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**STANDBRED DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1 – 2007
RULES OF STANDBRED RACING 2005**

The Ontario Racing Commission at its meeting of Thursday, February 1, 2007 resolved that the Rules of Standardbred Racing 2005 be amended by the promulgation of the changes to the following Rules effective March 15, 2007.

**Chapter 2
DEFINITIONS**

2.31

Maiden means a horse that has never won a heat or race at the gait at which it is entered to start, and for which a purse is offered. Races or purse money awarded to a horse after the official sign has been posted shall not be considered winning performance or affect the status of a maiden **unless the horse is placed first as the result of a positive test or disqualification of the winner of the race.** Should a Maiden finish first in a race for which a purse is offered and is subsequently disqualified it shall not lose its maiden classification.

**Chapter 11
HORSES PERMITTED TO RACE**

11.01 (a)

the eligibility fee, which shall become due and payable when a horse makes its first start in any type of race in a calendar year, has been paid to Standardbred Canada, **if Canadian owned, or, the lifetime eligibility fee has been paid to the United States Trotting Association, if American owned.** The eligibility fee for a horse owned in partnership by a Canadian and an American, shall be payable to either Standardbred Canada or the United States Trotting Association.

11.02.01

	1/2 Mile	5/8 Mile	7/8 Mile
Two-Year-Olds:			
Pacers	2:03	2:01	2:00
Trotters	2:09	2:06	2:05
Three-Year-Olds			
Pacers	2:00	1:58	1:57
Trotters	2:05	2:02	2:01

Chapter 14 OVERNIGHT EVENTS

14.12

In Overnight events, not more than one trailer shall be permitted, regardless of the size of the track. At least eight feet per horse must be provided the starters in the front tier. **Exceptions on field sizes can be granted with the written permission of the Ontario Racing Commission.**

Chapter 16 ADDED MONEY EVENTS

16.24

The maximum size of fields permitted in any added money event shall be:

- (a) For races which go in 1 division no more than 2 trailers.
 - (b) For races which go in more than 1 division a maximum of 1 trailer.
- An association may elect to go with less than the number of trailers specified in (a) above. **Exceptions on field sizes can be granted with the written permission of the Ontario Racing Commission.**

Chapter 17 DECLARATIONS AND DRAWING OF POST POSITIONS

17.18

After having been drawn in to start in any race, or as an also eligible, a horse shall not be sold or leased nor shall any interest in the horse be sold or leased prior to the racing of that particular race, **unless the horse is sold at a public horse auction and the horse remains under the care, custody and responsibility of the trainer who entered the horse into the race.**

Chapter 18 PLACING AND MONEY DISTRIBUTION

18.08.3

When a horse is disqualified as the result of being ineligible, **or as a result of a positive test, it shall lose any purse money, its finishing position and its time in the following manner:**

The horse will be disqualified and placed last

The horse will lose all purse money earned from the race

All remaining horses will move up in position, their summaries adjusted, and the money re-distributed accordingly

In the event the horse won the race, it shall lose the winning time and the actual time of the horse will read: TDIS (time disallowed). Further, the horse that finished second and placed first in a race or as the result of a positive test, the finishing positions of that horse and all other starters in such race shall remain unchanged, but purse monies shall be adjusted accordingly.

The leading horse shall be timed and its time shall be announced. A horse being placed first, as a result of a disqualification, ineligibility or a positive test will obtain a win-race record if it can be determined by electronic timing from the official chart.

18.11

Where an agreement exists between a recognized harness participant's association and a racing association, drivers', **grooms'** and/or trainers' fees may be deducted from the purses payable to owners and paid to the drivers, grooms and/or trainers within 30 days. A copy of such agreement must be filed with the Commission.

Chapter 19 TIME AND RECORDS

19.05

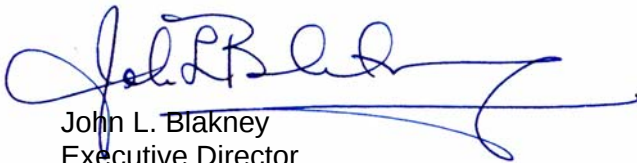
The leading horse shall be timed and its time only shall be announced. The horse shall not obtain a win-race time record by reason of the disqualification of another horse unless a horse is declared the winner by reason of the disqualification of a breaking horse on which it was lapped, **or, unless the time of the horse that is being placed first, as the result of a disqualification due to ineligibility or a positive test, can be determined by electronic timing from the official chart.**

Chapter 22 RACING RULES

22.03 (k)

The Fair Start Pole is a pole erected at the point approximately **200 feet before the start. The Fair Start Pole shall be yellow in colour and shall protrude at least two feet above the inner rail.**

BY ORER OF THE COMMISSION



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