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STANDARDBRED DIRECTIVE NUMBER 1 – 2011 RULES OF STANDARDBRED RACING 2008

The Ontario Racing Commission at its meeting of Thursday, February 24, 2011 resolved that the Rules of Standardbred Racing 2008 be amended by the promulgation of the following Rules, effective March 1, 2011, except where noted differently.

Please note: Additions or changes to the rules are noted in **bold**.

Chapter 7 RACING ASSOCIATIONS

Rule 7.16.05 An Association shall disburse the monies from the Purse Account(s) only as follows:

- (a) to pay purses in accordance with the Rules of Racing; or
- (b) with respect to any monies received from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, in accordance with the provisions of an agreement between the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation and the Association, or as specified by the **Director**; or
- (c) to reimburse owners for races that are cancelled or races that are declared 'no contest' by the Director or his delegate; or
- (d) for other purposes which are approved by the Director that are for the benefit of racing or will provide benefits to all or a sizeable proportion of horsepeople who participate at meetings of the Association.

The Association, in a manner satisfactory to the Director, shall at the time of disbursement disclose or cause to be disclosed to owners, trainers and others who receive purse money, the purposes under (iv) above and the amount of any monies disbursed for such purposes.

(Rule 7.16.05 effective immediately)

Chapter 12 QUALIFYING RACES

Rule 12.02 Declaration for overnight events, other than schooling races or matinee races, at extended meetings, shall be governed by the following:

a) qualifying standards shall be established by the race secretary, filed with the Judges and posted so as to be available for inspection of participants at all times. A horse shall be deems unqualified if ...

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New Rule 12.02.01 When entering into overnight races, a horse's individual time in its last clean charted line in a purse, qualifying or schooling race must meet the following time standard for the track at which it is entering to race, after the Judges have given appropriate allowances for track conditions on that day:

Track size where entering to race		Track size of last clean charted line		
	The second secon	1/2 mile	5/8 mile	7/8 mile
1/2 mile	Pacers	2:03	2:02	2:01
	Trotters	2:06	2:05	2:04
5/8 mile	Pacers	2:02	2.01	2:00
	Trotters	2:05	2:04	2:03
7/8 mile	Pacers	2:01	2:00	1:59
	Trotters	2:04	2:03	2:02

New Rule 12.02.02 Time allowances for overnight races are as follows:

Reason	Allowance
Seasonal – for starts from November 1 to April 30, inclusive.	1 second
2 year-olds	2 seconds
3 year-olds	1 second

Chapter 14 **OVERNIGHT EVENTS**

Conditions: Rule 14.06

May be based only on: a)

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- exclusion of schooling races; vii)
- Ontario Sired, Ontario Bred, or Ontario Sires Stakes eligible; or viii)
- A combination of any one or more of the qualifications listed under ix) this section.

Chapter 17 DECLARATIONS AND DRAWING OF POST POSITIONS

Starters and also eligibles for overnight events shall be drawn by Rule 17.10 lot from horses properly declared to start, except as follows:

- i) first preference shall be given to a horse that is stabled in Canada the day of the draw and remains in Canada until the race is contested; and
- ii) second preference shall be given according to a horse's last scheduled start in a purse race, other than races designated as schooling races, at the gait for which it is declared.

In addition preference shall be governed by the following: <rul>< rule continued>

New Rule 17.10.01 Notwithstanding the requirements under 17.10 (i), Ontario Sires Stakes eligible horses will be exempt from the requirement to meet first preference for the period of May 1 to November 1 of the current year inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Director