

DIRECTIVE NO. 103-2020

ALL BREEDS

The Rules Governing Horse Racing in Alberta are **AMENDED** as follows:

Chapter 3: General Horse Racing Rules, Part 1 Administration of Horse Races and Veterinary Care, Division 2 Veterinary Treatment of Race Horses Generally

The following Rule 122 g is **AMENDED** to read:

Rule 122 g Shock Wave Therapy

The use of Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy is not permitted unless the following conditions are met:

- (1) Any Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy machine, whether in operating condition or not, must be registered with and approved by the Commission Veterinarian before such machine is brought to or possessed on any racetrack within the jurisdiction of the Commission;
- (2) The use of Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy within the jurisdiction:
 - (a) Is limited to veterinarians licensed to practice by the commission.
 - (b) May only be performed with machines that are:
 - (i.) Registered and approved for use by the HRA; and
 - (ii.) Used at a previously-disclosed location that is approved by the commission Veterinarian.
- (3) Must be reported within 24-hours prior to treatment on the prescribed form to the Official Veterinarian.
 - (a) Any treated horse is not permitted to race, breeze and/or train for a minimum of 10 days following treatment;
 - (b) Any horse treated with Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy or Radial Pulse Wave Therapy is to be added to a list of ineligible horses. This list is to be kept in the race office and accessible to all racing participants during normal business hours and be made available to other regulatory jurisdictions.
 - (c) A horse that receives any such treatment without full compliance with this section and similar rules in any other jurisdiction in which the horse was treated is to be placed on the Judge's or Steward's List.

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- (d) Any person participating in the use of ESWT and/or the possession of ESWT machines in violation of this rule is be considered to have committed a Prohibited Practice and is subject to a penalty.

Rule 122 g Shock Wave Therapy previously stated

No person may administer shock wave therapy to a *race horse unless that person is a *licensed veterinarian.

Rule 287 g Specific violations previously stated

(xxxv) starts a horse within 120 hours following treatment by any form of shock wave therapy.

Dated at the City of Edmonton
in the Province of Alberta
this 23 day of March 2020.



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Horse Racing Alberta