



Tagline: Strengthening the Integrity of Racing

Mission: The RMTC strives to develop and promote uniform rules, policies and testing standards at the national level; coordinate research and educational programs that seek to ensure the integrity of racing and the health and welfare of racehorses and participants; and to protect the interests of the racing public.

Goals:

- Form a grassroots initiative to secure passage of uniform model medication rules, penalty guidelines and regulations for anabolic steroids in all pari-mutuel racing states
- Encourage state legislators to provide more funding for drug testing and racing commission investigative staff
- Institute national minimum standards and best practices for drug testing laboratories
- Implement a laboratory ISO accreditation program and a independent Equine Quality Assurance Program
- Develop requests for proposals on drug testing for prohibited and illegal substances
- Work in close cooperation with the Equine Drug Research Institute
- Study feasibility of an industry-owned research and reference laboratory

Accomplishments:

- Adoption of model rules for uniform policy on therapeutic medications in 32 of 36 pari-mutuel horse racing states
- Adoption of model rules for uniform policy on the regulation of anabolic steroids started or complete in 33 of 36 pari-mutuel racing states, which represent at least 99.96% of total Thoroughbred handle
- Launch of a five-part drug testing initiative to develop a comprehensive drug testing plan for U.S. horse racing testing laboratories that will take drug testing in the U.S. to an unprecedented level
- Approval of model rules for more severe uniform penalties for the use of prohibited drugs and practices by the RCI board of directors
- Funding of more than \$1.5 million in drug testing research
- Creation of a withdrawal times online database for therapeutic medications for horsemen and vets
- Creation of a public recent rulings online database for drug-related rulings
- Development of a model rule on out-of-competition drug testing approved by the RCI board of directors
- Commitment of \$75,000 per year for three years toward a graduate/post-doctoral research fellowship program that will develop the next generation of laboratory directors and researchers for the racing industry

History: In 2000, the American Association of Equine Practitioners hosted the “Racehorse Medication Summit” during the annual Symposium on Racing in Tucson, Ariz. The summit brought together representatives of 23 industry stakeholder groups for a facilitated closed-door meeting in order to determine potential consensus points on the most basic elements of a uniform national medication policy for racehorses. This meeting led to the formation of the RMTC.

Organization: The RMTC is incorporated as a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, with both scientific and educational purposes. It is governed by a board of directors consisting of 25 industry stakeholder groups:

American Association of Equine Practitioners
American Quarter Horse Association
Arabian Jockey Club
Breeders’ Cup Ltd.
California Thoroughbred Trainers
Churchill Downs Inc.
Del Mar Thoroughbred Club
The Hambletonian Society
Harness Tracks of America
The Jockey Club
Jockeys’ Guild
Keeneland Association
Kentucky Thoroughbred Association

Magna Entertainment Corp.
National HBPA
National Thoroughbred Racing Association
New York Racing Association
Oak Tree Racing Association
Racing Commissioners International
Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association
Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association
Thoroughbred Owners of California
Thoroughbred Racing Associations
Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau
United States Trotting Association

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