

2026 Horseshoe Indianapolis and QHRAI Hair Testing Policy

Hair Testing Policy

IHRC 71 IAC 8.5-1-2.1 and 71 IAC 8.5-1-2.2 prohibit the presence of Clenbuterol and Albuterol in Quarter Horses. 71 IAC 8.5-1-2.3 and 71 IAC 8.5-8-1.6 require horses that test positive for other beta agonist substances to be immediately placed on the Veterinarian's List. As a result of these regulations, Horseshoe Indianapolis (HI) and QHRAI have implemented the following conditions:

To be eligible to enter in any Quarter Horse race, including stakes and trials, a horse **MUST** have a negative hair test on file.

- A hair sample must be collected on or after March 03, 2026, to be eligible to race in Condition Book #1.
- If you plan to race your horse(s) in Condition Book #2, a hair sample must be collected after **June 15, 2026**. Samples collected prior to **June 16** will not be accepted for races in Book #2.

The test(s) must be administered in the presence of Indiana Horse Racing Commission (IHRC) personnel and will be by appointment only. The trainer of record or their licensed designee will be responsible for pulling hair. The IHRC will handle all paperwork and chain of custody documentation. The commission's primary laboratory operates Monday - Friday and may take up to 14 days to deliver results. **Please plan accordingly.** It is the trainer/owner's responsibility to determine the best time to have a horse tested and to make the necessary arrangements. Owners and Trainers who have questions regarding the class of drugs known as beta agonists should consult their practicing veterinarian.

Hair testing will be conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays (by appointment only). The first day of testing will be Monday, March 03, 2026.

Testing Days:

During racing – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Location: Horseshoe Indianapolis Receiving Barn for ship-in horses. Horses stabled on the grounds will be collected in their stalls.

Cost: \$175.00 per horse – Checks/Money orders must be payable to QHRAI. Payment must be made prior to hair being pulled, or sample will not be taken. No cash will be accepted.

What you need to have when making an appointment:

- ✓ Trainer and Owner names.
- ✓ Trainer phone number (used to notify of test results).
- ✓ Complete and correct name of all Quarter Horses being tested.
- ✓ Texting pictures of registration papers Mike is also helpful.
- ✓ **To schedule an appointment: Please call Mike Morris (317-407-3749) between the hours of 9AM and 2PM Monday through Friday. Appointments must be made by noon the day prior.**

- Once you have your appointment(s), please call or text Elizabeth Riggs (317-494-9834) to arrange for your testing stall(s) in the Receiving Barn.
- Once you have your stall assignment(s) please let testing personnel know where you will be.
- Anyone who fails to secure a stall from Elizabeth will not be given a stall in the Receiving Barn.

What you need to bring with you for testing:

- ✓ Copy of registration papers, front and back. You are strongly encouraged to make copies of both sides of all registration papers BEFORE turning your papers into the Racing Office.
- ✓ Payment – Check or money order made out to **QHRAI** in the amount of \$175.00 per horse tested. Payment must be made prior to hair being pulled or sample will not be taken. No cash will be accepted.
- ✓ It is recommended you take a picture of the hair sample collection paperwork completed showing the horse(s) sampled and the check or money order used to pay for the test(s).
- ✓ Be available to hold the horse during sample collection.

General Information

- A current negative hair test is required to enter in any race.
- Allow 10-14 business days for test results. No Quarter Horse will be allowed to enter without negative test results on file.
- Samples collected after March 03, 2026, are good through the end of Condition Book #1.
- Samples collected after June 15, 2026, are good through the end of the 2026 meet.
- QHRAI and Horseshoe Indianapolis Racing Office have no knowledge of test results.
- In the case of a positive test, IHRC will contact the trainer.
- **The trainer and/or their licensed designee's responsibility of pulling hair samples will not pertain to any post-race testing ordered by the Stewards. The IHRC test barn staff will continue to pull those samples.**

Stakes and Trials Information

All horses that qualify for any stakes races at Horseshoe Indianapolis are subject to required hair testing immediately following the qualifying trial. A horse that does not report to the Test Barn for hair sampling after qualifying for a final is in violation of this policy and may be scratched from the final and assessed a late scratch penalty. **However, all horses must have a negative hair test on file in order to enter a stakes with or without trials.**

This policy should not be construed to limit or curtail the Indiana Horse Racing Commission's authority to conduct any drug testing, including hair, blood, urine, etc. as set forth in 71 IAC article 8.5 "Equine Health; Medication and Testing."

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