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Industry Reaction to Thoroughbred Safety Committee
Recommendations:

Alex Waldrop, President and CEO, National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA):

“We fully support the initial recommendations of the The Jockey Club Safety Committee. On behalf of the one million or so individual supporters of the NTRA and the millions of horseplayers who sustain our sport, we plan to press for the implementation of these recommendations by our 65 member racetracks and 40 member horsemen’s organizations.”

Bill Farish, Chairman, Breeders’ Cup Ltd.:

“The Breeders’ Cup board unanimously endorses the three recommendations released today by the Thoroughbred Safety Committee. We urge all segments of the industry to work together with state regulators to adopt necessary rules and regulations to immediately implement these recommendations including strong penalties for any violations. We look forward to the Committee continuing its work to address other major issues related to the safety and welfare of Thoroughbreds including the potential for further restrictions on race-day medication and ongoing research into the safest available racetrack surfaces.”

Joe Santanna, President and Chairman, National Horsemen’s Benevolent & Protective Association (National HBPA):

“The National Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association strongly supports The Jockey Club’s efforts to address the welfare and safety of the Thoroughbred racehorse. We believe the Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summits in 2006 and 2008, and now the Thoroughbred Safety Committee, have developed sound recommendations that need to be seriously considered by all factions of the horse racing industry. The HBPA will host a forum on equine welfare and safety issues at our July 17 – 20 convention, and will work toward building a consensus among its board of directors on these issues. We look forward to working closely with The Jockey Club on uniform implementation of these very important welfare and safety recommendations.”

Bill Casner, Chairman, Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA):

“TOBA supports the recommendations made by the Thoroughbred Safety Committee and encourages immediate adoption. Anabolic steroids have no valid purpose in the training and racing of the equine athlete. The data is undeniable in demonstrating the detrimental effects of toe grabs and traction devices on front shoes. The adoption of humane riding crops and their judicious use is intuitively right. Implementing these rules will serve to

increase safety and are in the best interest of our horses and riders. As we endorse these Jockey Club recommendations, we would also like to mention that the TOBA Executive Committee has created a Thoroughbred Action Committee to study these issues, as well as track surfaces, medication, drug testing and others.”

Alan Foreman, Chief Executive Officer, Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association:

“The Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association has a demonstrated history of leadership efforts on issues relating to the safety and integrity of horse racing. We support the work of the Thoroughbred Safety Committee and endorse these recommendations. We look forward to working with all constituent industry organizations, racetracks and regulators on the timely consideration and uniform implementation of these recommendations, and future recommendations deemed necessary for the best interests of our sport.”

Ed Martin, President and CEO, Racing Commissioners International (RCI)

“RCI is supportive and appreciative of the work of The Jockey Club’s Thoroughbred Safety Committee, and we look forward to consideration of the committee’s proposals in the context of our Model Rules process.”

Dr. Eleanor M. Green, 2008 President, American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP):

“The AAEP strongly supports the implementation of the Thoroughbred Safety Committee’s initial recommendations and appreciates the committee’s leadership at this critical time for the racing industry. Uniform medication rules combined with uniform testing procedures will ensure consistency in the administration of therapeutic medications and will bring tremendous benefit to the health and welfare of the racehorse. The AAEP strongly encourages the continued pursuit of uniformity by the racing industry and stands ready to contribute the expertise and perspective of racetrack practitioners to the dialogue.”

Dr. Scot Waterman, Executive Director, Racing Medication & Testing Consortium (RMTC):

“The Racing Medication and Testing Consortium welcomes the Thoroughbred Safety Committee endorsement of our recommendations to eliminate the use of anabolic steroids in horse racing and training, and appreciates the committee’s efforts to speed the uniform adoption of the applicable RCI Anabolic Steroids Model Rule by all state racing commissions by the end of this year. When fully implemented by all states, this model rule on anabolic steroids will put the U.S. in concert with the way the rest of the racing world deals with anabolic steroids.”

**David Switzer, Executive Director, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association Inc. /
Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Inc. (KTA/KTOB):**

“The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Safety Committee recommendations are definitely a step in the right direction, and the KTA is very pleased that the committee has followed up on recommendations regarding steroid use put forth by the Racing Medication & Testing Consortium. The KTA has always supported initiatives that were in the best interests of the Thoroughbred industry, not in the best interests of individuals, and our organization will continue to do that as the safety committee develops additional recommendations.”

**Other organizations that have provided blanket endorsements of the three
Thoroughbred Safety Committee recommendations include:**

Churchill Downs Inc.
Keeneland Association
Magna Entertainment Corp.
New York Racing Association