

**Please be advised that Prince Edward Island will start an
EIPH (Lasix) program on August 11, 2016**

The responsible Regional regulatory authorities (CPMA and APHRC) have approved the implementation of an Exercise Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage (EIPH) program for Atlantic Canada. **Both Prince Edward Island racetracks** will be the first to join this initiative, starting August 11th, 2016. Commonly referred to as a Lasix program, this legal medication has been available in several other Canadian horse racing jurisdictions for some time. As this program is Federally regulated through the Canadian Pari Mutuel Agency, there are national standards which must be followed. As such, the cost of the EIPH program on PEI is similar to that in other areas of Canada.

Listed below are some questions and answers which will explain the program. If you have any other questions, please contact:

Atlantic Provinces Harness Racing Commission 902-836-5500

PEISHOA President Dr. Colleen Dickie 902- 940-5247

EIPH PROGRAM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How does my horse become eligible to race on Lasix ?

To start the process ask an APHRC licensed veterinarian, who shall, UPON REQUEST, issue a Form 1 to the trainer of the horse. Before the Veterinarian can complete Form 1, the horse MUST HAVE BEEN SCOPED or OBSERVED TO BE BLEEDING FROM THE NOSE by an APHRC licensed Veterinarian .

This Veterinarian certification verifies:

- a. That the subject horse has displayed symptoms of EIPH, and
- b. That the subject horse is qualified for the EIPH program in their opinion to justify using Lasix (Furosemide) according to the Commission rules.

2. After Form 1 is filled out what do I do?

The Certification Form 1 MUST be filed with the Standardbred Canada Field Rep prior to the time of entry which must be within thirty (30) days of completion of the form. An Authorization Form must also be filled out, which authorizes the trainer/owner to enter the horse into the EIPH program, and which provides agreement for any waivers, etc.

3. After being certified by a Veterinarian when can my horse race?

A horse may not race for fifteen (15) clear days from the date it was certified. Horses may be declared in prior to the fifteen (15) days, provided the race occurs fifteen (15) clear days from date of certification. The status of the horse as enrolled in the EIPH (Lasix) program MUST be declared on the entry form at time of entry

4. How long does my horse have to stay on the EIPH program once certified?

Once enrolled on the EIPH (Lasix) program, horses MUST stay on the program for a MINIMUM OF 100 DAYS from the date of its first or most recent certification. This means that a certified horse MUST race with Lasix for a 100 day period when racing at a track that has a Lasix program. If a certified horse

races at a non Lasix track during those 100 days, they would race without Lasix on those occasions.

5. Does this change if the horse is claimed, sold, or changes trainers?

Horses continue on the EIPH (Lasix) program during this time period regardless of changes in ownership and/or Trainer.

6. When my horse is entered to race, what time do they have to be at the paddock barn retention facility ? Horses have to be at the designated retention facility at least four(4) hours and fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published post time of their race on the overnight sheet. Horses must remain there until medicated with Furosemide (Lasix) .

7. What happens if my horse is not at paddock barn retention facility four hours and fifteen minutes prior to race post time?

Your horse will automatically be scratched.

8. When is Lasix administered? CERTIFIED HORSES RECEIVE FUROSEMIDE (LASIX) NO EARLIER THAN FOUR HOURS AND FIFTEEN MINUTES AND NO LATER THAN THREE HOURS AND FORTY FIVE MINUTES BEFORE PUBLISHED POST TIME OF THEIR RACE. The trainer or an authorized person must stay with a certified horse from the time of arrival in the retention facility until the time of medication or scratch. ANY HORSE LEFT UNATTENDED IN THE RETENTION FACILITY SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY SCRATCHED.

9. **How much Furosemide (Lasix) does my horse receive?** Certified horses will be administered no less than 150mg and no more than 250 mg. (no less than 3 and no more than 5 cc's) of Furosemide (Lasix) intravenously by a APHRC designated Veterinarian or Technician.

10. **Who selects the amount?** The trainer or owner.

11. **After my horse is medicated, what happens?**

After medication, certified horses may either return to their stalls in the barn area or in the Ship in barn. The ship in barn will have designated stalls for Lasix horses.

12. **How much does it cost to participate in the program?** In this trial year, the cost has been set at \$ 50 per horse per administration. Other industry partners like Red Shores, PEI Harness Racing Industry Asssocation, PEISHOA, and PCHC are contributing to the program costs. Costs will be reviewed after this initial year.

13. **How do I pay?** In an effort to reduce administration expenses , a voucher system will be established. EIPH Vouchers, valid once per horse per administration, may be purchased at the Red Shores CDP Race Office during office hours, or at either Red Shores office in SRW or CDP on race nights. Cash , cheques, debit, or credit cards may be used to purchase vouchers. Vouchers are valid until the end of the race season on PEI, and may be used at either SRW or CDP.

14. **What about horses wanting to participate in the program shipping in from outside the Province?** A completed Form 2, which is a certification from any other jurisdiction recognized from the Commission, must be submitted, which states :
- a. That the subject horse has displayed symptoms of EIPH, and
 - b. That the subject horse is qualified for the EIPH program in their opinion to justify using Lasix (Furosemide) according to the Commission rules. Form 2 can be submitted at the time of administration of Furosemide FOR THE FIRST TIME.
 - c. All other rules as above then apply.

15. **What about horses that I purchase and / or want to race that are currently certified on the EIPH program outside the Province?**

Similar to 14 above, a completed Form 2, which is a certification from any other jurisdiction recognized from the Commission, must be submitted, which states :

- a. That the subject horse has displayed symptoms of EIPH, and
- b. That the subject horse is qualified for the EIPH program in their opinion to justify using Lasix (Furosemide) according to the Commission rules. Form 2 can be submitted at the time of administration of Furosemide FOR THE FIRST TIME.
- c. All other rules as above then apply.

NOTE: APPLICABLE FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE RACE OFFICE OR YOUR LOCAL EQUINE VETERINARIAN OR CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM:

www.peiharnessracing.com or www.mphrc.ca

LASIX INFORMATION MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016

5:00 TO 5:30 P.M.

RED SHORES GRANDSTAND, SECOND LEVEL

**DR. PAUL HOGAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
ATLANTIC PROVINCES HARNESS RACING
COMMISSION**

AND

**DR. COLLEEN DICKIE, CHAIR, PEI
STANDARD BRED HORSE OWNERS
ASSOCIATION WILL OUTLINE THE PEI
PROGRAM AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS**

