



March 20, 2019

THOROUGHBRED 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 Thoroughbred 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 Thoroughbred Racing* be amended as follows effective April 20, 2019:

Chapter 12: Claiming Races

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12.32.01

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

(a) At the option of the claimant, approved post-race testing procedures discloses that an improper medication or drug was found to be present in the sample of the claimed horse which is reported in the analysis report from the lab. Once the claim has been declared invalid by the Stewards the claimant must request within 72 hours that the horse be returned to the original owner;

(b) The horse dies on the racetrack; or

(c) 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