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SOUTH AMERICAN OFFICIAL RACING ANALYSTS AND VETERINARIANS AND EQUINE WELFARE COMMITTEE IN BUENOS AIRES



On Friday, June 26th, the members of the OSAF Committee of Official Racing Analysts and Veterinarians and Equine Welfare met at the San Isidro Racetrack, with the attendance of representatives from the member racecourses from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, and Uruguay.

The meeting consisted of a series of working sessions: an individual meeting for analysts and a meeting for veterinarians, followed by a plenary session with the participation of both working groups.

During the meetings, the following topics were discussed:

- Summary of the most relevant topics addressed at ICRAV 2026 in Melbourne, Australia.
- Current status and future of the testing laboratories in the region.

- Topics of interest at an international level: use of Omeprazole, Bisphosphonates, and CO2.
- Ban of the use of Bisphosphonates as of January 1st, 2027. Categorization of the drug within the racing regulations for the purpose of penalizations upon findings.
- AORC (Association of Official Racing Chemists), Americas Section.
- Positive doping results for 2024 and 2025: total positive results and drugs found.
- Fatalities in racing: fatality rates and the importance of data accuracy. Definitions and protocol for standardizing data collection at the regional level.
- Protocol for standardizing the Health Certificate among all South American racetracks to authorize a horse to compete after the stipulated rest period following an illness or musculoskeletal condition.
- The importance of ISO Certification of the Racing Chemical Service and the Veterinary Service in official racecourses.

OSAF participates in the meetings of the IFHA Advisory Council on Equine Prohibited Substances and Practices, the IFHA Equine Welfare Committee, and the IFHA Gene Doping Control Subcommittee, in order to stay updated on the latest developments, research, and discussions surrounding these issues of fundamental importance to horse racing in South America. Through this participation, and in the meetings of the OSAF South American Committee, the aim is to create a regional forum to assess the current status in each member country and to promote and develop best practices in our region, in line with IFHA's recommendations at an international level.

About OSAF

The South American Organization for the Development of Thoroughbred's activities (Organización Sudamericana de Fomento del Puro Sangre de carreras - OSAF) was founded in 1958 as the advisory body for the regulation and harmonization of the thoroughbred racing industry in Latin America, following the recommendations of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA), the world's leading regulatory body for the racing sport.

Our members include the major racetracks, Stud Books, Breeders' Associations, and Owners' Associations in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia, and Paraguay.

The main objectives of our Organization are:

- To promote an extensive exchange of information between its Members and with International racing organizations worldwide,
- To promote the alliance with international racing and breeding authorities,
- To promote the harmonization of racing protocols and regulations within the region;
- To promote the control and fight against doping in Thoroughbreds and jockeys;
- To improve the quality of pattern races within South America;

- To promote the integrity and the best practices in the Thoroughbred industry in South America;
- To communicate about the evolution achieved by the horseracing activity within the continent, highlighting its quality and importance; developing reports, statistics and technical research on the Thoroughbred industry;
- To organize and take part in regional and international events related to the Thoroughbred industry;

OSAF is Member of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA), International Stud Book Committee (ISBC) and the International Thoroughbred Breeders's Federation (ITBF), being the regional representative before these institutions.

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