

March 20, 2019

**THOROUGHBRED DIRECTIVE NO. 3 – 2019 – Standards-Based Concussion
Protocol Pilot**

Preamble

WHEREAS after consulting with the public and industry with respect to proposed rule changes and consistent with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO)'s movement towards standards-based rules, there was favorable support in the Thoroughbred industry to implement a concussion protocol pilot;

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

AND WHEREAS the pilot will be evaluated throughout the 2019 racing season with the aim of making the concussion protocol a permanent standards-based rule;

TAKE NOTICE that the Registrar hereby orders the *Rules of Thoroughbred Racing* be amended as a pilot for the 2019 thoroughbred racing season commencing April 20, 2019;

Definitions:

Qualified Medical Professional means a medical professional able to diagnose a concussion.

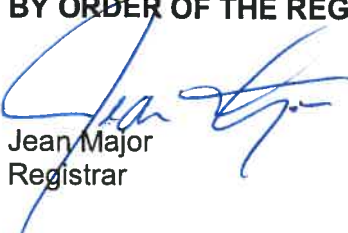
Qualified Person means an individual who has successfully completed the Sport Concussion Assessment Tool 5th Edition (SCAT5) training or equivalent on identifying signs and symptoms of concussion.

Fit to Race means that the jockey is medically cleared to race and can meet all of his or her obligations pursuant to the Rules of Racing.

1. Associations shall have a Qualified Person present at the racetrack whenever racing is being conducted.
2. Where a Steward becomes aware that a jockey with riding engagements may have suffered a concussion, the Steward shall refer the jockey to the Qualified Person and the jockey must immediately report to the Qualified Person.

3. The Qualified Person will make an initial assessment and determine whether or not the jockey must be referred to a Qualified Medical Professional for diagnosis and notify the Steward of his or her determination.
4. Where a referral is made to a Qualified Medical Professional, the Steward will issue a ruling that the jockey is suspended from racing until such time as the jockey provides a note from a Qualified Medical Professional that the jockey is Fit to Race, and a subsequent ruling is issued to reinstate the jockey's licence.
5. Neither the ruling suspending the jockey, nor the ruling reinstating the jockey, is appealable to the HRAP.
6. Any licensee with knowledge of a jockey with riding engagements having suffered an incident at the racetrack shall promptly report this to the Stewards.

BY ORDER OF THE REGISTRAR


Jean Major
Registrar