

2024 Horseshoe Indianapolis and QHRAI Hair Testing Policy

Hair Testing Policy

IHRC 71 IAC 8.5-1-2.1 and 71 IAC 8.5-1-2.2 prohibit the presence of Clenbuterol and Albuterol in Quarter Horses. 71 IAC 8.5-1-2.3 and 71 IAC 8.5-8-1.6 require horses that test positive for other beta agonist substances to be immediately placed on the Veterinarian's List. As a result of these regulations, Horseshoe Indianapolis (HI) and QHRAI have implemented the following conditions:

To be eligible to start in any Quarter Horse overnight race or a stakes race without trials, every horse **MUST** have a negative hair test on file. A Quarter Horse that has had hair pulled **and** shipped to the lab but is still awaiting test results will be permitted to enter, however it will receive least preference at the draw, and it cannot exclude any horse with a negative test already on file at the time of entry.

- A hair sample must be collected on or after March 04, 2024, to be eligible to race in Condition Book #1.
- If you plan to race your horse(s) in Condition Book #2, a hair sample must be collected on or after **June 01, 2024**. Samples collected prior to **June 01** will not be accepted for races in Book #2.

The test(s) must be administered in the presence of Indiana Horse Racing Commission (IHRC) personnel and will be by appointment only. The trainer of record or their licensed designee will be responsible for pulling hair. The IHRC will handle all paperwork and chain of custody documentation. The commission's primary laboratory operates Monday - Friday and may take up to 14 days to deliver results. Please plan accordingly. It is the trainer/owner responsibility to determine the best time to have a horse tested and to make the necessary arrangements. Owners and Trainers who have questions regarding the class of drugs known as beta agonists should consult their practicing veterinarian.

Hair testing will be conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays (by appointment only). The first day of testing will be Monday, March 04, 2024.

Testing Days:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Location: Horseshoe Indianapolis Receiving Barn

Cost: \$175.00 per horse

What you need to have when making an appointment:

- ✓ Trainer and Owner names.
- ✓ Trainer phone number (used to notify of test results).
- ✓ Complete and correct name of all Quarter Horses being tested.
- ✓ Texting pictures of registration papers to Stephanie or Mike is also helpful.
- ✓ **To schedule an appointment: Please call Stephanie Adams (765) -810-7744 or Mike Morris (317-407-3749) between the hours of 9AM and 2PM Monday through Friday. Appointments must be made by noon the day prior.**

- Once you have your appointment(s), please call or text Elizabeth Riggs (317-494-9834) to arrange for your testing stall(s) in the Receiving Barn.
- Once you have your stall assignment(s) please let testing personnel know where you will be.
- Anyone who fails to secure a stall from Elizabeth will not be given a stall in the Receiving Barn.

What you need to bring with you for testing:

- ✓ Copy of registration papers, front and back. You are strongly encouraged to make copies of both sides of all registration papers BEFORE turning your papers into the Racing Office.
- ✓ Payment – Check or money order made out to **INDUSTRIAL LABORATORIES** in the amount of \$175.00 per horse tested.
- ✓ It is recommended you take a picture of the hair sample collection paperwork completed showing the horse(s) sampled and the check or money order used to pay for the test(s).
- ✓ Be available to hold the horse during sample collection.

General Information

- A current negative hair test is required to start in any overnight race or any stakes race for which no trials are held.
- Allow 10-14 business days for test results. No Quarter Horse will be allowed to race without negative test results on file.
- Samples collected after March 04, 2024 are good through the end of Condition Book #1.
- Samples collected after June 01, 2024 are good through the end of the 2024 meet.
- QHRAI and Horseshoe Indianapolis Racing Office have no knowledge of test results.
- In the case of a positive test, IHRC will contact the trainer.
- **The trainer and/or their licensed designee's responsibility of pulling hair samples will not pertain to any post-race testing ordered by the Stewards. The IHRC test barn staff will continue to pull those samples.**

Stakes and Trials Information

All horses that qualify for any stakes races at Horseshoe Indianapolis are subject to required hair testing immediately following the qualifying trial. A horse that does not report to the Test Barn for hair sampling after qualifying for a final is in violation of this policy and may be scratched from the final and assessed a late scratch penalty.

This policy should not be construed to limit or curtail the Indiana Horse Racing Commission's authority to conduct any drug testing, including hair, blood, urine, etc. as set forth in 71 IAC article 8.5 "Equine Health; Medication and Testing."