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EIA/COGGINS REQUIREMENT FOR SUMMER FAIR MEETS

Acting in the best interest of racing, and by order of the Board of Stewards, ALL horses arriving at racing facilities under the jurisdiction of the ORC shall be accompanied by proof of a negative Coggins within the past 6 months. Further, horses must have a copy of a negative Coggins on file in the race office in order to enter.

As most horsemen and industry stakeholders are aware, Emerald Downs and Portland Meadows have had outbreaks of Equine Infectious Anemia (E.I.A) in recent months, resulting in euthanized horses and cancelled racing. The topic was discussed at the Medication and Horse Welfare Subcommittee meeting held on March 17, 2016, with recommendations considered from ORC Veterinarian Dr. Stacy Katler and from the Department of Agriculture. Those recommendations were that *all* horses have proof of a current negative Coggins upon arrival at the summer fair meets. The requirement includes horses from in state as well as out of state, whether they are race horses, pony horses, or non-starters in training. Also recommended was that the Coggins certificate be dated within the last 6 months to be considered current. Given the potential negative impact on the industry from another outbreak, the subcommittee has adopted the above order for all fair meets in Oregon.