



March 20, 2019

STANDARDTBRED DIRECTIVE NO. 2 – 2019 – Revisions to Claiming Provisions

Preamble

WHEREAS after consulting with the public and industry with respect to proposed rule changes there was favorable support in the Standardbred industry to revise the current rules to expand instances where claims would be invalidated to include when a horse dies on the racetrack, or suffers an injury which requires euthanasia while on the racetrack.

AND WHEREAS this rule will enhance the health and safety of horses and participants, and the integrity of racing;

TAKE NOTICE that the Registrar hereby orders the *Rules of Standardbred Racing* be amended as follows effective April 20, 2019:

Chapter 15: Claiming Races

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The Judges, ~~at the option of the claimant,~~ shall rule a claim invalid:

- (a) At the option of the claimant, if the Official Chemist reports a positive test on a horse that was claimed, provided such option is exercised within 48 hours following notification to the claimant of the positive test by the Judges;
- (b) At the option of the claimant, if the horse has been found ineligible to the event from which it was claimed;
- (c) At the option of the claimant, if approved post race testing procedures discloses that an improper medication or drug was found to be present in the sample of the claimed horse and reported in the analysis report from the lab, provided such option is exercised within 48 hours following notification to the claimant by the Judges;
- (d) If the horse dies on the racetrack; or
- (e) If the horse suffers an injury which requires euthanasia while on the racetrack as determined by either a Commission Veterinarian or an Official Veterinarian.

BY ORDER OF THE REGISTRAR

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Jean Major
Registrar