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**STANDBRED DIRECTIVE NUMBER 2 – 2008
RULES OF STANDBRED RACING 2005**

The Ontario Racing Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, January 22, 2008, resolved that the Rules of Standardbred Racing 2005 be amended by the promulgation of the following Rules, effective March 4, 2008, except where noted differently.

**Chapter 4
COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION**

Amended Rule 4.02 Under the delegation of the Commission the Administration is responsible for the supervision of Standardbred Racing in the Province of Ontario and its duties shall include but not be limited to the following:

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- (iv) The interviewing of any licensee with respect to any alleged criminal offence or alleged violation of the Rules. The Administration may require a licensee to make a statutory declaration or a statement in writing or by video or audio recording and /or to produce documents, evidence, of any agreements or transactions, financial or otherwise, relating to any alleged criminal offence or alleged violation of the rules or to any matter which in the opinion of the Administration is not in the best interest of racing.

**Chapter 5
JUDGES AND RACING OFFICIALS**

Amended Rule 5.03 At all extended pari-mutuel race meetings there shall be the following licensed racing officials approved by the Director of Racing;

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- (d) Charter

Amended Rule 5.05 A person, unless accredited by Standardbred Canada, will not be licensed by the Commission in the following categories:

- (a) Judge
- (b) Race Secretary
- (c) Assistant race secretary
- (d) Starter (accredited starters are recognized as accredited patrol judges)
- (e) Paddock judge

- (f) Patrol judge
- (g) Charter (effective July 1, 2008)

Chapter 6

VIOLATIONS, FINES, SUSPENSIONS & EXPULSIONS

Amended Rule 6.46.01 No person shall possess or use a drug, substance or medication on a horse:

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(e) which is listed hereafter:

- i) Erythropoietin or any of its synthetic derivatives; or
- ii) Any synthetic hemoglobin like substances

Notwithstanding (a) and (b), a veterinarian may possess the drug, substance or medication other than erythropoietin, or any of its synthetic derivatives or any synthetic hemoglobin like substances if the possession is in the ordinary course of the practice of veterinary medicine for purposes of prescribing or administering the drug, substance or medication for the treatment of a horse.

Notwithstanding (a) and (b), a person licensed as a trainer, owner, or groom may possess or use a drug, substance or medication on a horse that is on a list established by the Director provided that such possession or use is not otherwise contrary to the Rules, the Food and Drugs Act and its regulations, the Pari-Mutuel Betting Supervision Regulations, the Livestock Medicines Act, C.D.A. and its regulations, the Health Disciplines Act and its regulations, the Veterinarians Act and its regulations, or any conditions to the possession and use imposed by the Director.

Amended Rule 6.48.01 Horses may be tested for the indication of the administration of erythropoietin or any of its synthetic derivatives as follows:

- (a) once entered to race;
- (b) when claimed;
- (c) when a horse has died and the trainer or owner is required to report the death of the horse;
- (d) any horse that was entered or raced within the previous 60 days.

Amended Rule 6.48.02 The entry of a horse to race in Ontario shall constitute permission for a person designated by the Director to collect or otherwise obtain a biological sample from or of that horse for purposes of testing. Where a blood sample has been collected for purposes of TCO₂ testing, that sample may be used for testing for the indication of the administration of erythropoietin or any of its synthetic derivatives and the entry of the horse to race in Ontario shall constitute permission for a person designated by the Director to obtain that blood sample for purposes of testing for the indication of the administration of erythropoietin or any of its synthetic derivatives.

Amended Rule 6.48.03 The Director under the *Racing Commission Act, 2000* shall establish a protocol for the collection of or to obtain biological samples from horses and for the testing for the indication of the administration of erythropoietin or any of its synthetic derivatives. Participants shall comply with the protocol.

Amended Rule 6.48.04 The Director under the *Racing Commission Act, 2000* may approve one or more tests where he or she is satisfied that the testing methodology used is appropriate

to determine whether or not the sample will result in the indication of the administration of erythropoietin or any of its synthetic derivatives.

Amended Rule 6.48.06 If there is confirmation of the administration of erythropoietin or any of its synthetic derivatives in the biological sample obtained, the horse from which the sample was collected or obtained shall be placed on the Veterinarians List (long term) and shall not be removed from the Veterinarians List until the Director is satisfied that there is no indication of the administration of EPO or any of its synthetic derivatives in the biological sample from the horse.

Amended Rule 6.48.07 The Judges shall declare a claim invalid if there is indication of the administration of erythropoietin or any of its synthetic derivatives in the biological sample of a horse that was claimed in a race and the Judges are so notified in writing by the Director and the claimant of the horse requests that the claim be declared invalid. A request must be made within 48 hours of the claimant, the claimant's trainer or the claimant's authorized agent being advised that the administration of erythropoietin or any of its synthetic derivatives were detected. Once the claim is declared invalid, the horse shall be returned to the previous owner, that owner's trainer or that owner's authorized agent, and the amount of the claiming price shall be repaid to the claimant. The claimant shall be responsible for any reasonable costs incurred for care or training of the horse while it was in the possession of the claimant or his trainer.

Amended Rule 6.48.08 For purposes of testing for the indication of the administration of erythropoietin or any of its synthetic derivatives in the biological sample, the Director under the Racing Commission Act, 2000 shall establish by Directive the detectable limit for each test that has been approved.

New Rule 6.49 An owner or trainer may be held wholly or partially responsible if any drug substance or medication administered or prescribed by him results in:

- a) The indication of the use of erythropoietin or any of its synthetic derivatives for purposes of the Rules and, if held wholly or partially responsible, may be fined and/or suspended by the judges;
- b) The confirmation of the use of erythropoietin or any of its synthetic derivatives for purposes of the Rules and, if held wholly or partially responsible, may be fined and/or suspended by the judges.

Chapter 8

COMMISSION VETERINARIANS, OFFICIAL VETERINARIANS AND OTHER VETERINARIANS

Amended Rule 8.11 A veterinarian may be held wholly or partially responsible if any drug, substance or medication administered or prescribed by him results in:

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- (iii) confirmation of the administration of erythropoietin or any of its synthetic derivatives for purposes of the Rules and, if held wholly or partially responsible, may be fined and/or suspended by the judges.

Chapter 11

HORSES PERMITTED TO RACE

Amended Rule 11.02.01 If a horse meets the conditions of Rule 11.01 it will be considered qualified and eligible to be declared to added money event races provided that one of its last three charted lines is a clean line in a purse, qualifying or schooling race, not more than forty-

five (45) clear days before the closing of declarations and its individual time in that clean charted line meets the following standards for age and the size of the track where it raced or qualified after the judges have given appropriate allowances for track conditions on that day:

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Chapter 12 QUALIFYING RACES

Amended Rule 12.02 Declarations for overnight events, other than schooling races or matinee races, at extended meetings shall be governed by the following:

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- (d) qualifying races shall be charted by a licensed Charter and a photo finish camera shall be used to determine beaten lengths and individual times of the horses;

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Chapter 22 RACING RULES

New Rule 22.38.08 When the Judges receive a report that the TCO₂ level in a horse is determined to equal or exceed the levels set forth in Rule 22.38 above, they shall establish as soon as possible the horse from which the reading was obtained and at once summon the trainer or his/her responsible representative and ask for an explanation.

After the Judges have informed the trainer, or his/her representative of such high reading, and failing a satisfactory explanation, they may require the Supervisor of Standardbred Racing, or his/her authorized delegate, or such other delegates authorized by them, to accompany the trainer, or his/her responsible representative, to the stable and conduct a thorough search of the trainer's barn, automobile or any other vehicles which he/she may have in his/her possession or under his/her control.

In addition to conducting the investigation into the TCO₂ level of the horse, the judges will inform the trainer of the horse having a TCO₂ level equal or exceeding the level set forth in rule 22.38 and that pursuant to Rule 26.02 he/she is responsible for the condition of the horse and either that the judges are still investigating or are now prepared to hear the relevant evidence. In the event that either the Judges or trainer are not prepared to proceed forthwith, the judges shall then:

- (a) fix a date and a place when the charge will be heard and disposed of;
- (b) inform the trainer that until the hearing,
 - i. he/she will be permitted to continue with his or her business as trainer, or
 - ii. that he/she has been suspended and that none of the horses in his or her custody or under his or her care and control shall be allowed to start until the hearing or until the horses have been turned over to another trainer or trainers approved by the judges.

Chapter 31

STANDARD BRED CANADA FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Amended Rule 31.01 A Standardbred Canada field representative shall:

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(b) input to and maintain accurately the Standardbred Canada database, including:

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- (v) inputting all race results and printing reports for all types of races to the data base as soon as they become available, and providing reports to the judges and the Charter for proof reading and verification by the judges before completion of the program;

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Chapter 34

CHARTER

Amended Rule 34.01 An Association shall appoint at least one Charter who shall be responsible for properly and accurately completing the official Chart by doing the following:

- (a) Reporting to the judges' stand at least one-half hour before first post-time, and proof-reading each chart against the program, noting program changes, and changes made subsequent to the printing of the program.
- (b) Accurately recording the following information on the chart, regardless of type of race, and providing the completed chart to the judges for verification and approval and also checking with the Standard bred Canada field representative after he/she has had the opportunity to input the chart information to the data base for error checks within the chart, for each race and making corrections as required;
 - (i) date, place, and size of the track, if other than one-half mile;
 - (ii) symbol for free-legged pacers and hopped trotters;
 - (iii) track condition, track variant (in increments of full seconds), distance of race, temperature;
 - (iv) claiming prices;
 - (v) post positions, position at the one-quarter, one-half, three-quarter, and stretch, with lengths behind the leader at each call;
 - (vi) at the completion of each race, determine from the photo-finish film the individual time and beaten lengths of each horse by using the formula of one-fifth of a second per length. Separations such as nose, neck, one-quarter, and one-half length do not signify one-fifth of a second difference, but separations of three-quarters of a length signify one-fifth of a second (the same as one full length); The order of finish will be determined by the Judges.
 - (vii) closing dollar odds and wagering information such as betting favourite, mutual field, mutuel entry, etc.;
 - (viii) for qualifying and schooling races, notation is to be made for individual horses subjected to urine or blood tests, using indicator 'TE' with the dollar odds;
 - (ix) name of driver;
 - (x) name of trainer;
 - (xi) names of horses placed first, second, and third by the judges;
 - (xii) the standard symbols for breaks, interferences, and parked-outs, where applicable;
 - (xiii) explanations of placings and disqualifications in 'comments' section of official chart;
 - (xiv) wagering pools and pari-mutuel pools and pay offs, and

- (xv) in the case of horses enrolled in Exercise Induced Pulmonary Haemorrhage Program, the appropriate symbol for Furosemide use as set forth in Chapter 31 hereof is assigned to the racelines for each certified horse.

New Rule 34.02 An Association will supply the Charter with the following tools for creating an official Chart:

1. Binoculars appropriate for the size of the track
2. Charter worksheets
3. Recording device
4. Calculator
5. Television
6. DVD/VCR

Chapter 35

ONTARIO STANDARDBRED EXERCISE INDUCED PULMONARY HAEMORRHAGE (EIPH) PROGRAM

Amended Rule 35.01 All licensees owning or training a horse or horses participating in the EIPH Program shall complete, in full, the EIPH Certification Forms 1 or 2 as applicable. Form 1 is that form to be used for horses ordinarily competing in Ontario and Form 2 is that form for horses shipping in to compete in Ontario. Each form shall contain certification by a licensed veterinarian in Ontario, or as provided in Form 2, from any other jurisdiction recognized by the Ontario Racing Commission to the effect that the subject Standardbred horse has displayed symptoms of EIPH and is qualified for the EIPH Program in their opinion to justify the use of Furosemide in pari-mutuel racing in accordance with the program accepted by the Ontario Racing Commission. In instances where Form 2 is applicable, the Judges must also be provided with a signed statement from a licensed veterinarian in the foreign jurisdiction who fulfills the duties ordinarily performed by a Commission Veterinarian or Official Veterinarian in Ontario certifying the horse has qualified for the EIPH Program in the jurisdiction in which it is enrolled. The certification form and any other applicable form(s) must be filed with and accepted by the Judges prior to the time of entry (subject to any time extension permitted by Rule 35.03).

Amended Rule 35.02.01 A veterinarian who is duly licensed by the College of Veterinarians of Ontario and the Ontario Racing Commission who certifies that a horse displays symptoms of Exercise Induced Pulmonary Haemorrhage (EIPH) shall, upon request, issue Form 1 to the trainer of the horse.

Amended Rule 35.02.02 Any owner or trainer who intends to race a horse within the EIPH Program is required to submit the Form 1 certificate to a Commission Veterinarian or Official Veterinarian to be endorsed by the Commission Veterinarian or Official Veterinarian.

Amended Rule 35.02.04 The Form 1 certificate shall, in no case, be valid for any period which is the earlier of 30 days from the date upon which the veterinarian licensed by the Ontario Racing Commission certified that the horse was qualified to perform on Furosemide or until the first time the horse races in a pari-mutuel race following the issuance of said certificate by the veterinarian. In any case, the certificate must properly identify the horse entitled to receive Furosemide.

Amended Rule 35.02.05 Where a horse has bled in another jurisdiction the Ontario Racing Commission veterinarian shall certify that horse as being eligible to contest races when using Furosemide upon presentation by the owner or trainer of the subject horse of a duly completed Form 2 containing certification from a licensed veterinarian in another jurisdiction recognized by the Ontario Racing Commission that the horse displays symptoms of EIPH.

Amended Rule 35.02.06 After a horse is certified as a bleeder, the said horse may not race for 15 clear days from the date it was certified.

Amended Rule 35.03 If a horse to which Form 2 applies and with respect to which enrolment is sought in the EIPH Program has not been enrolled prior to the time of entry of the subject race, such enrolment may be extended to immediately prior to the time it is required to receive Furosemide on the date of the first occasion in which it races in Ontario and seeks certification. Such extension of time is solely within the discretion of the judges and may be granted by them if evidence is presented to the Commission Veterinarian or Official Veterinarian by the owner or trainer or the authorized representative of the owner or trainer of the subject horse that the horse has raced on Furosemide in such other jurisdictions where the use of Furosemide is authorized.

Amended Rule 35.05 If a horse has been enrolled in the EIPH Program, it shall remain on the Exercise Induced Pulmonary Haemorrhage (EIPH) List for 100 days from the date of its first or most recent certification and be administered Furosemide prior to any of its races regardless of any change of owner or trainer. After being on the program for at least 100 days, if upon certification by a duly qualified veterinarian licensed by the Ontario Racing Commission, (provided that the horse has not been treated with furosemide prior to certification, shows no evidence of Exercise Induced Pulmonary Haemorrhage) and the results of that examination are endorsed by the Commission Veterinarian or Official Veterinarian, such horse may be removed from the EIPH Program and after this examination date shall be eligible to be entered to race without being treated with furosemide prior to racing. At a later date, if such horse bleeds it may be readmitted to the EIPH Program upon certification by the Commission Veterinarian or Official Veterinarian in accordance with Rule 35.02.06.

Amended Rule 35.07.01 Any certified horse must be presented by the owner or trainer, or his or her duly licensed representative at a retention facility at the track where the horse is racing on that occasion at least four hours and fifteen minutes prior to the post time as published on the overnight sheet of the race in question and shall remain there until medicated with the correct dosage of Furosemide. Any certified horse that does not receive Furosemide no earlier than four hours and fifteen minutes and no later than three hours and forty-five minutes before the published post time for the race in which it is entered to compete shall be automatically scratched.

Amended Rule 35.07.02 All racing associations shall provide a secure retention facility for the administration of the EIPH program.

Amended Rule 35.07.05 The trainer, or a duly licensed representative, shall remain with the certified horse from the time of its arrival in the retention facility until it is removed there from after having been medicated or scratched. During the time that the horse is in the retention facility the trainer or a duly licensed representative, is responsible to give such assistance as is required by the veterinarian or his designate or such other person involved in the EIPH Program in identifying the horse and guarding the horse from the administration of any other substance. Any horse left unattended for any time during the period when it is in the retention barn shall be

automatically scratched and the trainer thereof shall be deemed to have violated this rule and may be subject to discipline by the judges in accordance with the provisions of Rule 6.01.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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