

December 17, 2018

STANDBRED DIRECTIVE NO. 2 – 2018 – Association Requirement to Provide Microchip Identifier/ Temperature Reader

Preamble

WHEREAS Standardbred Canada, the national recognized breed registry for standardbred horses in Canada, recently released a Microchipping Guideline, Policy and Regulation requiring all horses to be identified with a microchip effective in 2019 and thereafter;

AND WHEREAS the Rules of Standardbred Racing require horses to be properly identified in order to participate in racing;

AND WHEREAS technology exists to simultaneously scan an identifying microchip and read a racehorse's temperature;

AND WHEREAS the ability to monitor a racehorse's temperature assists in oversight of animal welfare;

TAKE NOTICE that the Registrar hereby orders that all Associations conducting standardbred racing are required to have equipment capable of scanning identifying microchips and reading temperatures in racehorses;

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE the *Rules of Standardbred Racing* shall be amended as follows effective January 1, 2019:

CHAPTER 7 – RACING ASSOCIATIONS

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7.02 Associations shall provide in the paddock:

- (a) the services of a blacksmith during racing hours;
- (b) suitable extra equipment necessary to prevent unnecessary delay to the racing program;
and
- (c) direct communication facilities to the Judges' stand; and
- (d) suitable equipment, including backup equipment, capable of scanning identifying microchips and reading temperatures in racehorses.

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CHAPTER 32 – PADDOCK JUDGE AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTOR

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32.01 The paddock judge shall:

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- (j) Supervise the identification of horses in the race which shall include verifying the tattoo, ~~or~~ freeze brand number, or identifying microchip;

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BY ORDER OF THE REGISTRAR



Jean Major
Registrar