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**STANDARD BRED DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1 – 2005
RULES OF STANDARD BRED RACING 2003**

The Ontario Racing Commission at its meeting of Thursday, January 13, 2005 resolved that the Rules of Standardbred Racing 2003 be amended by the promulgation of the changes to the following Rules effective March 1, 2005:

**Chapter 12
QUALIFYING RACES**

Rule 12.09

A horse making a break in or off a qualifying, matinee, or schooling race must qualify again unless the break was an equipment break or caused by interference, or unless the horse is declaring into an Ontario Sires Stakes or other added money event.

Rule 12.10 (a)

A horse making a break off a qualifier or its second consecutive break in a row in an elimination heat will be allowed to race in the final.

**Chapter 22
RACING RULES**

Rule 22.05.1 (b) iii

horses using the open stretch must first have complete clearance of the pylons.

Rule 22.19

Drivers shall keep both feet in the stirrups during the post parade and from the time the horses are brought to the starting gate until the race has been completed. Drivers shall be permitted to remove a foot from the stirrups during the course of the race solely for the purpose of pulling earplugs and once these have been pulled the foot must be placed back into the stirrup. Drivers who violate this rule shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 for a first offence a fine of \$300.00 for a second offence within 6 months and a fine of \$500.00 for a third offence within 6 months of the

first offence. A fourth offence within six months will result in a 5-day suspension from driving being imposed by the judges and the driver shall be referred to the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION



John L. Blakney
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