



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

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NOTICE OF IRB RULES CHANGING AFFECTING NSAIDS, NSAID STACKING, CORTIOCOSTEROIDS AND TESTOSTERONE (Effective October 1, 2020)

1. NSAID "Stacking" occurs when a post-race sample is found to contain the presence of multiple non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication commonly known as NSAIDS. Consistent with the national efforts to bring uniformity to the horse racing industry, the Illinois Racing Board (IRB) has adopted the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) new lower NSAID thresholds and the elimination of NSAID "stacking".

	Current	Proposed (Effective 10/1/2020 pursuant to ARCI Medication Guidelines)
Phenylbutazone	2 mcg/ml	0.3 mcg/ml
Flunixin	20 ng/ml	5 ng/ml
Ketoprofen	2 ng/ml	No Change

Currently - The stacking of NSAID's is permitted using primary and secondary thresholds.
Proposed – NSAID stacking is prohibited. The detection of one or more additional NSAID's in blood or urine constitutes a stacking violation.

2. Betamethasone, dexamethasone, isoflupredone, prednisolone, and triamcinolone acetonide threshold levels **will be eliminated in thoroughbred racing and will only apply to harness racing.**
3. Testosterone threshold in fillies, mares, and geldings will be raised from 25pg/ml to 100 pg/ml.

Androgenic - Anabolic Steroids – Testosterone in fillies, mares, and geldings:

Currently – 25 pg/ml
Proposed – 100 pg/ml

- These rule changes will be effective on October 1, 2020
- The IRB enforces adopted thresholds without regard to the ARCI's recommended withdrawal guidelines. All trainers are responsible for any medication overages over the IRB's adopted thresholds