



# State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

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**IHRC Advisory Notice to Horsemen**

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## **POLICY RE: HORSES OBTAINED FROM INDICTED TRAINERS OR OWNERS**

In March, 2020, twenty-seven individuals involved in horse racing as owners, trainers, or veterinarians, were indicted on federal criminal charges including drug adulteration and misbranding, and obstruction (“Indicted Individuals”). Many of these individuals are involved in massive horse racing operations and have previously had horses at Indiana racetracks. In an effort to ensure fair competition and continue to uphold the highest levels of integrity in horse racing, as well as protecting human and equine athletes, the Indiana Horse Racing Commission (“IHRC”) is instituting the following policy. Each of the below will be strictly enforced at both Harrah’s Hoosier Park and Indiana Grand racetracks.

- 1) Any trainer transfer of a horse or horses previously trained by any of the Indicted Individuals must be approved by the Judges or Stewards.
- 2) Any horse transferred from an Indicted Individual will not be allowed to race for sixty (60) days following the date of the transfer approval, (71 IAC 5-1-28, 71 IAC 5.5-1-30).
- 3) All horses transferred from an Indicted Individual must qualify (Hoosier Park) or receive appropriate work (Indiana Grand) prior to being allowed entry. In addition to the qualifying/work requirement, all horses transferred from an Indicted Individual must provide the IHRC with a clean drug test, facilitated through the IHRC’s primary lab, Industrial Laboratories, at the owner’s expense.
- 4) Any horse under the same ownership, previously trained by an Indicted Individual, will be required to stable on grounds for the entire meet. If the horse leaves the grounds, it will not be permitted to reenter.
- 5) Any change in ownership of any horse previously affiliated with an Indicted Individual must be approved prior to the horse being allowed entry at either racetrack or being released from having to stable on grounds.
- 6) Horses previously treated by an indicted veterinarian must qualify after sixty days from last contact with the veterinarian and provide a clean drug test, facilitated through Industrial Laboratories, at the owner’s expense, (71 IAC 5-3-3(a)(9), 71 IAC 5.5-3-3(a)(9)).
- 7) A horse that has satisfied the above requirements at another racetrack is exempt, if and only if, there is documented proof that the horse was held out of racing for sixty (60) days and has provided a clean drug test prior to entry.

Individuals with questions about this policy are encouraged to communicate directly with the Judges/Stewards. Attempted violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension of a license. 71 IAC 5-1-14, 71 IAC 5.5-1-14.

For additional information, contact:  
IHRC Judges at Harrah’s Hoosier Park – (765) 609-4860  
IHRC Stewards at Indiana Grand – (317) 713-3360