

PRE-INSPECTION GUIDELINES

1. All horses running for the day, including those in the official barrier trials, shall be required to undergo pre-inspection. The Club shall provide a trotting path approximately 10-15 meters long and 2 meters wide for this purpose.
2. The inspection shall be done by the Club Veterinarian before entering the saddling paddock under the supervision of the Commission Veterinarian.
3. A Philippine Race Horse Trainers Association, Inc. representative shall be present during the inspection. In his absence, the licensed grooms handling the horses shall act as the trainer's representative.
4. The Club Veterinarian shall conduct the examination in whatever way he deems necessary.
5. If for whatever reason, the owner/trainer/representative refuses to allow the Club Veterinarian to conduct pre- inspection on his horse, the entry shall be withdrawn from the race. A form shall be made available to be signed by the owner/trainer/representative regarding this case. In such cases, the PHILRACOM Board shall impose a penalty on the concerned party.
6. The trainers/representatives of horses found lame during the pre-inspection shall be paged thrice and shall be notified of the findings on the horse. The horse shall then be withdrawn from the race.
7. All decisions by the Club veterinarian must be concurred to by the PHILRACOM Veterinarian. The decision is final and non-appealable. Presentation of a veterinary certificate from an accredited veterinarian shall not be accepted.

HORSE'S SUSPENSION DURING PRE-INSPECTION

1ST OFFENSE- Indefinite suspension but for not less than 10 days, should pass one barrier trial and must secure a clearance from the Regulation and Licensing Division (RLD) before declaration in a regular race.

2ND and succeeding offenses on the same horse- Three (3) months suspension, should pass one barrier trial and must secure clearance from the Regulation and Licensing Division (RLD) before declaration in a regular race.

- Horses that were suspended in the pre-inspection and failed the barrier trial due to lameness shall be given a suspension of three (3) months.
- The three months suspension shall be included in the counting of vacation.
- The count shall revert back to zero if the horse passes an official barrier trial after a three-month vacation.

TRAINER'S SUSPENSION ON PRE-INSPECTION

It is the duty of the trainer to see to it that all horses declared by him are fit to race. As such, the trainers of horses found lame during pre-inspection shall be given a penalty as follows;

1ST offense- Warning

2ND and succeeding offenses on the same horse- Fine of one thousand pesos

POST-INSPECTION GUIDELINES

This refers to veterinary inspection done at the starting gate, during the course of the race and after the race, including barrier trials. The suspension will be graduated and shall be as follows;

1ST offense- indefinite suspension but for not less than 21 days, should pass one official barrier trial and must secure a clearance from the Regulation and Licensing Division (RLD) before declaration in a regular race.

2ND offense- one (1) month suspension, should pass one official barrier trial race and must secure a clearance from RLD before declaration in a regular race.

3RD offense- three (3) month suspension, should pass one official barrier trial and must secure a clearance from the Regulation

and Licensing Division (RLD) before declaration in a regular race.

- There shall be no changes on PR 71 B which states that " **Any horse scratched at the starting gate due to lameness shall be given a suspension of not less than thirty (30) calendar days**" and PR 71C "Any horse scratched at the starting gate due to injury suffered while going to, being loaded or inside the starting gate shall be given a suspension that shall be determined by the Club Veterinarian after assessing the condition of the horse."
- In some cases, the suspension shall depend upon the discretion of the Club Veterinarian with the concurrence of the PHILRACOM Veterinarian.
- This is a non-appealable case.
- The count shall revert to zero if the horse passes the official barrier trial race after a three-month vacation.
- Declaration for the barrier trial shall only be allowed on the last week of its suspension.
- The duration of the medical suspension shall be included in the count of vacation.

RE-INSPECTION GUIDELINES

- This is only applicable on lameness diagnosed on post- inspection.
- Horses found lame during post-inspection shall not be allowed to leave the paddock area until the end of the following race. If it is the last race for the day, the horse will be allowed to stay for 5 minutes after its jockey has dismounted. The trainer shall be paged three (3) times and his request for re-inspection shall be accommodated if his horse is still within the paddock area.
- The PHILRACOM Veterinarian shall perform the re-inspection. In cases wherein there is a difference in the findings, another Commission veterinarian shall be made to inspect the horse and his findings shall be deemed final.
- This is non-appealable. No veterinary certificate from an accredited veterinarian shall be accepted.
- The announcement regarding the suspension on lameness shall be done at the end of the succeeding race.

**GUIDELINES FOR THE COMMITTEE ON UNSOUND HORSES DURING THE
MORNING WORK-OUT**

- The Racing Clubs shall be required to provide a veterinarian during the morning workouts in their respective racetracks. He shall be assisted by a horse identifier endorsed by the jockey's association. They shall be tasked to monitor and identify lame horses that are being exercised.

- In cases where only the identifier was able to see a suspected lame horse, the veterinarian shall be required to check on the horse at the stable to confirm the initial findings. If the horse is stabled at the other club, the veterinarian should notify his counterpart regarding the horse.

- The Club Veterinarian shall make a daily report indicating all identified lame horses and shall submit it to the Racing Managers and Handicappers of both clubs, copy furnished the Commission and the trainer's association.