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STANDBRED DIRECTIVE NUMBER 2 – 2009 RULES OF STANDBRED RACING 2008

The Ontario Racing Commission at its meeting of Thursday, February 26, 2009 and Wednesday, March 25, 2009, resolved that the Rules of Standardbred Racing 2008 be amended by the promulgation of the following Rules, effective March 25, 2009.

Chapter 2 DEFINITIONS

New Definitions

Ontario Sire means a stallion registered with the Horse Improvement Program Registry for the Northern Hemisphere breeding season.

Ontario Sired means a horse whose sire was an *Ontario Sire* in the horse's conception year.

Ontario Bred means a horse foaled in the Province of Ontario out of an *Ontario Resident Mare*.

Ontario Resident Mare means a mare, registered with the Horse Improvement Program Registry, foaling out in Ontario that has met all residency eligibility requirements for the birth year.

Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) Eligible means a horse whose sire was an *Ontario Sire* in the horse's conception year and meets all other Ontario Sires Stakes Program eligibility requirements for the current year.

Horse Improvement Program means a suite of multi-breed Ontario racing and breeding incentive programs (including the Ontario Sires Stakes and the Mare Residency Program)

Restricted Area are those areas of the racetrack property used for the purposes of conducting racing to which access is controlled, and includes, but is not limited to the paddock, stabling areas, and the racetrack.

Chapter 7 RACING ASSOCIATIONS

Rule 7.16.13 The Association shall ensure that purse monies won be distributed to the owners, drivers, trainers and grooms within 38 days of the race. Exceptions included withholding for outcomes of appeal and by order of the Director.

Chapter 18 PURSES

Rule 18.10 Where an agreement exists between a recognized horsepeople's association and a racing association, the drivers', trainer' and/or grooms' share of the purse may be deducted from the purse payable to owners. A copy of such agreement must be filed with the Commission.

Chapter 19 TIME AND RECORDS

Rule 19.10 Delete

Chapter 22 RACING RULES

Rule 22.33 If, in their opinion, the Judges are unable to properly judge the running or finish of a race they may declare the race to be "No Contest". When a race has been declared "No Contest" by the Judges, all monies wagered on that race will be distributed in accordance with the provisions of the Pari-Mutuel Betting Supervision Regulations of the Criminal Code. No purse distribution is to be made to any of the horses that started in such race, except as provided for in Rule 18.09. The line for the race will be charted by the charter to the best of his/her ability to indicate the performance of each horse in the race and the charted line shall be used for the determination of preference dates or eligibility to any future race. In the event that the race that is declared "No Contest" is a claiming race the provisions of Chapter 15 of these rules are applicable, and notwithstanding a determination that the race is "No Contest", title to the horse shall be deemed to have passed to the claimant if the claimed horse is behind the gate when the field is released at the starting point by the starter.

Chapter 25 DRIVERS

New Rule 25.10 Any driver programmed to drive in a race shall attend at the race paddock stall assigned to the horse he or she is programmed to drive at least two (2) minutes prior to the commencement of the post parade for the race.

**Chapter 26
TRAINERS AND GROOMS**

Rule 26.18 Delete

**Chapter 27
OWNERS**

Rule 27.03 Owner, lessors, lessees, or stable members of horses competing on the date of the race shall be entitled admission to the paddock.

**Chapter 32
PADDOCK JUDGE AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTOR**

Rule 32.03 Once admitted to the paddock, the horse shall not leave the restricted area, other than to warm up or until the races for which the horses were admitted are completed.

Rule 32.03 Delete

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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