

## Deceased Horse/Euthanasia Protocol

This is not a new policy, it was created to establish a consistent procedure for when horses are critically injured or die suddenly in circumstances related to racing.

The General Rules state:

**R 431.1335** Destruction of injured horse; euthanasia permitted.

Rule 1335. Upon a determination of the commissioner's veterinarian that a horse injured in a workout or a race is injured to the extent that the horse must be destroyed, the commissioner's veterinarian may perform humane euthanasia after receiving written permission from the trainer on a form prescribed by the commissioner.

**R 431.1340** Postmortem of horses.

Rule 1340. A horse that dies on the grounds shall not be removed before notification of the commissioner's veterinarian and before permission is obtained. At the discretion of the commissioner's veterinarian, a postmortem may be required. The cost of the postmortem shall be paid by the owner, including the cost of transportation and examination.

The MGCB veterinarian shall consult with the horse caretaker and determine if euthanasia is required. If required, request that the legal representative for the horse complete the Authorization for Euthanasia form completely before the animal is euthanized.

If it is determined according to Rule 1340 that the horse should have an off-site necropsy performed, notify the stewards and the horse caretaker. The horse shall be transported to Michigan State University by the horse caretaker for the required procedure in a timely manner.

Notify MSU of requested necropsies to obtain drop-off instructions.

After Hours Phone Number: (517) 355-1855

Business Hours Phone Number: (517) 353-1683

Normal business hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. EST. After hours submittal is 7 days a week until midnight only. A necropsy technician will meet the client at DCPAH, unload the animal and place it in the cooler. After hours fee is \$170.00.

There is no after-hour's submittal fee for Saturday mornings 9am until 11am. Gross post fee \$150, full necropsy \$300.