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(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.

#### **13:70-14A.4 Post-race testing program; split urine sample**

(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.

(d) For each horse to be tested, the State Veterinarian or a designated employee shall cause one sample of the horse's urine to be sent to the Racing Commission laboratory. Following the testing of the urine sample (hereinafter "primary sample"), any residue portion of the urine sample taken (hereinafter "split sample") shall be preserved by the Racing Commission laboratory until either: it is determined by said laboratory that the primary urine sample is negative for a foreign substance; or, if the primary urine sample is determined positive for a foreign substance, for 10 days following the issuance of written notification of such finding to the owner and trainer at their respective addresses as set forth in their current license applications on file with the Racing Commission. The owner or trainer, prior to the expiration of such 10-day time period, may request in writing to the Racing Commission's Executive Director that any split sample be sent to another laboratory for testing (hereinafter "outside laboratory"). The outside laboratory shall be selected by the requesting owner or trainer from a minimum of three appear-

ing on a list of eligible laboratories to be previously approved by the Racing Commission. If no such request is timely made, upon expiration of the 10-day period, the Racing Commission laboratory shall properly dispose of any split sample and the findings of its testing shall be conclusive. If such a request is timely made, and if the entire primary sample was consumed during the Racing Commission laboratory testing process, the results of the Racing Commission laboratory testing on the primary sample shall be conclusive. If such a request is timely made, and a split sample remains, the Racing Commission laboratory shall cause the split sample or portion thereof to be delivered to the selected outside laboratory for testing. If the Board of Stewards determines that the outside laboratory confirms substantially the Racing Commission laboratory findings, or that the split sample was not of sufficient quantity for the outside laboratory to conduct valid testing or to reach a valid testing conclusion, those findings of the Racing Commission laboratory shall be considered conclusive. If the Board of Stewards determines that the outside laboratory does not confirm substantially the Racing Commission laboratory findings, any outstanding allegation or determined finding that the foreign substance in question was in the horse's system at the time of the subject race shall be dismissed. The owner or trainer requesting the testing of any split sample shall bear all costs related to the shipment and testing of same by the outside laboratory. The timely submission by an owner or trainer of a request for split sample testing shall not result in a deferral or suspension of the implementation of the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:70-14A.5.

(e) Nothing contained in (d) above shall be interpreted: to preclude the State Steward from initiating the procedure set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:70-14A.5 upon notification of a positive urine test by the Racing Commission laboratory; or to preclude the holding of an initial hearing with respect to an alleged violation of this subchapter where a request for testing of the split sample has been timely made and the results of testing by the outside laboratory are pending. However, where in such circumstance an appeal of any initial determined violation is filed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:70-13A.4, a stay of any ordered penalty notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:70-13A.8 shall be issued pending receipt of the results of the outside laboratory testing. In the event the Board of Stewards determines in such case that the outside laboratory does not confirm substantially the Racing Commission laboratory findings, and the determined violation is therefore dismissed pursuant to (d) above, any allegation or determination of a violation as a result of any search initiated pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:70-14A.5 shall not be affected.

Amended by R.1999 d.98, effective April 5, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 3757(a), 31 N.J.R. 887(b).

Added (d) and (e).

Amended by R.2001 d.249, effective July 16, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 1335(a), 33 N.J.R. 2492(a).

Rewrote (d).

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 43 N.J.R. 321(a), 1542(a).

**Case Notes**

Initial Decision (2008 N.J. AGEN LEXIS 756) adopted, which determined that appropriate chain of custody had been established for urine specimen that resulted in a positive finding for trainer's horse, despite trainer's contentions concerning the witness requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:70-14A.4(c), where it was proven that horse tested was trainer's horse. *Synnefias v. N.J. Racing Comm'n*, OAL Dkt. No. RAC 3520-06, 2008 N.J. AGEN LEXIS 1116, Final Decision (October 7, 2008).

**13:70-14A.5 Procedure following positive chemical analysis**

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

1. They shall notify the State Police and authorize a search of the premises occupied by the stable involved.
2. They shall, as quickly as possible, notify the owner and trainer of the horse involved.
3. They 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 Stewards.

**Case Notes**

Rule permitting warrantless administrative search of premises after positive drug test valid as within warrant exception for industries subject to pervasive and long-standing government regulation; scope of search (cited as former N.J.A.C. 13:70-14A.12 and 13:70-14.21). *State v. Dolce*, 178 N.J.Super. 275, 428 A.2d 947 (App.Div.1981).

**13:70-14A.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 substance 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**

Commission rules intended to place absolute responsibility upon the trainer in situations in which a horse has been administered a drug; trainer's suspension proper and not violative of due process, despite no finding of trainer's knowledge of drug or negligence (citing former N.J.A.C. 13:70-14.19). *Dare v. State*, 159 N.J.Super. 533, 388 A.2d 984 (App.Div.1978).

**13:70-14A.7 Penalties**

(a) Should the stewards 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 Stewards 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 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. 13:70-14A.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 13:70-14A.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. 13:70-14A.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 Stewards. (See N.J.A.C. 13:70-13A for rules concerning Appeals.)

**Case Notes**

Owner/trainer license was properly suspended for finding of procaine in horse's system. *Dickey v. New Jersey Racing Commission*, 93 N.J.A.R.2d (RAC) 34.

**13:70-14A.8 Possession of drugs or drug instruments**

(a) No person aside from licensed veterinarians shall have in his possession anywhere within the grounds of any association conducting a race meeting, or anywhere within the confines of a racetrack enclosure, or anywhere within the grounds of any licensed off-track stabling facility, any drugs not possessed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, nor any contraband drug or unauthorized prescription legend drugs, nor any hypodermic syringes or needles, or any other instrument which may be used for injection, unless the injectable device is possessed for self-administration, and further provided that the individual possessing such device promptly notify the State Steward: