

# TEMPERATURE STANDARDS-BASED RULE CANCELLATION PROCESS FOR RACETRACKS

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- 1 RACE CANCELLATION DETERMINATION**  
 Prior to post time, Racetrack Operators to consult weather source to determine if forecasted temperature falls within Tier 1 or Tier 2 guidelines.
  - 2 NO CANCELLATION**
    - Forecasted temperature falls within Tier 1 or Tier 2
    - Racetrack Operators determine that race will not be cancelled
    - Extra measures must be implemented
- or**
- RACE CANCELLATION IN ADVANCE**
- Forecasted temperature falls within Tier 1 or Tier 2
  - Racetrack Operator cancels the race card; and,
  - Communicates cancellation to industry participants
- or**
- CANCELLATION AT TRACK ON RACE DAY (current process)**
- Forecasted temperature does not fall within Tier 1 or Tier 2
  - Race is not cancelled prior to post time but actual temperature or other concerns are raised (weather related, track surfaces etc.)

	Tier 1	Tier 2
<b>FORECASTED TEMPERATURE RANGE</b>	31° C to 37.9° C -15° C to -24.9° C	Equal to or greater than 38° C Equal to or less than -25° C
<b>WEATHER RELATED SCRATCHES PERMITTED WITHOUT PENALTY</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>ADDITIONAL MEASURES</b>	Additional measures must be put in place to ensure the well-being of the horse and any licensees with positions that may be impacted by extreme temperature.	<b>The following additional measures must be put in place to ensure the well-being of the horse and any licensees with positions that may be impacted by extreme temperature:</b>  <b>Heat:</b> 2 additional vets, or 1 additional vet and 1 registered vet tech to monitor temperature, pulse and respiration rate of equine athletes pre-race and post-race; extra hosing stations or mobile cooling stations with trained attendant; access to water for horses at all times; shaded areas provided for unsaddling horses; ice available in numerous locations; Racing Officials to minimize post parade time.  <b>Cold:</b> 2 additional vets, or 1 additional vet and 1 additional registered vet technician to monitor temperature, pulse and respiration of equine athletes pre-race and post-race, as well as conditions related to cold weather including frost bite; tongues not tied outside of horse's mouth; blankets shall be provided for each horse; Racing Officials to minimize post parade time.
<b>CANCELLATION REQUIRED</b>	Yes, unless additional measures are put into place.	Yes, unless additional measures (above) are put into place.