



Equine Injury Database

The Jockey Club worked with members of the Thoroughbred industry to develop a national injury reporting database to provide the industry meaningful – and not anecdotal – information regarding the health and welfare of racehorses in racing and training. This database was first proposed at the 2006 Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit, coordinated and underwritten by The Jockey Club and Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and hosted by Keeneland Association.

The primary objectives of the Equine Injury Database™ (EID) are to

- identify the frequency, types and outcome of racing injuries using a standardized format that will generate valid statistics
- identify markers for horses at increased risk of injury
- serve as a data source for research directed at improving safety and preventing injuries

In July 2008, the EID was officially launched and made available, at no cost, to racetracks across the United States and Canada. The official launch of the EID followed a pilot program that ran from June 1, 2007, to July 12, 2008, whereby more than 3,000 injury reports were received and recorded. As of December 1, 2008, 74 racetracks representing 80% of racing days are participating in the EID, and the EID currently contains more than 6,072 reports.

The EID is a module of InCompass' Race Track Operations (RTO) program, which is in place at most racetracks in the United States and Canada. This allows the injury reports to be tied to race information via Equibase data and horse and pedigree information via The Jockey Club. For more information on RTO, please visit www.incompass-solutions.com.

The EID stores injury and incident information for racing Thoroughbreds, Quarter Horses, Appaloosas, Paints, Mules and Arabians at racetracks and training centers. The system was designed by veterinarians to be a comprehensive tool for regulatory veterinarians and racetrack management to record and analyze injuries occurring at the track. In addition, a quality control feature was built into the EID to ensure that injury information is being completely and accurately reported.

Racetracks and training centers interested in participating in the EID should contact InCompass, 859-296-3009 or 859-224-2720, or equineinjury@incompass-solutions.com.