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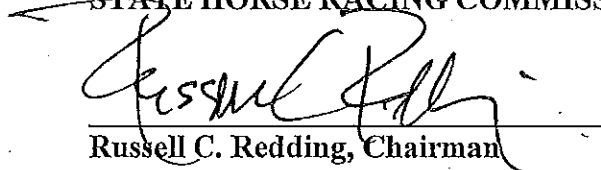
BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA  
STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION

IN RE: :  
STANDARD BRED BLEEDERS PROGRAM :  
(Update of Existing Lasix Policy) : Administrative Docket 2017-4

ORDER

AND NOW, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017, the Commission, by and through the Director of the Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing, hereby amends, updates and otherwise re-affirms the provisions of the existing Standardbred Bleeders Program ("Lasix" Program) as fully set forth in Attachment A to this Order.

BY THE PENNSYLVANIA  
STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION:

  
Russell C. Redding, Chairman

## Annex A

# STANDARD BRED HORSE RACING Lasix Program

### PLACEMENT OF HORSE ON BLEEDER LIST:

#### Section 1.

a. **Visual:** Blood visualized or noted in one of the nostrils (no endoscopic exam required),  
if:

1. During a race or qualifier;
2. Immediate post race or post exercise on track;
3. Post race or post exercise in paddock and/or stable area within a reasonable time;
4. After training at a horse facility and confirmed by a licensed veterinarian within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

b. **Endoscopy:** Endoscopic examination may be requested by the owner or trainer who believes his or her horse is a bleeder. The endoscopic examination must be done by a licensed veterinarian within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and at the owner's/trainer's expense. Such examination shall take place within a reasonable length of time at:

1. Post race in paddock
2. Post training exercise in paddock
3. Post training at a horse facility

#### Section 2.

a. Any owner or trainer that intends to race a horse within the Lasix Program is required to submit the proper certificate completed by a licensed veterinarian within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania no later than the time of entry to the Judges. Such information shall be entered into the USTA database.

b. Once a horse is certified as a "bleeder" that horse may not race for a period of 6 days beginning the day after the examination was performed.

c. Test results must show a detectable concentration of the drug in the post-race serum, plasma or urine sample or it will be considered a positive.

d. Once on the program the horse must stay on the Lasix program for a minimum on 45 days within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

e. If after the 45 days the owner/trainer want to remove said horse from the Lasix program, a licensed veterinarian, must perform an endoscopic examination after a qualifying race to confirm no evidence of bleeding and a blood sample must be pulled and tested to confirm

Lasix was not administered. The owner/trainer must then submit the proper forms to the Judges prior to entry in order to remove the said horse from the Lasix program.

### **Section 3.**

**Bleeding through Lasix.** If said horse bleeds through Lasix, then the horse shall be placed on the Judges list:

1. First time 30 days;
2. Second time 60 days;
3. Third time barred for life.

### **Section 4.**

**Out of State entries.** At the time of entry of a horse, it is the sole responsibility of the horse's owner/trainer to provide the racing secretary, the Judges and commission veterinarian with the horse's bleeder medication status on the entry form, including the first time bleeder certificate when coming from out of the Commonwealth.

### **Section 5.**

**Bleeder Medication.** Lasix shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian under the supervision of the Commission representative no less than 2cc's (100mg) nor more than 10cc's (500mg). Horses must arrive in the paddock no less than 4 hours prior to their scheduled post time to receive their Lasix medication. A 30-minute grace period will be granted but the trainer may be subject to a fine. No horse shall receive Lasix medication after the 30-minute grace period.

### **Section 6.**

**Penalty - Late for Lasix:** Trainers not presenting horses who are on the Lasix program within the required time frame shall be subject to a fine of \$250 and having their horse scratched from the race.

### **Section 7.**

#### **Location.**

a. All associations shall provide a secure retention facility for the administration of the Lasix program.

b. The trainer, or his/her authorized representative with a valid license, shall remain with the horse from the time of its arrival in the retention facility until the horse is removed after receiving Lasix or scratched. During the horse's time in the retention facility the trainer or authorized person shall provide assistance when required by the licensed veterinarian who is administering the Lasix medication.

### **Section I.**

**NOT ELIGIBLE:** Two year olds are not eligible to be placed on the Lasix program.