

HISA Submits Proposed ADMC Rule Changes to FTC for Approval

November 13, 2023 (Lexington, KY) – The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) has submitted proposed rule changes to its Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for review. Red-lined documents noting these proposed changes are available here:

- [Rule Series 1000 - General Provisions](#)
- [Rule Series 3000 - Protocol](#)
- [Rule Series 4000 - Prohibited List](#)
- [Rule Series 5000 - Testing and Investigation Standards](#)
- [Rule Series 6000 - Laboratory Standards](#)
- [Rule Series 7000 - Arbitration Rules](#)

The FTC will subsequently post the proposed rules to the federal register for public comment.

Until changes to the rules are approved by the FTC, the previously approved version of HISA's ADMC rules, which took effect May 22, 2023, will remain in place. Those rules are available in full on [HISA's Regulations Page](#).

Similar to the proposed Racetrack Safety rule changes which HISA submitted to the FTC in September, the proposed changes to the ADMC rules were developed after months of dialogue with and feedback from racing participants across the country, including HISA's Horsemen's Advisory Group. During this time, the proposed rules were shared with industry members for informal comments and [published](#) on HISA's website for additional industry input. The proposed changes submitted to the FTC today were reviewed and approved by HISA's ADMC Committee and full Board of Directors.

When and if these rule changes are approved by the FTC, HISA will undertake robust educational efforts to ensure horsemen nationwide are fully aware of these changes and well-equipped to comply with them before they go into effect.

About the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority

When the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act was signed into federal law, it charged the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) with drafting and enforcing uniform safety and integrity rules in Thoroughbred racing in the U.S. Overseen by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), HISA is implementing, for the first time, a national, uniform set of rules applicable to every Thoroughbred racing participant and racetrack facility. HISA is comprised of two programs: the Racetrack Safety Program, which went into effect on July 1, 2022, and the Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program, which went into effect on May 22, 2023.

The Racetrack Safety Program includes operational safety rules and national racetrack accreditation standards that seek to enhance equine welfare and minimize equine and jockey injury. The Program expands veterinary oversight, imposes surface maintenance and testing requirements, enhances jockey safety, regulates riding crop use and implements voided claim rules, among other important measures.



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The ADMC Program includes a centralized testing and results management process and applies uniform penalties for violations efficiently and consistently across the United States. These rules and enforcement mechanisms are administered by an independent agency, the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), established by Drug Free Sport International (DFS). HIWU oversees testing, educates stakeholders on the Program, accredits laboratories, investigates potential ADMC violations and prosecutes any such violations.

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