

RCI MODEL RULES COMMITTEE
PETITION FOR NEW RULE OR CHANGE TO EXISTING RULE

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A. Brief Description of the Issue

The ARCI Model Rules currently require the submission of all veterinary treatments to the Commission veterinarian or designee. Several commissions require this be done electronically and we seek to update the Model Rules to reflect current technology and the advantages associated with searchable electronic submissions.

B. Discussion of the Issue and Problem

This issue was discussed in 2014 and several issues were identified. Since that time some regulatory commissions have created their own treatment databases, utilizing in house programmers or an outside service provider.

The ARCI Model Rules require submission of all veterinary treatments but submissions in paper form are bulky and often difficult to review with limited manpower. This requirement would allow for the development of programs to highlight treatments and the reasons for them by also adding a requirement that a diagnosis be reported along with the other information contained in the existing rule.

C. Possible Solutions and Impact

Provide possible recommendations to solve the problem. Include details on each proposed solution such as

This should facilitate regulatory veterinarian review of submitted records.

D. Please identify any affected stakeholder groups that expressed support or opposition. (These stakeholders may include the racetracks, breed registries, owners, trainers, jockeys, veterinarians, or others.)

- | *The US Jockey Club has long supported this concept.*
- | *The National HBPA has raised concerns in the past about securing access to this data and who would be responsible for submitting the records.*

E. Attach the model rule language you are proposing. Please show new language with underlined text. If you are proposing that current model rule language be eliminated, please strikeout the language to be deleted.

ARCI-011-010 Veterinary Practices

D. Veterinarians' Reports

- (1) Every veterinarian who treats a racehorse at a facility under the jurisdiction of the Racing Authority shall electronically submit a Veterinarian's Medication Report Form to the official veterinarian or other Regulatory Authority designee in a manner specified by the Regulatory Authority and in an approved format which includes:
 - a) The name of the horse treated;
 - b) Any medication, drug, substance, or procedure administered or prescribed and medical diagnosis;
 - c) The name of the trainer of the horse;
 - d) The date and time of treatment; and
 - e) Any other information requested by the official veterinarian.
- (2) The Veterinarian's Medication Report Form shall be signed by the practicing veterinarian, or, where reported electronically, shall be submitted by the practicing veterinarian.
- (3) The Veterinarian's Medication Report Form must be filed by the treating veterinarian not later than the time designated by the Regulatory Authority on the next race date following administration or prescription of any medication, drug, substance, or procedure.
- (4) Any such report is confidential to the extent allowed by state law. Access to a report is limited to the regulatory veterinarians and its contents shall not be disclosed except in the course of an investigation of a catastrophic injury or possible violation of these rules or in a proceeding before the Stewards or the Regulatory Authority, or to the trainer or owner of record at the time of treatment.
- (5) A timely and accurate filing of a Veterinarian's Medication Report Form that is consistent with the analytical results of a positive test may be used as a mitigating factor in determining the nature and extent, if any, of a rules violation.

F. Do any racing jurisdictions currently have a version of this rule in effect? If yes, please attach copies of those rules. n/a

G. Review the RCI Model Rules and identify any other Model Rules this change would affect and submit proposed amendments to those rules to comply with changes that would be made by this proposal. n/a

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