

(e) It shall be the responsibility of the farm manager or training center manager to complete and file all reports required of him by the Commission. It shall similarly be the responsibility of the trainer to complete and file all reports required of him by the Commission, including, but not limited to, the Equine Fatality Report (see: N.J.A.C. 13:71-20.24).

(f) Failure to comply with the requirements in this section shall subject the offending party to the penalties provided for in N.J.A.C. 13:71-2.3. Further, violation of this section may subject the offending party to suspension, revocation or denial of the farm license and/or declaration of ineligibility for stables or horses involved.

New Rule, R.1984 d.214, effective June 4, 1984.

See: 16 N.J.R. 691(a), 16 N.J.R. 1361(b).

Repealed.

New Rule, R.1985 d.637, effective December 16, 1985 (operative January 1, 1986).

See: 17 N.J.R. 1393(b), 17 N.J.R. 2996(c).

Amended by R.1993 d.52, effective January 19, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 4023(a), 25 N.J.R. 314(b).

Revised (c).

13:71-7.27 Trainers; application for license

An applicant for a license as trainer must be at least 18 years of age and satisfy the Commission that he possesses the necessary qualifications, both mental and physical, to perform the duties required. Elements to be considered, among others, shall be character, reputation, temperament, experience, knowledge of the rules of racing and of the duties of a trainer in the preparation, training, entering and managing the horses for racing. The system of qualification employed by the United States Trotting Association may be accepted as evidence of the necessary experience.

13:71-7.28 Grooms; application for license

An applicant for a license as a groom must satisfy the commission that he possesses the necessary qualifications, both mental and physical, to perform the duties required. Elements to be considered, among others, shall be character, reputation, temperament, experience, knowledge of the rules of racing and of the duties of a groom. Applicants between the ages of 16 and 18 years of age must submit New Jersey "working papers" together with their application. No license shall be issued to applicants under 16 years of age.

13:71-7.29 Suspension or revocation of drivers—trainers or grooms licenses

(a) The license of any driver, trainer or groom may be suspended, revoked or money fine may be imposed, at any time for:

1. Failure to obey the instructions of a racing official;
2. Failure to drive in a race when programmed, unless excused by the presiding judge;

3. Appearing in the paddock in an unfit condition to perform his duties;

4. Fighting;

5. Assault upon any other person;

6. Offensive or profane language;

7. Smoking while on the race track in silks and during actual racing hours;

8. Warming up a horse without silks at any time after the admission gates are open;

9. Disturbing the peace;

10. Refusal to take a breathalyzer test when directed by the presiding judge;

11. Refusal, when requested by the commission, to submit evidence of physical and mental ability and/or to submit to a physical examination;

12. Failure to participate in post parade, unless specifically excused by presiding judge;

13. Any other act or conduct detrimental to the sport;

14. Violation of any rule of the commission;

15. Falsifying or misrepresenting answers on the application for license.

16. The length of suspension of a driver may be increased up to and including an indefinite suspension by the New Jersey Racing Commission if said driver is guilty of the same infractions of the rules of racing two times or more during any calendar year.

Amended by R.1976 d.125, effective April 22, 1976.

See: 8 N.J.R. 47(b), 8 N.J.R. 308(a).

Case Notes

Suspended trainer was denied a new trainer's license. *Temming v. New Jersey Racing Commission*, 94 N.J.A.R.2d (RAC) 51.

13:71-7.30 Owners' application for license

(a) Every owner desiring to enter a harness horse at a race meeting licensed by the commission shall be required to obtain a license from the commission.

1. No person shall have more than one trainer, training his horse or horses in which he has any interest, at any one track in New Jersey, at the same time, without the written consent of the New Jersey Racing Commission. When a horse is shipped in for one particular race, this ruling may be waived in writing by the New Jersey Racing Commission or its representatives.

(b) Such application shall be on forms provided by the commission. "Owner" includes sole owner, part owner or lessee of a horse.

Amended by R.1976 d.125, effective April 22, 1976.

See: 8 N.J.R. 47(b), 8 N.J.R. 308(a).

13:71-7.31 Qualification for owner's license

(a) Every applicant for a license as an owner in addition to any other requirements mentioned herein shall:

1. Be at least 18 years of age unless a parent or legal guardian expressly assumes responsibility for an applicant who is under 18 years of age;
2. Submit evidence of good moral character; and
3. Furnish a completed application form.

(b) Where a horse is owned jointly by two or more parties, all parties must comply with (a)1, 2 and 3 above.

(c) Where a horse is owned by a corporation, all officers, directors and persons owning more than five percent of the capital stock must comply with (a)1, 2 and 3 above.

Amended by R.1990 d.126, effective February 20, 1990.
See: 21 N.J.R. 3861(a), 22 N.J.R. 667(a).

At (c) change from 10 percent ownership to 5 percent ownership.

13:71-7.32 Suspension or revocation of owner's license

(a) The license of any owner may be suspended, revoked or a money fine may be imposed for:

1. Failure to obey the instructions of a racing official;
2. Failure to race his horse when programmed, unless excused by the presiding judge;
3. Misconduct or acts detrimental to the sport;
4. Violation of any rule of the Commission;
5. Falsifying or misrepresenting answers on an application for an owner's license.

13:71-7.33 Reinstatement of owner's license

A license may be reinstated by the Commission, in its discretion, upon application and upon such terms as the Commission may prescribe.

13:71-7.34 Reinstatement of license of driver, trainer and groom

A license may be reinstated by the Commission, in its discretion, upon application and upon such terms as the Commission may prescribe.

13:71-7.35 Badges

(a) All licensed personnel who enter the stable area of any track under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Racing Commission in any capacity whatsoever shall wear upon their outside apparel in a prominent position the authorized badges containing picture identification supplied by the Commission. This rule shall also apply to State, track, veterinarian personnel, as well as the vendors and suppliers authorized in the stable area, and the badges shall be readily available and produced by such personnel upon request of track security, county and city police, State police, Commission inspectors and stewards at said request. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a \$5.00 fine for the first offense; \$10.00 fine for the second; \$25.00 for the third; and ejection from the grounds upon the fourth offense.

1. All persons working in or about the licensed premises shall be required to be licensed in their appropriate category by the New Jersey Racing Commission.

(b) Any person losing his identification license will be subject to a fine of not less than \$2.00 or more than \$10.00. The amount of fine to be determined by the New Jersey Racing Commission.

Amended by R.1976 d.125, effective April 22, 1976.

See: 8 N.J.R. 47(b), 8 N.J.R. 308(a).

Amended by R.1982 d.109, effective April 5, 1982.

See: 13 N.J.R. 820(a), 14 N.J.R. 347(a).

"HTS" was "TRPB".

Amended by R.1990 d.126, effective February 20, 1990.

See: 21 N.J.R. 3861(a), 22 N.J.R. 667(a).

"Police" changed to "security" and reference to HTS deleted in (a).

Amended by R.1993 d.52, effective January 19, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 4023(a), 25 N.J.R. 314(b).

Revised (a)1.

13:71-7.36 Written agreements between owners and trainers

A written agreement between owners and trainers shall be filed at the time they enter a partnership or stable name on any horse. The trainer shall be responsible for filing the written agreement with the New Jersey Racing Commission and the clerk of course at the track where said horse or horses participate within 72 hours.

R.1976 d.125, effective April 22, 1976.

See: 8 N.J.R. 47(b), 8 N.J.R. 308(a).

13:71-7.37 Collection and dissemination of Social Security numbers

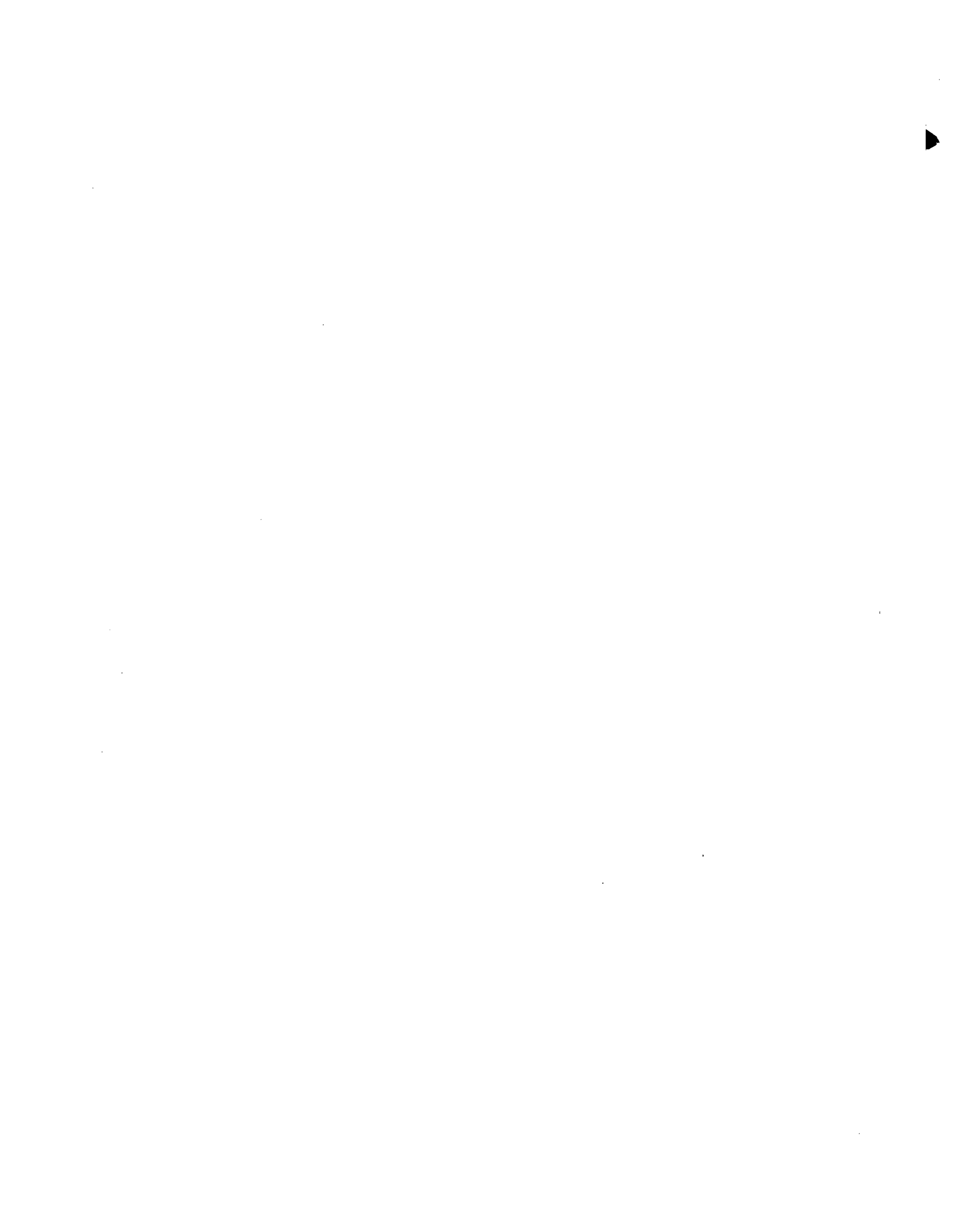
(a) The Racing Commission may request Social Security numbers to be furnished for use in determining an applicant's eligibility for licensure especially as it relates to credit checks, background checks or other such investigations, including those relative to open claiming. No application shall be denied for failure to comply with such request provided that a person may be required to submit such other information as the Commission may require in order to determine an applicant's eligibility for licensure.

(b) Any form used by the Commission to request submission of a Social Security number shall include the following:

1. A statement as to whether provision of a Social Security number is mandatory or voluntary;
2. A citation of the rule (which in the case of a request for voluntary submission shall be this section) that authorizes the Commission to request the Social Security number; and
3. A statement that the Commission will use Social Security numbers as a secondary internal identifier for the following purposes: Credit checks, background checks and other such investigations.

(b) Every owner, or his authorized agent, or trainer of any horse entered to race at any licensed racetrack shall immediately submit the said horse to any veterinarian desig-

nated by the Commission, for examination and/or testing whenever so requested by the Commission, Stewards, Judges, State Veterinarians, or Associate State Veterinarian.



Case Notes

Rule sets forth the association between the administration of drugs and the need to protect horses from them. *Gallo v. New Jersey Racing Commission*, 6 N.J.A.R. 381 (1983).

13:71-23.3 Pre-race blood testing program

(a) All horses entered to start in any race where pari-mutuel wagering is conducted shall be subject to a pre-race blood and/or urine test.

(b) Such horses shall be in the paddock at least two hours prior to post-time under the custody and care of a duly licensed attendant designated by the trainer of the horse.

(c) A licensed veterinarian approved by the Commission shall be the only person allowed to draw the blood for testing. A quantity of 20 cubic centimeters or such amount as the veterinarian may designate shall be extracted from each horse for testing purposes.

(d) Should the forensic analysis of such sample be classified as suspicious for any drug or substance foreign to the natural horse, except as expressly permitted by these rules and regulations, the horse shall be scratched.

(e) Should the forensic analysis of such sample be classified as positive for any drug or substance foreign to the natural horse, the horse shall be scratched and placed on the judge's list for seven days.

(f) The entry of a horse shall constitute permission for a veterinarian appointed by the New Jersey Racing Commission to obtain biological samples, and consent to the scratching of the horse from the race in the event such test is positive or suspicious.

(g) A trainer shall receive a warning for the first time a horse in his charge shall show a positive pre-race test. If the same horse shall again be positive on a pre-race test, then the trainer may be fined, suspended or both.

13:71-23.3A Post-race blood gas testing program

(a) An excess level of total carbon dioxide (TCO₂) in the race horse is deemed adverse to the best interests of harness racing, and adverse to the best interests of the horse in that such condition alters its normal physiological state. Accordingly, in compliance with the post-race testing program provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.4 and this section, on the date of the race and following a minimum one-hour standing at rest period for the horse subsequent to the conclusion of the race within which it competed, a State Veterinarian representing the Commission may obtain blood samples from the horse for the purpose of the testing of said samples by the Racing Commission laboratory for TCO₂ level on a Clinical Auto Analyzer that applies an ion selective electrode method (ISE) for measuring TCO₂ in blood. Where the TCO₂ level, based upon such testing equals or exceeds the following levels, the judges shall order the relief authorized pursuant to (b) below:

1. Thirty-seven (37) or more millimoles per liter for those horses not competing on furosemide; and

2. Thirty-nine (39) or more millimoles per liter for those horses competing on furosemide.

(b) Where the TCO₂ level in a horse is determined to equal or exceed the levels set forth in (a) above, and it is not determined that such TCO₂ levels are physiologically normal for that particular horse pursuant to (c) below, the judges shall order the following relief:

1. The trainer, as the absolute insurer of the horse responsible for the condition of a horse within his or her care and custody pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.6, shall for a first violation have his or her license suspended for a 75 day period, be ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and be denied the privileges of all grounds subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission during the suspension period. For a second violation, the license of the trainer shall be ordered suspended for a 180 day period, a \$2,500 fine shall be ordered and the trainer shall be denied the privileges of all grounds subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission during the suspension period. For a third or subsequent violation, the license of the trainer shall be ordered suspended for a minimum of one year to a maximum of licensure revocation, a \$5,000 fine shall be ordered and the trainer shall be denied the privileges of all grounds subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission during the suspension period. The licensure suspension aspect of these penalties shall be increased by a minimum of two years where evidence independent of the testing demonstrates that the excessive TCO₂ level of the horse resulted from the administration of a drug or substance foreign to the horse in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.1 and that such foreign substance was administered nasogastrically or orally, using a tubing device, jug or by any intravenous means;

2. In addition to the liability of the trainer as set forth in (b)1 above, any additional persons responsible shall be subject to the penalties set forth in (b)1 above; and

3. Disqualification and denial of purse with redistribution of any purse money due, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.7; and

4. Pre-race guarded quarantine pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.3B.

(c) If the level of TCO₂ is determined to equal or exceed those set forth in (a) above, and the licensed owner or trainer of that horse contends in writing to the judges within three calendar days of notification of the results that such levels are physiologically normal for the particular horse, said licensee may by such writing request that the horse be held in guarded quarantine. In the event so requested, the track association shall make such guarded quarantine available, for a period of time to be determined by the judges but in no event more than 72 hours, at the sole expense of the licensee requesting same. During any quarantine, the

horse shall be re-tested periodically and, although the horse may not race during such quarantine period, it may be exercised and trained at times prescribed by the track association and consistent with the ability to monitor the horse, take blood samples from the horse and test those blood samples of said horse. If the judges are satisfied, on the basis of the evident facts, the quarantine and the testing of the horse's blood during the quarantine period utilizing the Clinical Auto Analyzer, that the level of TCO₂ set forth in (a) above is physiologically normal for that particular horse, the judges shall not order the relief set forth in (b) above and the horse shall be permitted to compete. In such case, the judges in their discretion may, at the sole expense of the track association, require that the horse re-establish that such TCO₂ level is physiologically normal to it pursuant to the quarantine procedure set forth in this subsection but no sooner than 45 days after the last quarantine period for the purpose of such re-establishment.

(d) All persons participating in any blood gas testing program or quarantine process as described in this section, whether an employee of the Racing Commission or a track association, shall act at the direction of the Commission representative as designated by the Commission or its Executive Director. The taking of blood samples from a horse, as authorized by this section for the purpose of testing on the Clinical Auto Analyzer, shall be additional to and not in lieu of any other sampling or testing of blood or urine authorized by this chapter. For the purposes of this section, as well as N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.3B and 23.3C, a violation of this section on or after October 18, 1993 shall constitute a prior violation.

New Rule, R.1993 d.174, effective April 19, 1993.
See: 25 N.J.R. 269(a), 25 N.J.R. 1775(b).
Amended by R.1997 d.127, effective March 17, 1997.
See: 29 N.J.R. 95(a), 29 N.J.R. 901(b).
Substantially amended section.

13:71-23.3B Post-race blood gas testing program; pre-race guarded quarantine

(a) Where a trainer, during any 12 month period, has had any single horse under his or her custody, care and control test equal to or in excess of the total carbon dioxide level (TCO₂) set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.3A(a), and where the level of TCO₂ has not been determined as physiologically normal for the horse in such instance pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.3A(c), that horse subsequently scheduled to participate in a race under the custody, care and control of said trainer shall be placed under pre-race guarded quarantine. The track association sponsoring the race shall make such pre-race guarded quarantine available, at the sole expense of the trainer, for a length of time to be determined by the judges but in no event less than six hours prior to the start of the first race of the program.

1. Any pre-race guarded quarantine required by this subsection shall continue as to the affected horse for six months following the date of the order of quarantine.

(b) Where a trainer, during any 12 month period, has had any horse or horses under his or her custody, care and control test equal to or in excess of TCO₂ level set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.3A on two occasions, and where the said level of TCO₂ has not been determined as physiologically normal for the horse in either of such instance, all horses subsequently scheduled to participate in a race under the custody, care and control of that trainer shall be placed under pre-race guarded quarantine. The track association sponsoring the race shall make such pre-race guarded quarantine available, at the sole expense of the trainer, for a length of time to be determined by the judges but in no event less than six hours prior to the start of the first race of the program.

1. Any pre-race guarded quarantine required by this subsection shall continue as to the affected trainer for eight months following the date of the second order of quarantine of a horse or horses under his custody, care and control, and without regard to whether those horses have been transferred to a new trainer. However, if during the eight month period any additional horse under the custody, care and control of the trainer is determined to have an excessive TCO₂ level in accord with N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.3A, and where the level of TCO₂ has not been determined as physiologically normal for the horse, the judges shall order that the eight-month pre-race guarded quarantine period as to all of the trainer's horses be extended for a length of time which they deem appropriate.

(c) Where a single horse, during any 12 month period, is determined to have an excessive TCO₂ level in accord with N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.3A, and where the level of TCO₂ has not been determined as physiologically normal for the horse, the horse shall be placed under pre-race guarded quarantine even where the horse has been transferred to a new trainer. The track association sponsoring the race shall make such pre-race guarded quarantine available, at the sole expense of the current trainer, for a length of time to be determined by the judges but in no event less than six hours prior to the start of the first race of the program.

1. Any pre-race guarded quarantine required by this subsection shall continue as to the affected horse for six months following the date of the order of quarantine. However, where during the pendency of such six-month period the horse is under the custody, care and control of the new trainer and the horse is again determined to exhibit an excessive TCO₂ level in accord with N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.3A, and where the level of TCO₂ has not been determined as physiologically normal for said horse, the judges shall order that the six-month pre-race guarded quarantine period for the horse be extended for a length of time which they deem appropriate. Where such an event, during any 12 month period, constitutes the second incident of any horse or horses under the custody, care and control of the current trainer of said horse exhibiting an excessive TCO₂ level in accord with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.3A, the provisions of (b) above shall apply as to that current trainer.

New Rule, R.1993 d.513, effective October 18, 1993.
See: 25 N.J.R. 3427(a), 25 N.J.R. 4751(b).
Amended by R.1997 d.127, effective March 17, 1997.
See: 29 N.J.R. 95(a), 29 N.J.R. 901(b).
Substantially amended section.

13:71-23.3C Post-race blood gas testing program; punishment for failure to cooperate

In the event any owner, trainer, licensed representative of same, or any person subject to the jurisdiction of the Racing Commission, fails to cooperate in connection with the blood gas testing program authorized pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.3A, or with regard to any procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.4, or otherwise set forth in or implemented pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.3A or 23.3B, in addition to ordering the relief set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.3A, the judges may, consistent with this chapter, impose fines or suspensions, or both, on the non-cooperating person. In determining the length of such suspension or amount of the fine, the judges may consider prior violations of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.3A, 23.3B or this section.

New Rule, R.1993 d.513, effective October 18, 1993.
See: 25 N.J.R. 3427(a), 25 N.J.R. 4751(b).
Amended by R.1997 d.127, effective March 17, 1997.
See: 29 N.J.R. 95(a), 29 N.J.R. 901(b).
Substantially amended section.

13:71-23.4 Post-race testing program

(a) No drug shall be administered or applied, internally or externally, to any horse that is to be sampled after a race until the blood and/or urine samples have been obtained unless permission from the State Veterinarian is obtained.

(b) Every horse to be tested shall be taken to a detention barn, to be supplied by the association in accordance with specifications set forth by the Commission. All blood samples shall be taken by a State Veterinarian while urine samples shall be secured by the State Veterinarian or a chemical inspector of the Commission at the direction of the State Veterinarian.

(c) During the taking of any blood and/or urine sample by the veterinarian representing the Commission, from the horse entered to race, the owner, trainer, or their designated representative shall be present and witness the procedure. The sample so taken shall be immediately sealed and tagged on the form provided by the Commission and the evidence of such sealing shall be indicated by the signature of such owner, trainer or representative. It shall be the obligation of the owner, trainer or representative to cooperate fully with the State Veterinarian in obtaining any samples which may be required and to attend and witness the taking and securing of such sample.

13:71-23.5 Procedure following positive chemical analysis

(a) On receiving written notice from the official chemist that a specimen has been found "positive" for any drug or substance foreign to the natural horse, the steward shall proceed as follows:

1. He or she shall notify the State Police and authorize a search of the premises occupied by the stable involved.

2. He or she shall, as quickly as possible, notify the owner and trainer of the horse involved.

3. He or she shall, with the assistance of the State Police, conduct a thorough investigation, interviewing the trainer, assistant trainer and any other persons who may have pertinent knowledge of the circumstances involved.

4. During the progress of such investigation, the stable involved shall be permitted to race; save that the particular horse (or horses) involved shall not be entered or start until allowed to do so by the judges. In no event shall such a prohibition extend beyond seven days unless the stable has failed to provide all due cooperation to the Judges in the course of such investigation.

Case Notes

Rule cited as example of Commission's reliance on conventional law enforcement services; denial of groom's license held arbitrary as the Rehabilitated Convicted Offender Act applies to Commission's licensing function (citing former N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.17). *Maietta v. New Jersey Racing Commission*, 183 N.J.Super. 397, 444 A.2d 55 (App.Div. 1982), affirmed 93 N.J. 1, 495 A.2d 295 (1983).

13:71-23.6 Trainers

(a) A trainer shall be the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of a horse within his care and custody.

(b) A trainer shall not enter or start a horse that has in its body any drug or substance foreign to the natural horse except as otherwise provided for in these rules and regulations.

(c) A trainer has the duty to be familiar with the medication rules of this Commission and with any drug or substances foreign to the natural horse administered to said horse at his direction or while in his care and custody.

(d) The trainer, owner, veterinarian, groom or other person charged with the custody, care and responsibility of a horse are all obligated to protect and guard the horse against administration of any drug or substances foreign to the natural horse, except as otherwise provided for in these rules and regulations by any unauthorized individual, and the administration of any unauthorized drug or substance foreign to the natural horse by any person.

Case Notes

District court would abstain from reaching merits of harness race-horse trainers' applications for stays of orders. *Bongiorno v. Lalomia*, D.N.J.1994, 851 F.Supp. 606, affirmed 39 F.3d 1168.

Fines and suspension of licenses and privileges for extended periods ranging from 30 months to 66 months, based on findings that trainers' horses had tested positive for drugs were not arbitrary, capricious, unreasonable; principles of "trainer responsibility" and "no medication" were clearly established in law and commission had authority to

protect integrity of horse racing. *New Jersey Racing Com'n v. Elliot*, 290 N.J.Super. 140, 675 A.2d 243 (A.D.1996).

Trainer who set own period of suspension without proper authorization must serve additional suspension. *Riegle v. New Jersey Racing Commission*, 97 N.J.A.R.2d (RAC) 2.

Licenses of four trainers whose horses tested positive for fenspiride were suspended for 18 months for first occurrence and 12 months for each subsequent occurrence. *New Jersey Racing Commission v. Elliot*, 96 N.J.A.R.2d (RAC) 31.

The Racing Commission has decided, through rulemaking, to exercise strict control over the use of narcotics. *Maietta v. New Jersey Racing Commission*, 93 N.J. 1, 459 A.2d 295 (1983).

Horse trainers were properly suspended for unknowingly giving horses feed containing caffeine. *Capone v. New Jersey Racing Commission*, 96 N.J.A.R.2d (RAC) 22.

Horse trainer; race horses; suspension. *DeVitis v. New Jersey Racing Commission*, 94 N.J.A.R.2d (RAC) 55.

Trainer suspended after the horse was discovered to have a foreign substance in its system. *New Jersey Racing Commission v. Janis Gianforte*, 94 N.J.A.R.2d (RAC) 49.

Trainer violated responsibility rule; illegal drug. *New Jersey Racing Commission v. Rubin*, 94 N.J.A.R.2d (RAC) 17.

Post-race test finding of buprenorphine; trainer suspended. *Caltagione v. New Jersey Racing Commission*, 92 N.J.A.R.2d (RAC) 7.

13:71-23.7 Penalties

(a) Should the judges determine that any person or persons have violated any section of this subchapter, they may punish the offending party consistent with the penalties provided for in these rules and regulations.

(b) In addition thereto, the judges may penalize the owner of any horse, or any entry of which said horse is a part, that has started in any race with any drug or substance foreign to the natural horse in its body by disqualification and denial of any part of the purse with redistribution of purse moneys as in the case of a disqualification.

(c) Any individual suspended or disciplined in any fashion for a second or subsequent violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.6(a), (b), (d) or any comparable rule of any other racing commission or turf governing body may be deemed a repetitive offender. A second or subsequent violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.6 may constitute grounds for further disciplinary action by the Commission.

(d) Horses owned wholly or in part by persons suspended for violation of N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.6(a), (b) or (d) are ineligible to start during the period of such suspension, unless sold to a bona fide purchaser. Horses trained by a person suspended for such a violation, wherein the trainer does not have an ownership interest, are automatically eligible to start when placed in the hands of a licensed trainer approved by the judges.

(See N.J.A.C. 13:71-3 for rules concerning appeals.)

13:71-23.8 Administering medication to respiratory bleeders; standards for the administration of phenylbutazone

(a) The stewards may permit the administration of medication to control respiratory bleeding in animals that:

1. At any time have received a comprehensive cardiopulmonary examination at an approved equine hospital or school of veterinary medicine and as a result thereof are certified as bleeders and therefore are in need of medication in order to race; or

2. Are observed in New Jersey to bleed during the running or driving of a workout or race at a duly licensed New Jersey racetrack, or in the detention barn following such workout or race by a State or Associate State Veterinarian or by a licensed veterinarian at any time on the grounds of a racetrack and have been placed on a veterinarian's list for at least 10 days; or

3. Have been certified as respiratory bleeders in other racing jurisdictions by a veterinarian employed by that jurisdiction's regulatory body or have been placed on another racing jurisdiction's respiratory bleeder's list.

(b) All horses that are placed on the veterinarian's list shall be required to be treated by a licensed practicing veterinarian in the stall assigned to that horse on the grounds of the Racing Association or in the receiving barn. During this period the horse shall be under the care and custody of a groom or caretaker appointed by the trainer. Furosemide, a diuretic medication that is intended to control respiratory bleeding, shall be administered by a licensed practicing veterinarian and shall be limited to an intravenous dose of 0.50 milligrams (mg) per pound of body weight (1.00 mg per kilogram) or 500 milligrams (10 cubic centimeters (cc)) in a 1,000 pound horse at least four hours prior to race time. Said practicing veterinarian shall make daily reports of all said treatments and file said reports with the State Veterinarian each day.

(c) Post-race urine and blood samples may be taken by or under the supervision of the State Veterinarian from all horses treated with Lasix® (furosemide) to control respiratory bleeding pursuant to the requirements set forth above. In the event a post-race analysis of a blood sample reveals that the concentration of furosemide exceeds a level of 50 nanograms per milliliter of plasma (50 ng/ml) the trainer and/or the practicing veterinarian shall be liable to the penalties as set forth in (e) below.

(d) Any horse having bled in any jurisdiction shall be placed on the veterinarian's list for bleeding and must remain on the list for 10 calendar days, a second time bleeder must remain on the respiratory list for 30 days, and a third time bleeder must remain on the respiratory list for 90 days. A bleeder in the above categories is automatically released from the veterinarian's list after these dates; however, a horse which evidences respiratory bleeding a fourth time is barred from further racing in New Jersey.

(e) Should the stewards determine that any person or persons have violated (c) above, they shall punish the offending party as follows: