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## **Notice to the Industry**

### **Education meetings underway for New Rules on urging the Horse**

In order to facilitate an orderly and workable transition to the new rules, special paddock meetings and education sessions are now underway. Some sessions for racing participants have already taken place at Hiawatha Horse Park, Woodstock Raceway, and for the jockeys at Woodbine. More dates in these locations are anticipated.

A schedule of meetings at other tracks is attached to this notice. All participants are encouraged to attend one of these special meetings. Anyone unable to attend the posted meetings should make alternate arrangements with the ORC Judges or Stewards. Weekly Updates to this schedule will be posted on the ORC web site.

New Ontario rules governing the urging of horses in racing will be in place effective September 1, 2009. The rules – which will apply to Standardbred, Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing – take into consideration the welfare and control of the horse, the safety of the participants, and the perception of the racing product to the public.

All racing participants should be familiar with these new rules, including the new penalty guidelines. To view the new rules, and the corresponding penalty guidelines, visit the ORC web site. [www.ontarioracingcommission.ca](http://www.ontarioracingcommission.ca).

Ontario's racetracks also will play an essential part in this implementation. The tracks are being called upon to educate the betting public and assist in the efforts to communicate to the racing community. The ORC has developed various materials for their use, including ads for racing programs, 'announcements' for public address systems, and text messages for tote board and/or simulcast broadcast.

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## **Schedule of Education meetings for participants New Rules on urging the Horse**

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### **Thoroughbred**

<b>Track</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time and location</b>
Woodbine	Wed. August 26, 2009	5:00 pm Jockeys' Room
Fort Erie	Tues., August 25, 2009	11:00 am Jockeys' Room

### **Quarter Horse**

<b>Track</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time and location</b>
Ajax Downs	Sun., August 23, 2009	11:45 am
	Sun., August 30, 2009	11:45 am

### **Standardbred**

<b>Track</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time and location</b>
Clinton	Sun., August 30, 2009	12 noon
Dresden	Sun., August 23, 2009	12 noon paddock
Flamboro	Fri., August 21, 2009	6:00 pm ORC office
	Sat., August 22, 2009	10:30 am ORC office
	Sun., August 23, 2009	5:30 pm ORC office
Georgian Downs	Fri., August 21, 2009	6:30 pm Drivers Room
	Fri., August 28, 2009	6:30 pm Drivers Room
Grand River	Tues., August 25, 2009	5:45 pm
	Fri., August 28, 2009	5:15 pm
	Sun., August 30, 2009	5:45 pm

## Standardbred

Track	Date	Time and location
Hanover	Sat., August 22, 2009	6:15 pm
	Wed., August 26, 2009	6:15 pm
	Sat., August 29, 2009	6:15 pm
Hiawatha	Fri. August 21, 2009	5:50 pm Paddock
	Sat., August 29, 2009	5:50 pm Paddock
Kawartha Downs	Fri., August 21, 2009	5:00 pm Drivers Room
	Tues., August 25, 2009	2:00 pm Drivers Room
Mohawk	Sat., August 22, 2009	6:00 pm ORC office
	Sun., August 23, 2009	6:00 pm ORC office
	Mon., August 24, 2009	6:00 pm ORC office
Rideau Carleton	Thurs., August 20, 2009	4:00 pm OLG Training Room
	Sun., August 23, 2009	2:00 pm OLG Training Room
Sudbury Downs	Sat., August 22, 2009	6:15 pm Common Room
	Wed., August 26, 2009	6:15 pm Common Room
Woodstock	Sat., August 22, 2009	11:30 am ORC office