



What are the NHBPA, and The HISA Horsemen's Advisory Council, and why does Dr. Doug Daniels spend time on them?

Have you ever thought that the lives of owners, trainers and backstretch personnel at the track might be pretty tough?

The federal government is stepping in (HISA), with the goal of having uniform practices, procedures and applicable laws across all of thoroughbred horse racing. But are they the best people to determine what is needed, and how will we get them to slow down/hear the voices of horsemen before leaping into legislation?

Have you ever worried about the racehorses themselves, and who is advocating for their highest and best wellbeing? Is your horse, in fact, an Off-the-track Thoroughbred?

How does all the money earned at a track get split up, and who has a say in that? Is it done fairly?

The National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association is engaged in all these issues! It is a trade association - the trade being thoroughbred horse racing of course - and it is focused on the betterment of racing at all levels, including safety, welfare and advancement, in the US and Canada.

MISSION: Founded in 1940, the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (NHBPA) and its Affiliates operate on behalf of Thoroughbred racehorse owners, trainers and backstretch personnel throughout the United States and Canada.

1. Providing a representative voice for all Thoroughbred horsemen on matters integral to the advancement of Thoroughbred racing in the United States and Canada and at the state/province level.
2. Encouraging the highest standards of horsemanship to continuously improve the care, health and safety of the horse.
3. Facilitating guidelines to ensure the safety of the jockeys, trainers, grooms, exercise riders, hot walkers, farriers, veterinarians and all

- others who regularly come in contact with racehorses.
4. Supporting the development, adoption, implementation and enforcement of nationwide uniform rules that promote safety and integrity in racing.
 5. Disseminating information on critical issues facing our industry to HBPAA Affiliates, members and the general public as appropriate.
 6. Supporting and promoting programs and entities that provide general benevolence and other beneficial programs for Affiliates and members.
 7. Assisting in the development of programs at affiliated tracks providing for the aftercare of our horses when their racing careers are over.
 8. Promoting the sport of Thoroughbred horse racing.

Some of the ways the NHBPA puts these mission statements into action in 2023 include benevolence (with dues collection from tracks/affiliates, not members), VERY importantly input and recommendations to the proposed HISA legislation, and state-by-state horsemen's groups which piece out the revenues coming into a race track venue from their many sources, to their recipients in a fair and equitable way. Their oversight extends to the industry, not just the racetracks. They have influence, but not authority, and are governed by a board of elected committee members, and our Doug Daniels DVM is President and Chairman of the Board.

So what is the involvement of NHBPA with HISA? The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) was created by Congress, as a private corporation granted authority to oversee, on a federal level, aspects of horse racing previously left to individual states. They are to establish and enforce, under the oversight of the Federal Trade Commission, a national uniform set of rules applicable to every Thoroughbred racing participant. This is the entity that DOES have authority to legislate. It was formed by the Horseracing and Integrity Act, which had, as some have couched it, "a rocky and chaotic implementation." To quote Sen. Chuck Grassley, "Transparency in government is very, very important. You can't expect constituents, taxpayers, residents and citizens of this country to go along with what the government is doing until the government makes it very clear to them what they're doing." What is happening now in terms of collaboration and transparency, is what should have happened before new legislation came out of HISA, in the minds of many.

Who is doing this collaborating? The NHBPA, for one. Additionally, within the HISA corporation is the Horsemen's Advisory Group, a 20 member body of people, picked from among 250+ applicants, and Dr. Daniels is also in this group. That 20-member group, which meets monthly, is charged with providing feedback to HISA's executive team and committees on the implementation and refinement of its Racetrack Safety and Anti-Doping and Medication Control regulations. Notably, they can celebrate several successes in the last year, including slowing the implementation of changes in training and medication regimens that went to the Federal Trade Commission without enough industry engagement and a significant level of disagreement. As a \$63 billion/year industry, thoroughbred racing needs to be informed by the viewpoints and knowledge of its participants before sweeping legislation is effected. With this as a backdrop for the events of 2023, you can see how extremely important the influence, expertise and involvement of NHBPA is, including Dr. Daniels.

"My entire career has been dedicated to equine health and wellbeing, and I am committed to advancing efforts to make racing safer for Thoroughbreds

nationwide,” said **Dr. Daniels**. “I’m grateful for the opportunity to formally advise on HISA’s rules and look forward to collaborating with fellow Advisory Group members as our industry works to strengthen racing for years to come.”

We want to express our thanks to Dr. Douglas K. Daniels for making the commitment of time and expertise needed to be one of the voices of horsemen to HISA's executive team, and to chair and preside over the NHBPA as it continues to be "horsemen helping horsemen".

For more information, please visit :

<https://nationalhbpa.com>;

<https://HISAUS.org>; and

<https://hisaus.org/news/dr-doug-daniels-joins-hisa-horsemens-advisory-group>

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