

# EQUINE SAFETY INITIATIVES

Several equine safety initiatives have been implemented at all Churchill Downs Incorporated properties in Kentucky. Below are the changes and how they affect you.

- 1. RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR RACING AND TRAINING AGREEMENT:**  
This must be signed and submitted to the Stable Office upon arrival. This agreement will cover all Kentucky CDI properties and will be in effect until April 1, 2027. Please make sure you and your attending veterinarian sign prior to turning it in.
- 2. REGISTRATION WITH HISA:** All horses (except for stable ponies) must be registered with HISA within 24 hours of entry into any CDI facility, regardless of their Covered Status due to their first official and timed workout.
- 3. WORKING AFTER PLACEMENT ON VETERINARIAN'S LIST:** Trainer will not permit a horse placed on the Veterinarian's List to perform a high-speed (published) work for seven (7) days following placement on the Veterinarian's List.
- 4. MEDICATION-RESTRICTED RACES:** Pursuant to HISA regulations, all two (2) year-old races and stakes races will be conducted Lasix-free. Please consult with your attending veterinarian, the Churchill Downs Equine Medical Director (Dr. Farmer), or the KHRG if you have any questions regarding this regulation.
- 5. SHOCKWAVE THERAPY TREATMENTS:** All prescribed shockwave treatments require a **48-hour notice**. Please contact Dr. Farmer to schedule. FOLLOWING A SHOCKWAVE TREATMENT ALL HORSES ARE INELIGIBLE TO HAVE ANY HIGH-SPEED WORK FOR 14 DAYS OR A RACE FOR 30 DAYS. Trainers and veterinarians violating this rule are subject to HISA penalties along with revocation of stalling privileges at CDI properties. Shockwave machines must be registered with HISA.
- 6. PRE-ENTRY EXAM:** Pursuant to KHRG regulation, all horses must have an exam submitted by an attending veterinarian licensed by the veterinary regulatory body in the jurisdiction where the examination occurs within three (3) days after the close of entries and no later than two (2) days before the race.
- 7. PRE-WORK EXAM:** All horses stabled at Churchill Downs, Ellis Park, Trackside or Turfway Park must have an exam performed by their attending veterinarian within the five (5) days preceding a timed workout, per the Rules and Conditions for Racing and Training agreement. This exam is to be documented by your attending veterinarian and submitted with their treatment records to HISA.
- 8. ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:**
  - A) Age Restrictions:**
    - 1) All 4- and 5- year old first-time starters and any previously-raced horse that has not raced in the previous 365 days must contact the KHRG veterinarians to schedule an official veterinary work PRIOR to entry.
    - 2) Any horse six (6) years or older that has never started is ineligible to stable, train or race at any Churchill Downs Property.
  - B) Lay-Offs:**
    - 1) The trainer of any horse that has not raced within one hundred fifty (150) days but has raced within three hundred sixty-five (365) days preceding the date of the selected race must submit a Post-Layoff Report per HISA rule 2142(a) PRIOR to being eligible to enter in a race.

- 2) Any previously-raced horse that has not raced in the previous 30 months is ineligible to stable, race or train at any Churchill Downs Property unless approved in advance by the CDI Equine Medical Director.
- C) **Poor Performance:** Horses that are beaten by twelve (12) or more lengths in their last five consecutive starts will be ineligible to race at any Churchill Downs Property until approved by the Equine Medical Director to return.
- D) **Restricted Number of Starts:** Horses will be limited to four starts in a rolling eight-week period (56 days).
- 9. **IN-TODAY SIGNAGE:** All horses entered to race must be clearly identified starting at 7:30 a.m. on race day with an “In-Today” sign. Trainers should hang these signs on the stall door or adjacent to the stall. This is separate from the KHRG Lasix tag hung following Lasix administration. Extra signs are available in the Stable Office.
- 10. **INTRA-ARTICULAR INJECTIONS:** Horses that receive IA injections containing corticosteroids into the fetlock joint are prohibited from working for 14 days and racing for 30 days. All other IA injections have a 7-day stand-down period for high-speed works and a 14-day stand-down period for racing.

**PLEASE DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO:**

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