controls the horse from a seated position on a two-wheel vehicle.
- (h) "Horse" means an equine and includes a stallion, gelding, mare, colt, filly or ridgling and includes mule, jack, jenny, ginnet, and hinney.
- (i) "Jockey" means a race rider.
- (j) "Licensee" means a licensee of the California Horse Racing Board.
- (k) "Maiden" means a horse that has never won a race on the flat in a state or country where the races are covered by the Daily Racing Form or other similar authorized publication. A maiden that has been disqualified after finishing first is still a maiden. Conditions referring to maidens apply to the status at the time of starting.

(l) "Nominator" means a person in whose name a horse is entered to race.

(m) "Objection" means a formal complaint filed before a race with the stewards or the Board objecting to the eligibility of any horse to compete in the race or the right of any person to participate in the race.

(n) "Owner" includes the owner, part owner and lessee of any horse. An interest only in the earnings of a horse does not constitute ownership. If husband and wife, it is presumed that joint ownership exists.

(o) "Post" means the place on the race course from which a start is made.

(p) "Post Time" means the definite time for the start of a race, and is indicated by a clock device set up as directed by the Board.

(q) "Premises" means the inclosure and all other areas collectively utilized by an association in connection with its conduct of a licensed race meeting, including parking lots, auxiliary stabling areas, public inclosure and restricted areas, whether or not the areas are adjacent to the inclosure.

(r) "Protest" means a formal complaint filed after a race with the stewards or the Board protesting the right of any horse to a place, purse or award in the race, or protesting any decision of the stewards relating to the eligibility, participation or placing of any horse in a race.

(s) "Race" means a contest among horses for a purse, stake or reward, contested at an authorized race meeting. "Race" includes but is not limited to:

(1) Purse Race. A race for money or any other prize to which the owners of the horses engaged do not contribute.

(2) Stake Race. A race for which owners of horses entered or engaged for the race contribute to a purse for which money or any other prize may be added, nominations to which close 72 hours or more before starting.

(3) Claiming Race. A race in which any horse entered therein may be claimed in conformity with the rules established by the Board, except for horses declared ineligible for claiming under Rule 1634 of this division.

(4) Handicap Race. A race in which the weights to be carried by the entered horses are adjusted by a handicapper, board of handicappers or the racing secretary, to equalize their respective chances of winning.

(5) Overnight Race. A race in which entries close 72 hours or less, excluding Sundays, in advance of the first race of the day on which the race is to be run.

(6) Walkover. A stake race in which only one horse starts or in which all the starters are owned by the same interest.

(7) Invitational Stake Race. An invitational stake race or an invitational handicap race for which owners do not contribute to the purse, but which is advertised in the regular stakes program, shall also be considered a stake race.

(8) Non-wagering Race. A race contested without pari-mutuel wagering on its results including a race upon which pari-mutuel wagering is canceled.

(9) Match Race. A race contested between two horses under conditions of the contest agreed to by their owners.

(10) "Special Racing Event". A race of unique interest, magnitude or fame. "Special racing event" shall also mean an exhibition race when approved by the Board.

(11) "Exhibition Race". A race contested under conditions established by the association as a promotional event or to provide a special racing opportunity to a particular horse or class of horse or class of participants and to which the association contributes the purse or awards for the contest. No pari-mutuel wagering may be conducted on the results of an exhibition race.

(t) "Race on the Flat" means a race run over a course on which no jumps or other obstacles are placed.

(u) "Recognized Meeting," "Race Meeting," or "Authorized Meeting" means the entire period under the conduct of an association within the inclosure of the designated grounds, and for which the Board has granted a license. When the context in the rules applies, it may include a meeting conducted by an association in some other jurisdiction recognized by the Board.

(v) "Restricted Area" means those areas within the inclosure where admission can be obtained only upon presentation of authorized credentials, proper license or visitor's pass, including those areas designated as the stable area, receiving or detention barn, jockey room, saddling paddock, race course and pari-mutuel department.

(w) "Rules" means the Rules and Regulations of the California Horse Racing Board and the orders of the Board.

(x) "Starter" means a horse when it is in the starting gate stall, and, when the starter dispatches the field, the stall gate in front of the horse is opened.

(y) "Sulky" means a dual wheel racing vehicle with dual shafts not exceeding the height of the horses withers. Shafts must be hooked separately on each side.

(z) "Time of Race Meeting" means that period of time commencing at 12:01 A.M. on the first day of racing at a recognized meeting and concluding at 12:00 midnight after the final race of the last day of racing as allocated and licensed by the Board.

(aa) "Weight for Age" means the standard weight to be carried by a horse according to the scale established by the rules, and remains such though there be penalties or allowances.

(ab) Regulatory Veterinarian: Includes Official Veterinarians and Racing Veterinarians as defined by CHRB Rules 1560, Duties of the Official Veterinarian, and Rule 1561, Duties of the Racing Veterinarian, and Monitoring Veterinarians as defined by Horse Racing Law, BPC Section 19583.9.

Authority: Sections 19440, 19562, ~~and~~ 19563 and 19583.9
Business and Professions Code

Reference: Sections 19401(e) and 19420
Business and Professions Code

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TITLE 4. CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
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ARTICLE 15. VETERINARY PRACTICES
PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF CHRB RULE 1846, RACING SOUNDNESS EXAMINATIONS

1846. Racing Soundness Examination.

Each and every horse entered to race shall be subjected to a veterinary examination for racing soundness and health on race day not later than two hours prior to official post time for the race in which the horse is to compete. Such an examination shall be referred to as the "Racing Soundness Exam".

~~(a) The examination of each horse shall include but not be limited to close inspection of the eyes, examination of the legs, recording of the temperature of the horse and observation of the horse at rest and while in motion., at a minimum, the following:~~

(1) Identification of the horse.

(2) Ascertainment of the sex of the horse.

(3) Performance of an overall inspection of the entire horse, assessing general appearance, behavior, disposition, posture, and body condition.

(4) Observation of the horse jogging in hand, moving towards and away from the veterinarian so that both hind-end and front-end motion can be evaluated.

(5) Performance of a digital palpation and flexion on both distal forelimbs.

(b) The trainer of each horse or a representative of the trainer who is knowledgeable about the horse and able to communicate with the regulatory veterinarian must present the horse for examination. Horses presented for examination must have bandages removed, and the legs must be clean and dry. Prior to examination, horses may not be placed in ice and no device or substance shall be applied to the horse that impedes veterinary clinical assessment.

~~(b) (c) All such examinations shall be conducted in or near the stall to which the animal is assigned and shall be conducted by a regulatory veterinarian who shall have the authority to determine the location of the examination. the official veterinarian or the racing veterinarian.~~

(d) All such examination shall be documented in the InCompass Solutions Inc. Track Manager System.

~~(e)~~ (e) The official veterinarian shall keep or cause to be kept a continuing health and racing soundness record of each horse so examined.

Authority: Sections 19440
Business and Professions Code

Reference: Sections 337f, g, and h, Penal Code.
Sections 19401 and 19440 Business and Professions Code

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF CHRB RULE 1846.1, VETERINARY RECORDS FOR
HORSES SHIPPING INTO AN INCLOSURE TO RACE

1846.1. Veterinary Records for Horses Shipping into an Inclosure to Race or to Work for removal from Veterinarian's List

(a) If a horse has not been stabled at a facility under the jurisdiction of the Board for 30-days prior to a race, or for 30-days prior to working off the Veterinarian's List, the trainer shall submit to the official veterinarian using a form prescribed by the Board the previous 30-day veterinary treatment record at the time of the pre-race or pre-workout examination within 24 hours of arriving at a licensed inclosure and before any scheduled race or workout.

The veterinary treatment record shall include:

- (1) the name and identification number of the horse treated,
 - (2) any medication, drug, substance, diagnostics, or procedure administered or prescribed by a veterinarian during the previous 30 days, ~~and~~
 - (3) the name of the prescribing or treating veterinarian_;
 - (4) the dates of examinations by the treating veterinarian, and
 - (5) the type of housing (stall, pen, pasture).
- (b) Any such veterinary treatment record is confidential, and its content shall not be disclosed except in a proceeding before the stewards or the Board, or in exercise of the Board's jurisdiction.
- (c) Failure by the trainer to provide accurate and complete veterinary treatment records shall result in disciplinary action.
- (d) The official veterinarian shall keep or cause to be kept all veterinary treatment records submitted for each horse.

Authority: Sections 19440 and 19562
Business and Professions Code

Reference: Sections 19440 and 19562
Business and Professions Code

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PROPOSED ADDITION OF CHRB RULE 1846.2, TRAINING SOUNDNESS EXAMINATION

1846.2 Training Soundness Examination

(a) Each and every horse that has not had a recorded work or race within the past 90 days, shall be subjected to a veterinary examination for training soundness and health prior to beginning training. Such an examination shall be performed by both a regulatory veterinarian and the attending veterinarian and be referred to as the "Training Soundness Exam".

(b) The trainer shall be responsible for obtaining a follow up exam conducted by a regulatory veterinarian and the attending veterinarian 30 days after the initial exam. The follow up exam must occur no later than 45 days after the initial exam or all training must cease until after the examination is performed.

(c) The examinations referenced in (a) and (b) of this rule shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) Identification of the horse.

(2) Ascertainment of the sex of the horse.

(3) Performance of an overall inspection of the entire horse, assessing general appearance, behavior, disposition, posture, and body condition.

(4) Observation of the horse jogging in hand, moving towards and away from the veterinarian so that both hind-end and front-end motion can be evaluated.

(5) Performance of a digital palpation and flexion on both distal forelimbs.

(d) The trainer of each horse or a representative of the trainer who is knowledgeable about the horse and able to communicate with the regulatory veterinarian must present the horse for examination. Horses presented for examination must have bandages removed, and the legs must be clean and dry. Prior to examination, horses may not be placed in ice and no device or substance shall be applied to the horse that impedes veterinary clinical assessment.

(e) The regulatory veterinarian conducting all examinations pursuant to this rule shall have the authority to determine the location of the examinations.

(f) The regulatory veterinarian may order diagnostic tests before the horse is permitted to begin or resume training.

(g) The examinations conducted by the attending veterinarian shall be recorded in the veterinary report, in accordance with Rule 1842.

(h) The examinations conducted by the regulatory veterinarian shall be documented in the InCompass Solutions Inc. Track Manager System.

(i) The official veterinarian shall keep or cause to be kept a continuing health and training soundness record of each horse so examined by a regulatory veterinarian.

Authority: Sections 19440 and 19562
Business and Professions Code

Reference: Sections 19440 and 19562
Business and Professions Code

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PROPOSED ADDITION OF CHRB RULE 1846.3, VETERINARY AND TRAINING RECORDS
FOR HORSES REQUIRING TRAINING SOUNDNESS EXAMINATIONS

1846.3. Veterinary and Training Records for Horses Requiring Training Soundness Examinations

(a) For horses required to undergo a training soundness examination pursuant to Rule 1846.2, the trainer shall submit to a regulatory veterinarian using a form prescribed by the Board at least 24 hours prior to the examination, the previous 60 day veterinary treatment and training records.

The veterinary treatment record shall include:

(1) the name and identification number of the horse treated,

(2) any medication, drug, substance, diagnostics, or procedure administered or prescribed by a veterinarian during the previous 30 days,

(3) the name of the prescribing or treating veterinarian,

(4) the dates of examinations by treating veterinarian,

(5) the type of housing (stall, pen, pasture), and

(6) for lay-offs, the reason the horse was turned out or rested, and the location of lay-up.

The training record shall include:

(1) the name and identification number of the horse trained,

(2) the daily exercise, specifying the type of surface, including but not limited to handwalking, exercise under tack, and water treadmill during the previous 60 days.

(b) Any such veterinary treatment record is confidential, and its content shall not be disclosed except in a proceeding before the stewards or the Board, or in exercise of the Board's jurisdiction.

(c) Failure by the trainer to provide accurate and complete veterinary treatment records and training records shall result in disciplinary action.

Authority: Sections 19440 and 19562
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