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DIRECTIVE RE: RACEHORSES AFFILIATED WITH INDICTED INDIVIDUALS

To: General Manager, Racing Secretaries, Judges, Stewards, OHHA, OHBPA, Horsemen, Inspectors, Investigators

From: Bill Crawford, Executive Director

Date: May 27, 2020

Subject: Racehorses Affiliated with Indicted Individuals

Twenty-seven individuals (“Defendants”) involved in horse racing as owners, trainers or veterinarians were indicted in February and March 2020 on federal criminal charges. As a proponent of the best practices for horse racing, as well as endeavoring to protect both human and equine athletes, the Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) is instituting the following directive which will be enforced at all Ohio horse racing facilities.

- All horses transferred from a Defendant and on the New York Steward’s List must provide the OSRC with a clean blood and urine drug test prior to being allowed to qualify (Standardbred) to race or have an official work (Thoroughbred) required to race.
- Horses previously treated by an indicted veterinarian will not be allowed to race for sixty (60) days from last contact with the veterinarian and must provide the OSRC with a clean blood and urine drug test, prior to being allowed to qualify (Standardbred) to race, or have an official work (Thoroughbred) required to race.
- All laboratory tests must be facilitated through the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Analytical and Toxicology Laboratory (ATL), at the owner’s expense. The submitting veterinarian must arrange all tests and required paperwork with the ATL prior to specimens being submitted.
- If the horse has been removed from the New York Steward’s List and/or satisfied all of the above requirements of this directive in another jurisdiction, with documented proof of said satisfaction, the horse will be considered to have met the directive and will be allowed to race in Ohio.

Any questions about this directive should be communicated with the judges/stewards. Attempted violation of this directive may result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension of a license.

1. ATL agrees to accept urine and blood samples for testing pursuant to the OSRC Directive – Horses and Indictments dated May 27, 2020.
2. Cost of testing will be \$300.00 for a paired urine and blood sample.
3. Payment via Certified Check or Money Order should accompany shipment of sample or must be received prior to testing. Credit card payment is not accepted.
4. Turnaround time for reporting of results is 7 business days from date of receipt of sample. Test results will be communicated (by email) to the veterinarian/owner/trainer and the Executive Director, Ohio State Racing Commission. Submitting veterinarian/owner/trainer must provide contact particulars, especially email. Test results are only good for the day that the sample(s) is/are collected.
5. For inquiries, prior to submission of sample, please call ATL/CPL front desk at 614-728-6230.