

Prohibited Practices

Rule 171. Any person found guilty of committing or procuring or causing any person to commit any of the following prohibited practices may be penalised 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.
- (4) The withdrawal and re-infusing of any autologous blood or blood products, or administration of any homologous blood or blood products into the circulatory system of any horse at any time, except for those procedures performed for life-saving purposes or in the use of veterinary regenerative therapies for the treatment of musculoskeletal injury or disease when performed under the supervision of a Veterinary Surgeon.
- (5) The drenching or infusing of a horse at any time on the day of the race meeting at which the horse is due to run in a race.

Genetic Therapy, Gene Editing and Genome Editing

- Rule 172.** (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.
- (3) The use on, or administration or application to, any horse of any therapy, method or process which involves Gene Editing or Genome Editing is prohibited at all times.