

**Washington Horse Racing Commission
Policy Statement 2022-01**

Intra-articular injections

The Washington Horse Racing Commission views the controlled medication testing program as vital to the integrity of the industry. In its enforcement of this program, the commission directs its regulatory officials to utilize all methods under their authority to ensure the controlled medication testing program is effective in detecting the use of prohibited medications or levels of medications, either authorized or prohibited.

WAC, 260-70-625 Intra-articular injections - Restrictions, was adopted by the WHRC on April 8, 2022.

WAC 260-70-625 places a "stand down" time for those horses that receive an intra-articular injection that prohibits them from racing or working for the official veterinarian for a period of 7 days. The horse may work or race on day 8.

To provide additional interpretation for the industry, this "stand down" time is designated for only corticoid steroid injections which may include, but are not limited to, triamcinolone acetonide, betamethasone, dexamethasone and methylprednisolone.

Adopted by the Washington Horse Racing Commission

April 22, 2022