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Horsemen's Information Sheet—Belmont Festival 2015 The Belmont Stakes, The Metropolitan, The Knob Creek Manhattan, The Ogden Phipps

- Horses competing in the above-captioned races are subject to out of competition testing.
- Commission veterinarians will perform in-stall inspections and on-track observations of Belmont Festival contenders in the days preceding the event. Trainers having specific scheduling requests should contact Dr. Scott Palmer.
- On Saturday June 6 pre-race exams by NYRA veterinarians will begin at 6:00 a.m. Trainers are requested to have horses' legs clean and open for the exam. **A horse may not be placed in ice until after undergoing its pre-race exam.**
- NYRA veterinarians administer race-day Salix (furosemide). This administration is performed between 4 ½ and 4 hours prior to the horse's scheduled post time. Please have an attendant with the horse during this period. NYRA veterinarians will not administer Salix to an unattended horse. The fee of \$25 for Salix administration is processed through the Horsemen's Bookkeeper's office.
- Salix is the only permitted injection a horse may receive within 24 hours of a race and will be administered by NYRA veterinarians.
- No oral administration of any medication or substance by dose syringe is permitted on race day.
- Flunixin may not be administered to a racehorse within 48 hours of post time.
- DMSO may be applied topically on race day, but may not be administered by any other means within 48 hours of the race.
- Within 24 hours of the start of the racing program in which a horse is scheduled to race, the following are prohibited: Pulse therapy, laser, electro-magnetic blankets, boots, electro-shock, or any other electrical devices.
- The following are prohibited within 24 hours of post time: Nebulizer, puffer treatment or transdermal patches.
- Trainers should be mindful that over-the-counter nutritional supplements, homeopathic remedies, and herbal preparations are not regulated by the FDA and may contain prohibited substances with no notice on the product label.
- For horses receiving anti-ulcer medications, trainers are advised to perform daily administrations no less than 24 hours prior to the horse's scheduled post time. The horse may then receive its race day anti-ulcer medication after racing and without interrupting its treatment schedule.
- On race day, blood samples for TCO₂ analysis will be collected from horses in the Assembly Barn between 45 minutes to 1 hour before post time. Horses will then be escorted to the paddock.

For specific rule questions, please see: New York Thoroughbred Drug Rules (4043) at www.gaming.ny.gov or call the Stewards. For questions related to veterinary matters please contact:

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