



## MANITOBA HORSE RACING COMMISSION

**Assiniboia Downs Meeting**

**Date: July 14, 2018**

**(THOROUGHBRED)**

### STEWARDS RULING: #18

Pursuant to:

Rule 6 (6):

Every protest except those relating to a disputed claim filed subsequent to the transfer of the claimed horse shall be determined by the Stewards.

On July 14th, 2018 the Board of Stewards pursuant to Rule 6 (6) heard the 'Protest' filed by owner/trainer Guy Kling (MHRC lic #1686) regarding eligibility conditions for the R.C.Anderson Stake race.

On July 11th, 2018 horses nominated and eligible to run in the 2018 R.C.Anderson Stake were selected for this race to be run on July 14th, 2018. There were 14 horses eligible for the race but only 12 starting positions in the starting gate.

It was determined prior to the draw for the RC Anderson that eligibility for the 12 positions would be based on the amount of money won and would draw out 2 horses from the 5 horses without purse earnings to be eliminated.

As no stake eligibility conditions were advertised pertaining to horses being eliminated based on money won prior to entries being taken for the RC Anderson, starters then must be reduced under MHRC Rule # 21 (23) a), which states, subject to Rule 21 (15), when entries exceed the permitted number of starters, the number of starters shall be reduced to the proper number by lot;

Therefore, it is the decision of the Stewards that Mr. Kling's protest be upheld and the Association is to be given instruction to either re-draw the R.C. Anderson Stake race or withdraw it from the race card and re-schedule it to another race card.

Mr. Kling's 'Protest' deposit is to be returned.

**Ruling may be appealed within 48 hours. (Rule 4 (5))**

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*