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ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

NSAID "STACKING" ADVISORY AND NOTICE OF IRB RULE CHANGE

NSAID "Stacking" occurs when a post-race sample is found to contain the presence of multiple non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, commonly known as NSAIDs. Consistent with national efforts to bring uniformity to the horse racing industry, the Illinois Racing Board has adopted the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) **secondary anti-stacking thresholds, effective July 1, 2016**, for flunixin, ketoprofen, and phenylbutazone, to ensure that these medications will not compromise pre-race veterinary examinations. It is vital that horsemen and veterinarians be aware of these changes and treat their horses accordingly.

ARCI Thresholds (Primary and Secondary) and Recommended Withdrawal Guidelines for permitted NSAIDs

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	<u>Recommended Withdrawal Guideline*</u>
Flunixin	20 ng/ml	3 ng/ml	32 hours
Ketoprofen	2 ng/ml	1 ng/ml	24 hours
Phenylbutazone	2 mcg/ml	0.3 mcg/ml	24 hours
Use of Multiple NSAIDs			48 hours

* The IRB enforces the adopted thresholds without regard to ARCI's recommended withdrawal guidelines. All trainers are responsible for any medication overages over the IRB's adopted thresholds.

ARCI Recommended Penalties for "NSAID Stacking" Violations

Class 1, Penalty B: Concentrations of 2 or more permitted NSAIDs above the Primary threshold.

First offense - 15 to 60 day suspension and \$500 to \$1,000 fine and loss of purse.

Second offense (within 365 days) - 30 to 180 day suspension and \$1,000 to \$2,500 fine and loss of purse.

Third offense (within 365 days) - 60 to 365 day suspension and \$2,500 to \$5,000 fine and loss of purse.

Class 2, Penalty C: Concentrations of 1 permitted NSAID above the Primary threshold and 1 above the Secondary threshold.

First offense - minimum fine of \$1,000 and loss of purse.

Second offense (within 365 days) - minimum fine of \$1,500 and 15 day suspension and loss of purse.

Third offense (within 365 days) - minimum fine of \$2,500 and 30 day suspension and loss of purse.

Class 3: Concentrations of 2 or more permitted NSAIDs below the Primary threshold but above the Secondary threshold.

First offense - written warning to maximum fine of \$500.

Second offense (within 365 days) - written warning to maximum fine of \$750.

Third offense (within 365 days) - minimum fine of \$500 to maximum fine of \$1,000.