



CANADIAN GUIDE FOR STANDBRED TRAINERS



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Goals of the Guide

Encourage **trainer professionalism** throughout the country.

Foster **integrity** in the role of Trainer to promote confidence in horse racing and protect the reputation of the horse racing industry and its participants.

Provide a benchmark for Trainers that is consistent with the vision, philosophy, beliefs and goals of **Standardbred Canada** and the provincial horse racing commissions and agencies.

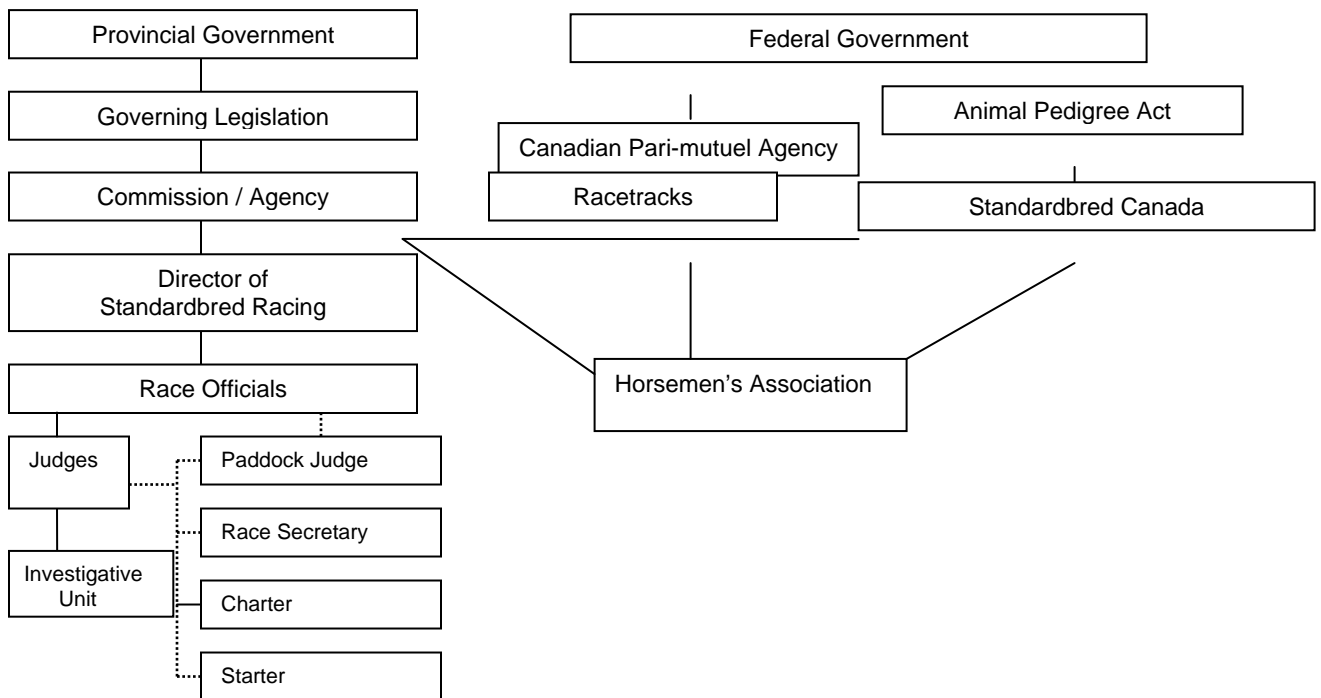
Program Objectives

To bring all licensed trainers and prospective trainer participants to a level of professionalism and guide them in their development.

Provide an accreditation process through a practical and written test based on horsemanship, equipment and the rules and regulations.

Provide Trainers with a guide that will serve as a reference and formal set of procedures for the business of training.

Authority to Govern Standardbred Horse Racing



Provincial Authority

The authority to govern and regulate horse racing is established under the legislation of individual provinces and is normally contained in a racing commission or gaming act (i.e. racing legislation). Under such legislation it is the obligation of the relevant commission or agency designated under statute to exercise its powers and perform its duties in the public interest and in accordance with the principles of honesty, integrity and social responsibility. In Ontario that authority is the Ontario Racing Commission.

These guiding principles set out the foundation for the regulation of horse racing. They form the basis for the system under which officiating is carried out and the rules under which all racing participants and officials must abide. They must underpin the information that the wagering public rely.

Every official in the performance of his/her duties plays a significant role in achieving the legislative objectives and the principles enunciated under the legislation. Officials have a responsibility to adhere those principles and participants are required to abide by the rules as set out by the provincial racing commission/authority.

Standardbred Canada

Standardbred Canada is incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act and has as its role to supervise, record, store and distribute information on all registered Standardbreds and to promote harness racing in Canada and beyond. Standardbred Canada is the official registry and record keeping body for the Standardbred Industry in Canada and a national voice and standard setting body in the development of the Standardbred Industry. It is a recognized testing authority for licensing of participants and racing officials in most jurisdictions across Canada.

Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency

The Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency is the federal agency that regulates and supervises pari-mutuel betting at racetracks across Canada. The mandates of CPMA are to protect the betting public by operating an Equine Drug Control Surveillance Program in the objective of preventing the uncontrolled use of prohibited substances.

Most drugs and medicines are prohibited in a horse at race time, with the exception of vitamins, some anti-parasitic and antimicrobial agents. A horse trainer should always have on hand the *Schedule of Drugs* booklet, available from CPMA. In addition to the Federal drug regulations, your Provincial regulator may have additional requirements with respect to the use of medications.

Horsemen's Association

The objectives of a horsemen's association are to encourage, improve and promote the breeding and racing of trotting and pacing horses. Horsemen's associations are comprised of groups of individuals who represent drivers, trainers, grooms and owners from across the province in a large range of matters when negotiating with racetracks and when dealing with the racing commission/agency, Standardbred Canada, and both the Federal and Provincial governments.

Rules of Standardbred Racing

The system for officiating horse racing is integral to ensuring public confidence in the honesty and integrity of the sport, including the information that results from the race. All jurisdictions adopt and enforce rules of racing under the authority of racing legislation or acts.

The officials identified under such rules are responsible for the enforcement of the rules of racing. It is under the rules that specific officials are identified as necessary to ensure compliance with the rules. The rules of racing set out the duties and responsibilities of all participants, including officials, drivers, trainers, owners, grooms, racing associations. The rules make provision for any mandatory procedures for purposes of consistency.

Licensing

The legislation and the rules of racing set out the requirements for licensing of all participants. The issuance of a licence provides the participant with the authorities necessary to carry out his/her duties and responsibilities to the functioning of horse racing.

The Harness Horse Racing Officiating System

