The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority



HISA has been empowered by Congress to implement and enforce uniform integrity and safety rules across Thoroughbred racing nationwide for the first time in the sport's history.

HISA consists of two programs:

The Racetrack Safety Program

includes safety rules and national racetrack accreditation standards to enhance equine welfare and minimize the risk of equine and jockey injury. HISA's Racetrack Safety Program went into effect on July 1, 2022, and its rules require:

- Every track be held to rigorous **track safety and maintenance** standards
- All races be run under **uniform crop**, **claiming and shoeing rules**
- Thorough pre-race inspections to ensure that every horse is deemed fit to race by independent veterinarians
- Every racing participant, both human and equine, to be registered with HISA
- The veterinary history for the **treatment** and care of Thoroughbred racehorses be provided to HISA
- Enhanced jockey health and safety protocols including baseline concussion and physical exams, a standardized concussion protocol, additional oversight of jockey safety equipment, increased emergency action planning and oversight by a national medical director

The Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program

includes a centralized testing and results management process and uniform penalties for ADMC violations across the United States. The Program went into full effect on May 22, 2023 and is administered by the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU). HISA's ADMC Program:

- Includes robust in- and out-ofcompetition testing regimes using an intelligence-based strategy nationwide
- Streamlines and professionalizes the sample collection system
- Ensures **consistency across laboratories** nationwide so that they are all testing for the exact same substances at the exact same levels
- Adjudicates **potential rule breaches** in a fair and timely manner
- Brings all enforcement for potential violations **under one national authority**
- Institutes clear, consistent and appropriate penalties for potential violations
- Investigates potential ADMC violations via HIWU's Investigation Unit, which uses gathered intelligence, data and anonymous tips to build cases

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