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To: Michigan Horsemen

From: Christine White
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Subject: Out of Competition Testing

The Office of Racing Commissioner (ORC) is responsible for protecting the integrity of horse racing in Michigan, guarding the health of the horse, and safeguarding the interest of the public and the racing participants through the prohibition and control of all drugs and foreign substances.

Since there are certain substances that are difficult to detect in post race testing, the ORC will conduct out of competition testing on qualified horses, horses with a current timed workout or that have raced within 60 days.

Only qualified horses will be in the potential pool of horses selected for out-of-competition testing. Selection of horses will be through routine investigation monitoring with consideration of performance variances. The drugs and prohibited substances that the ORC will test for are Class I substances and Erythropoietin and Darbepoietin as these substances have no generally accepted medical use for a race horse. See attached for list of Class I substances.

Any owner and/or trainer identified as trainer of record according to license by the State of Michigan, Office of Racing Commissioner is required to make the horse(s) available to have a blood sample taken. The ORC will conduct out-of-competition testing during normal and reasonable business hours. In addition, upon arrival at the facility, ORC staff will provide the trainer with a notice explaining the intended testing and show their credentials.

If a qualified horse selected for out-of-competition testing is not made available for testing by the ORC, be advised that:

- the selected horse will be scratched;
- the trainer's and/or owner's licenses will be summarily suspended;
- the person's involved are subject to additional investigation.

This policy is effective immediately. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the newly established out of competition testing, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 517-335-1420.