



IMPLEMENTATION OF RULES RELATING TO INTRA-ARTICULAR (JOINT) INJECTIONS

Attention is drawn to the implementation of the new JCSA Rules of Racing relating to intra-articular (joint) injections. (Prohibited list Code 8.43 & 8.47)

STANDARD INTRA-ARTICULAR INJECTIONS

If a horse receives an intra-articular injection (joint injection):

- the horse is not eligible to race for fourteen (14) clear days after midnight on the day of treatment.

The Stewards may order the scratching of any horse if:

- the horse has received a joint injection within fourteen (14) clear days before a race; or
- the Stewards reasonably suspect that such treatment has occurred.
- **Participants are reminded that a person must not:**
 - administer;
 - attempt to administer;
 - cause to be administered; or
 - be involved in the administration of an intra-articular injection to a horse within fourteen (14) clear days of a race.

For the purposes of this rule, an intra-articular injection includes the insertion of a needle into any joint space, regardless of the substance administered.

POLYACRYLAMIDE HYDROGEL PREPARATIONS

If a horse receives an intra-articular injection containing a polyacrylamide hydrogel preparation:

- the horse becomes immediately ineligible to race.

The Stewards may order the scratching of any horse where:

- the horse has received such treatment; or
- the Stewards reasonably suspect such treatment has occurred.

Participants are reminded that a person must not:

- administer;
- attempt to administer;
- cause to be administered; or
- be involved in the administration of an intra-articular injection containing a polyacrylamide hydrogel preparation to any horse at any time.



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For the purposes of the 14 clear day requirement, the day on which the treatment is administered does not count. Day 1 is the day following the treatment. After 14 complete clear days have elapsed, the horse may race on the 15th day following treatment.

Example: If a horse is treated on 1 January, the 14 clear days are 2-15 January, and the horse may race on 16 January..

IMPORTANT: The fourteen (14) clear day stand-down period relates **only** to a horse's eligibility to race following an intra-articular injection. It must **not** be regarded as a withdrawal period for any medication or substance administered during that treatment.

Withdrawal times vary depending on the medication or substance administered. Trainers remain strictly liable at all times for presenting a horse free of any Prohibited Substance under the JCSA Rules of Racing, regardless of whether the fourteen (14) clear day stand-down period has elapsed.