



COMMISSION HEARING

TORONTO, ONTARIO – JULY 21, 2010

**IN THE MATTER OF THE RACING COMMISSION ACT S.O. 2000, c.20;**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL AND REQUEST FOR HEARING BY  
STANDARDBRED HORSE PROTÉGÉ SEELSTER**

On July 20, 2010, the Judges issued Standardbred Official Ruling SB 41971 wherein the horse PROTÉGÉ SEELSTER was deemed ineligible to start in the Dream of Glory Stakes at Hanover Raceway, on July 24, 2010 in accordance with Rule 16.12 of the Rules of Standardbred Racing. (failure to make a required sustaining payment).

On July 20, Murray Weber filed a Notice of Appeal, pursuant to Rule 24.01(b) of the Rules of Standardbred Racing

On July 21, 2010, a Panel of the Ontario Racing Commission ("ORC"), comprised of Chair Rod Seiling, convened for the purpose of hearing this matter.

Neil McCoag appeared on behalf of the Administration of the ORC. Weber attended the Hearing and was represented by Jody Jamieson.

After reviewing the evidence, hearing the testimony of Judge Larry Hughes, Hanover General Manager, Gord Dugan, and Murray Weber, and upon considering the closing submissions, the Panel denied the appeal.

A transcript of the Panel's Reasons for Decision is attached to this Ruling.

DATED at Toronto this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

  
John L. Blakney  
Executive Director

ONTARIO RACING COMMISSION

**RE: STANDARDBRED HEARING**

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPEAL AND REQUEST FOR HEARING OF

**MURRAY WEBER**

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Held Before:

Rod Seiling,                      Chairman

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This is an excerpt of a Hearing of the Ontario Racing Commission  
re: **MURRAY WEBER**, taken before Toronto Court Reporters,  
Suite 1410, 65 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario, at 10  
Carlson Court, Suite 400, Toronto, Ontario, on the 21st day of  
July, 2010.

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Appearances:

Neil McCoag,                      representative for the Ontario Racing  
Commission Administration

1 Hearing continued ...

2 MR. CHAIRMAN: Judges have to interpret the rules as they are  
3 written. They have no other way to do it, nor does Mr. Dougan who has the fiduciary  
4 responsibility to uphold the integrity of his own stake race and to change it you need  
5 to have hard evidence that it was made and it is lacking, I'm sorry so appeal denied.  
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17 RAYMOND P. MACDONALD, B.A., CVR  
18 Commissioner of Oaths