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## News Release

### Rule Amendment Process 2009 Rules of Racing

## Apply Now

### ORC invites individuals to apply for participation on Working Groups

In the fall of each year, the ORC conducts a review the Rules of Racing to address any necessary changes for the coming racing season. As part of that process, the ORC seeks submissions from the industry, either from the associations, licensees or from the public at large. Working groups made up of industry representatives are formed each year to review the submissions before they are submitted to the Board of the ORC for consideration.

#### Working Groups to be formed

The Executive Director establishes breed specific Rule Amendment Working Groups to review the proposals and provide the Administration with input and advice.

For each sector – Thoroughbred, Standardbred and Quarter Horse racing – the Working Groups will be made up of representation from the industry, as follows:

<i>Standardbred Working Group</i>	<i>Reps</i>	<i>Thoroughbred Working Group</i>	<i>Reps</i>	<i>QH Working Group</i>
				<i>Composition of the QH Working Group will be made up of 3 representatives of QROOI, 2 representatives of the racetrack and 2 members at large.</i>
<i>OHHA</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>HBPA</i>	<i>3</i>	
<i>Northern ON Horsemen</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Racetrack Operators reps</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>National Capital Region HHA</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>CTHS – ON Division</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>SHOP</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Industry Member "At Large"</i>	<i>5</i>	
<i>Standardbred Canada</i>	<i>1</i>	<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b><i>11</i></b>	
<i>SBOA</i>	<i>1</i>			
<i>Racetrack Operators</i>	<i>3</i>			
<i>Industry Member "At Large"</i>	<i>5</i>			
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b><i>16</i></b>			

#### Scheduled meeting dates:

Thoroughbred Working Group  
Standardbred Working Group  
Quarter Horse Working Group

October 28, 2008  
October 23, 2008  
TBA

While the associations and the racetracks will be appointing individuals to represent their organizations, the ORC is also calling on interested people from the horse racing community to nominate themselves to serve as an "Industry Member At Large".

The ORC is inviting individuals with broad industry experience to apply. Candidates for the Industry Members "At Large" will be selected based on a number of factors, including:

- Broad industry experience on multi levels
- Credibility within the Industry
- Influence and recognition in the industry
- Outside expertise useful to the process
- Fit in the final make-up of the working group

Individuals applying are asked to send their personal profiles, including a resume outlining their affiliations, experience with similar initiatives and a general profile of their role(s) within the industry to the Ontario Racing Commission **by October 6, 2008** as follows:

By Fax: (416) 213-7827  
By Email: [sandy.anthony@ontarioracingcommission.ca](mailto:sandy.anthony@ontarioracingcommission.ca)

Working Group members are expected to commit to this endeavour for a period of four (4) months, although this group may be used on an ad hoc basis throughout the year, as needed to deal with issues as they arise related to the rules. It is anticipated that there will be one or two meetings scheduled from late October to early November 2008 to review the proposals received and to provide the Administration with advice and input.

Working Group members will be expected to make decisions in the best interest of the industry as a whole.

We thank you in advance for your interest in this project and look forward to receiving your nomination. Your participation in the development of the rules of racing in Ontario is critical in the establishment of relevant rules in a well regulated environment.

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