

Prohibited Practices

Rule 175. Any person found guilty of committing or procuring or causing any person commit any of the following prohibited practices may be declared a disqualified person and where a horse has been subjected to any of the specified prohibited practices, the Stewards of the Jockey Club or the Stewards may in accordance with their respective powers, suspend, make ineligible to race or otherwise make any order in relation to the subject horse: —

- (1) The application of thermocautery to the skin over the musculoskeletal structures to cause a counter-irritant effect.
- (2) The application of a substance to cause vesiculation of the skin and underlying tissues.
- (3) The use on, or administration or application to, any horse of any therapy, method or process which involves Gene Editing or Genome Editing.

Genetic Therapy, Gene Editing and Genome Editing

- Rule 176. (1)** The use or administration of a Genetic Therapy on or to a horse is prohibited at all times. Provided that the use or administration of autologous conditioned serum or “platelet-rich plasma” treatments which do not involve the transfer of whole cells / DNA shall be permitted.
- (2)** A Genetic Therapy may be used or administered to a specific horse with the express prior approval of the Club if that Genetic Therapy is used to treat an injury or disorder formally diagnosed by a veterinarian, and:
- (i) is not capable of modifying a horse’s heritable genome;
 - (ii) does not pose a threat to the welfare of horse;
 - (iii) does not pose a threat to the integrity of racing, either by having the potential to enhance or harm the performance of a horse in a race.