THE JOCKEY CLUB
THOROUGHBRED SAFETY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS
AUGUST 22, 2010

<u>**Recommendation**</u>**: Pre-Race Inspections**

InCompass Solutions Inc. has developed a Pre-Race Veterinary Exam module offered through its Race Track Operations (RTO) system. The software enables regulatory veterinarians at racetracks to record the details of racehorses' pre-race soundness inspections in a secure central database, and it is provided as a free service to any jurisdiction that agrees to share its pre-race exam data with association and regulatory veterinarians at other tracks that are using the system.

Sharing the results of pre-race inspections among regulatory veterinarians provides valuable insight into soundness issues that may require closer evaluation. As horses increasingly move among racetracks for competition, the regulatory veterinarians charged with evaluating racing soundness of our equine athletes can review the confidential results recorded by colleagues and obtain a more complete picture of racing soundness.

The Thoroughbred Safety Committee calls for

> "The immediate use of the pre-race veterinary examination module and the sharing of inspection information by all racing jurisdictions, regulatory veterinarians and racetracks performing pre-race inspections."

The system contains the following features to aid in the pre-race inspections:

* previous inspections are stored and saved for an inspection "past performance"
* previous inspections, past performances, and entry and program data are automatically loaded for each horse and race
* centralized location of information related to the inspections of a horse is accessible only through a secure log in and user ID for regulatory veterinarians

Further, the Thoroughbred Safety Committee calls for

* The transparency and reciprocity of all associated "lists" kept by various racing officials. The RTO system provides a mechanism for racing officials to share the following lists at no cost to the commission or racing association.

    o Vets
    o Bleeder
    o Nerve
    o Starter
    o Paddock judge

- o Deceased
- o Problem
- o Ineligible
- o Stewards
- o Claiming

The Thoroughbred Safety Committee believes that any insights about the particular traits, behaviors and histories of racehorses that can be gained through sharing of lists among racing associations are invaluable to the health and safety of the horse, rider and all personnel involved with the handling and care of a Thoroughbred before, during and after the running of a race.