

Minnesota Racing Commission NSAID Rule

According to Minnesota Administrative Rules Chapter 7890.0100 Subp. 13: Medication. "Medication" is a substance, compound, or element, or combination thereof, which is or can be administered to a horse for the purpose of preventing, curing, or alleviating the effects of any disease, condition, ailment, or infirmity, or symptom thereof, or for altering in any way the behavior, attitude, temperament, or performance of a horse, including athletic performance. The term medication includes all analgesics, anesthetics, depressants, narcotics, stimulants, tranquilizers, and other classifications of medications. Nothing herein shall be deemed to include:

A. Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDS)

The use of one of the three approved NSAIDS shall be permitted under the following conditions, **with the exception of two-year-old race horses where no concentration of any NSAID, other than bute, are allowed in the plasma or serum sample taken after racing:**

(a) Bute, provided that the test sample does not contain more than **two (2)** micrograms of the substance or metabolite(s) thereof per milliliter of blood plasma or serum;

(b) Flunixin, provided that the test sample does not contain more than twenty (20) nanograms of the substance or metabolite(s) thereof per milliliter of blood plasma or serum; and

(c) Ketoprofen, provided that the test sample does not contain more than ten (10) nanograms of the substance or metabolite(s) thereof per milliliter of blood plasma or serum.

(2) These or any other NSAIDs are prohibited to be administered within the 24 hours before post time for the race in which the horse is entered.

(3) The presence of more than one of the three approved NSAIDS, with the exception of Phenylbutazone in a concentration below 0.5 micrograms per milliliter of serum or plasma or any unapproved NSAID in the post-race serum or plasma sample, is not permitted. The use of all but one of the approved NSAIDS shall be discontinued at least 48 hours before the post time for the race in which the horse is entered.

(4) Any horse to which a NSAID has been administered shall be subject to having a blood and/or urine sample(s) taken at the direction of the official veterinarian to determine the quantitative NSAID level(s) and/or the presence of other drugs which may be present in the blood or urine sample(s).

Drug Testing in Listed and Graded Races

All listed and graded races contested for thoroughbreds at Canterbury Park will be subject to the testing guidelines prescribed for such races by the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and the American Graded Stakes Committee.

In 2013, the following races will be contested under these guidelines:

Lady Canterbury Stakes