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## AMENDMENTS MADE TO RULES OF STANDARD BRED RACING

### **PART IV - LICENSES**

- Rule 4 (17) a) A person under the age of 18 years may be licensed by the Commission with the written consent of his or her parents or legal guardian, subject to the approval of the board of judges, and subject to the parents or guardian executing a guarantee of financial responsibility for such person.
- b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, no person under the full age of 16 years shall be licensed as an owner.
- Rule 4 (30) a) Licensed owners, trainers, drivers, veterinarians, blacksmiths or officials holding a valid current license issued by the Commission may, with proper documentary credentials, sign in guests to the backstretch area unless such guests are unacceptable to the Commission by the Association.
- b) The person signing in such guests shall be responsible for the supervision and conduct of such guest while in the backstretch area.
- c) No other person shall have the right to sign in an unlicensed person.

### **IDENTIFIER AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTOR**

- Rule 20 (2) The horse identifier (equipment inspector) shall identify horse that races by checking its lip tattoo or freeze brand. Equipment used on the horse shall not be check or recorded as referred to in subsection 20 (1).

### **PART IX - DECLARATIONS AND DRAWING OF POST POSITIONS - ELIGIBILITY**

- Rule 28 (d) i) Horses exceeding 14 years of age to race, or;

### **MAKING DECLARATION**

- Rule 29 (5) A horse placed on the Veterinarian's List may be declared before the removal from such list, but shall not start until examined by the Commission Veterinarian and removed from the list.

### **DRAWING DECLARATIONS**

- Rule 30 (7) f) a trainer may enter and start a maximum of two horses an overnight event.
- g) in no case shall two horses of the same ownership enter to the exclusion of a single entry.

## **COUPLED ENTRIES**

Rule 31 (1) Horses shall be classified as an entry for all purposes in these

Rules, but shall not be coupled for wagering purposes, if:

- a) one person is the owner of two or more horses in a race; or
- b) the owner of one of the horses in a race is
  - i) the spouse of a person who is the owner of another horse in that race; or
  - ii) the parent or legal guardian (or acts as a parent or legal guardian) of a child under the age of 18 years who is the owner of another horse in that race: or
  - iii) the trainer of another horse in that race; or
- c) the trainer of one of the horses in a race is the driver of another horse in that race;

## **PART X - CLAIMING**

Rule 36 (1) Any person is eligible to claim:

- a) who is a licensed owner, and in good faith has a horse registered to race at the current meet; or
- b) **who is a licensed owner and who loses his last horse through fire, misfortune or claim and who receives a 'Lost Last Horse Certificate' from the Judges; or**
- c) **who applies and pays for an owner's license, and who receives an 'Open Claim Certificate' from the Judges.**

Rule 36 (31) If a horse is claimed:

- a) the horse or any partial interest in it shall not be sold or transferred to anyone for a period of 30 days from the date of the claim, except in a subsequent claiming race, nor shall it, unless reclaimed, remain in the same stable or under the control or management of its former owner or trainer for such period; and
- b) **it shall not race outside of Manitoba except in a stake race until after the expiry of 60 days, or until the conclusion of the current racing season, whichever first occurs.**

## **PART XI - QUALIFYING RACES**

Rule 37 (1) o) a horse making two consecutive breaks off a qualifying or schooling line, must qualify again unless the break was an equipment break or caused by interference.

## **PART XIII - DRIVING RULES**

No driver shall:

Rule 41 (2) f) drive in a careless, reckless or imprudent manner.

- u) during a race the driver shall hold one line in each hand by the handholds until the finish line is reached and the event is complete. The movement of both lines to one hand to enable the necessary adjustment of the horse's equipment such as ear

plugs, Swedish blinds, and trotting hobbles is allowed. The driver shall not raise the elbow of the arm carrying the whip above the level of his shoulder and a driver shall at all times position and control the lines to insure an immediate and safe response to the actions of their horse, and to the actions of their competitors.

- w) fail to keep the whip in front of the driver at all times during the whipping of the horse.
- x) keep the elbow of the whipping arm raised above the driver's shoulder height.
- y) whip a horse while backing up through the field.

- Rule 41 (5) a) Where a race track does not have a continuous solid inside hub rail, if a horse or part of a horse's sulky leaves the course by going inside the pylons or delineated inside limits of the course, the horse may be placed back where, in the opinion of the Judges, the action gave the horse an unfair advantage over other horses in the race, or the action helped the horse improve its position in the race.
- b) Where the act of interference causes a horse or part of a horse's sulky to cross inside limits of the course and the horse is placed by the Judges, the offending horse may be placed behind the horse with which it interfered.
  - c) If a horse was forced from the racing strip as a result of the action of another driver or horse in that race, the Judges may determine the order of finish accordingly.

#### **PART XVI - RUNNING OF RACES PADDOCK**

Rule 44 (2) **All horses entered to race on the MGWHRC during the race season must be on the grounds of the Association a minimum of one (1) hour prior to Post Time for the 1st race. Any horse not on the grounds in time may be scratched at the sole discretion of the Board of Judges.**

For the purpose of Rule 52 the following rules have been added and are effective immediately:

#### **DRUG TESTS**

- Rule 52 (21) The Commission Veterinarian or his designate shall be authorized to take blood samples from a horse in a race for the purpose of establishing the blood carbon dioxide (TCO<sub>2</sub>) level of a horse.
- Rule 52 (22) The Commission shall have authority to establish the manner for the taking and analyzing of a blood sample to establish the total TCO<sub>2</sub> level.

- Rule 52 (23) In blood samples take according to Rule 52 (22), a reading of total TCO<sub>2</sub> content of 37 or more MMOL/L shall be considered a high level and
- a) The Commission Veterinarian shall compare such reading with other analysis of blood drawn from the same horse before or after the high reading, and may quarantine the horse to obtain such samples, and;
  - b) Should such comparison show the normal range of total blood carbon dioxide content to be below 37 MMOL/L the high reading of 37 or MMOL/L shall be considered prima facie evidence that the horse has been administered a foreign or prohibited substance for the purpose of affecting its performance in violation of Rule 49 (1);
- Rule 52 (24) Should the Commission Veterinarian be unable to take further blood samples to establish the normal range of total blood carbon dioxide, a reading of TCO<sub>2</sub> of 37 or more of MMOL/L shall be considered prima facie evidence that the horse has been administered a foreign or prohibited substance for the purpose of affecting its performance in violation of Rule 49 (1).
- Rule 52 (25) A written report from an officer of the laboratory conducting the analysis of the blood sample as designated by the Commission, stating that the officer has made an analysis of the blood sample and stating the result of that analysis is evidence of the facts alleged in the written report without proof of the signature or the official character of the person appearing to have signed the report.
- Rule 52 (26) It shall be an offence to declare or start a horse that has a high total TCO<sub>2</sub> level.

### **PART XVIII - PROTESTS**

- Rule 55 (1) a) Protests may be made by an owner, authorized agent, trainer or driver of one of the competing horses.
- b) Every protest must be made to the Judges.
  - c) A protest or objection arising out of the happenings in the running of a race shall be made before the "official" sign has been posted.
  - d) If a protest that a horse is ineligible is delivered to the Judges at least 1 hour before post time of the first race, the Judges shall give such protest immediate consideration but otherwise shall permit the disputed horse to race, and shall deal with the protest within the next 48 hours.

- e) All other post race protests must be filed within 48 hours and these shall include;
  - i) misstatement, omission or error in the entry under which a horse has raced; or
  - ii) that a horse which raced was not the horse or was not of the age which it was represented to be at the time of entry, or;
  - iii) that a horse was ineligible; or
  - iv) that a horse has raced in contravention of the Rules; or
  - v) not otherwise provided in the Rules; shall be made within 48 hours after the finish of the race with respect to which the protest is made.

### **PART XIX - APPEALS TO COMMISSION**

- Rule 56 (1) a) **Any person affected by a decision or ruling of the Judges or other Official may appeal that decision to the Commission provided that an appeal under Rule 56 (1) b) may only be made by the owner or trainer of the affected horse.**
- b) **Any notice of appeal from finding a fact or judgement based thereon made by the Board of Judges pertaining to the running of a race with respect to the disqualification, placing, or non-disqualification, or placing of a horse for an alleged rule violation shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00, which deposit shall not be refunded unless the appellant is successful in the appeal.**
  - c) **In an Appeal under Rule 56 (1) b) the onus shall be on the appellant to demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that the Judges erred in their decision.**