

Veterinarians' & Stewards' List Mapping Project

Owner/Trainer Survey

Dear Owners & Trainers,

Building on the [initiative announced last December](#), the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) is launching the next phase of its comprehensive review of Veterinarians' List and Stewards' List categories across U.S. Thoroughbred racing: an industry-wide survey open to all stakeholders.

HISA recognizes that the differences in Veterinarians' List and scratch protocol across racetracks can be frustrating. Our aim with this survey is to provide a more consistent system that would be beneficial to your stable.

HISA is soliciting comments about the feasibility of the following system, standardizing how horses are placed on the Veterinarians' Lists. The process for race day inspections, both morning and afternoon, would be:

- **Step 1:** A Regulatory Veterinarian decides whether a horse is suitable to race.
- **Step 2:** Your Attending Veterinarian examines the horse within 48 hours and documents any findings or diagnostic work in the HISA Portal.
- **Step 3:** The Regulatory Veterinarian and Attending Veterinarian jointly review the findings to determine the next steps/which list to place the horse on. The category of list governs the requirements and process for removal.
- **Step 4:** If an Attending Veterinarian workup is not performed and recorded in the HISA Portal within the designated timeframe, the Veterinarians' List category would default to "Unsound" unless otherwise indicated by the Regulatory Veterinarian.

Survey Questions

Please provide any pros and cons you have about the above hypothetical plan.

Please answer the following using this scale: (1 = Not Helpful at All | 2 = Slightly Helpful | 3 = Neutral | 4 = Helpful | 5 = Very Helpful):

(1) How helpful would a system like the above be to your stable?

1 2 3 4 5

(2) How helpful would it be to have clearer communication between Regulatory and Attending Veterinarians?

1 2 3 4 5

(3) How helpful would it be to have a more consistent process for determining when a horse can work off the Veterinarians' List?

1 2 3 4 5

(4) How helpful would it be if Regulatory and Attending Veterinarians reviewed the case together before deciding on the next steps?

1 2 3 4 5

Please answer the following using this scale: (1 = No Increase | 2 = Slight Increase | 3 = Moderate Increase | 4 = Substantial Increase | 5 = Major Increase)

(5) How much would the above model increase your financial burden?

1 2 3 4 5

Please give a general experience, if you have one, with Veterinarians' List inconsistency.

Do you think the described model could help resolve this inconsistency?

Should HISA consider adopting uniform rules for scratch procedures?

Please list your affiliation.

Trainer

Owner

Both