Racing Committee
2012 AQHA Convention
Las Vegas

1. Recommend the 2011 Champions task force review the items proposed to the Racing Committee plus any additional items.

    a. Define the qualifications for breeder, owner, trainer and jockey. Currently, only the top 5 in money-earned, wins and points make the ballot. Stakes or Graded stakes wins are not considered. Also, allow the Racing Committee to write-in for the four (4) human categories during the write-in process.
    b. Expand the number of voters to 21; eliminate the two (2) per state restriction and implement no more than four (4) from any state or province.
    c. Should a horse be a stakes winner to be a champion?
    d. How should a pending positive drug test/ruling affect the process?

    Executive Committee Action: Approved

2. Recommend that horses competing in the Challenge Championships must have a 30 day withdrawal from clenbuterol before race day. **Explanation – the Racing Council referred this back to the EqHWIR for further review and information.**
    Executive Committee Action: Approved Racing Council's Recommendations

3. Any horse that qualifies for the Challenge Championships is immediately subject to out of competition testing, no matter where the horse is located, for non-therapeutic medications. Any horse that has a positive or denies testing will not be allowed to enter that Challenge Championship race(s). **Explanation – the Racing Council referred this back to the EqHWIR for further review and information.**
    Executive Committee Action: Approved Racing Council's Recommendations

4. To modify Rule 311 regarding disciplinary action as follows:

    a. Add section 311 (a) (6) now stating “Or any other violation under the rules and regulations of a state racing authority that is determined to be not in the best interest of the racing American Quarter Horse.”

    b. Modify section 311 (b) to now read “For purposes of this rule and by way of example, a revocation or suspension of a racing license for ninety (90) days may result in suspension of the individual’s AQHA membership for a period of 90 days.”

    c. Add section 311 (g) now stating “Recommend the following penalty regarding horse(s) and a positive test. This should not include therapeutic medications.”

        (a) Any horse that tests positive for any of the following shall be ineligible to race for a period of 90 days from the date of the identification of the horse with the positive test:
            1. Class I;
            2. Class II;
            3. Class III;
            4. TCO2;
            5. Substance determined to be non-therapeutic

        Any person who violates this rule shall be subject to a fine and/or suspension.

        (b) This shall be strict liability offenses.

        (c) Any horse that tests positive for any of the following shall remain on the list for a period of 90 days from the date of the identification of the horse with the positive test:
            1. Class I;
            2. Class II;
            3. Class III;
            4. TCO2;
            5. Substance determined to be non-therapeutic

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