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It has come to the attention of the Racing Commission that certain horsemen may be engaging in race day practices that are contrary to the Commission's rules governing Medication and Testing Procedures set forth in Subchapter 14 of Chapter 70 (thoroughbred) and Subchapter 23 of Chapter 71 (standardbred) of Title 13. The Commission issues this directive to resolve any confusion that may exist related to the administration of substances to horses on race day. It is the responsibility of all licensees to be familiar, and act consistently with these, and all rules.

Section (d) of N.J.A.C. 13:70-14.1 and N.J.A.C. 13:71-23.1 clearly states that no substance may be administered on race day except for Furosemide, if administered consistently with the applicable rules, as well as food and water that do not contain any prohibited drugs or substances. No substance, except for Furosemide, if administered in accordance with the Commission's rules, may be administered to a horse on race day with the assistance of any kind of device. The administration of food, water and other innocuous compounds on race day using any such device is prohibited.

Violations of this provision will cause the horse to be scratched from competition and result in the imposition of penalties, as determined in a hearing before the Board of Stewards or Judges, against the trainer and other responsible parties.


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