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To: Michigan Horsemen, MHHA, MHBPA, GLQHA, MARAB Members, ORC
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Subject: Anabolic Steroid Use in Race Horses in Michigan

Historically, trainers have given anabolic steroids to race horses for different reasons including increasing appetite and aggressiveness and promoting muscle development. However, recent events have caused the entire horse racing industry to review the use of steroids. Based upon recommendations made by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) and a number of other national horse racing associations, steroid use is now deemed contrary to the best interests of race horses and horse racing. As such, beginning on **April 1, 2009**, the presence of anabolic steroids will be prohibited in all horses entered to race at any pari-mutuel track in Michigan. All horses will now be subject to testing for anabolic steroids.

The Michigan ORC will follow the nationally accepted residue thresholds for the four recognized anabolic steroids listed below as set forth by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) and the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI). The four recognized steroids are:

1. 6 β -hydroxystanozolol (metabolite of stanozolol (Winstrol))
2. Boldenone (Equipoise)
3. Nandrolone
4. Testosterone

Any other anabolic steroids are strictly prohibited and the presence of more than one of the four recognized anabolic steroids at any concentration is not permitted.

Any sick or injured horse being administered anabolic steroids shall not be permitted to race at a Michigan pari-mutuel track until all anabolic steroid residues have been eliminated.

The Michigan ORC will allow a 60-day grace period, before the penalty enforcement begins. The ORC will monitor anabolic steroids levels during the 60 days prior to **June 1, 2009**. After that date, any tests with the presence of, or over threshold levels of, anabolic steroids will be subject to fines and/or suspensions.