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## STANARDBRED DIRECTIVE NO. 2 – 2017 – Coupling Provisions

### Preamble

WHEREAS after seeking consultation from the public and industry with respect to the proposed rule changes, there was support in the Standardbred industry to revise the coupling provisions;

TAKE NOTICE that the Registrar hereby orders the Rules of Standardbred Racing 2016 be amended as follows effective immediately:

### Chapter 2

#### DEFINITIONS

**Declaration/ Entry** means the naming of a particular horse to a particular race as a starter.

**Entry** means ~~two or more horses in the same race which are coupled as a common interest for racing or pari-mutuel betting purposes in accordance with Rule 17.12.1 and 17.12.2.~~

### Chapter 6

#### VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES & EXPULSIONS

**6.45** An owner, trainer, driver, agent, employee or groom shall not have pari-mutuel tickets in his or her possession, or bet or cause any other person to bet on his or her behalf, on any other horse in any race in which a horse owned, trained, or driven, or in which he/she in any way represents or handles as a starter; except in the case of feature wagering events where an owner, trainer, driver, agent, employee, groom may bet, or cause any other person to bet on his or her behalf, only on combinations in which his or her horse ~~or entry~~ is selected in the Win position.

### Chapter 17

#### DECLARATIONS AND DRAWING OF POST POSITIONS

~~17.12.01~~ Horses shall be coupled as an entry for pari-mutuel purpose where:

- ~~(a)~~ a person is the owner or part owner of two or more horses in a race, or
- ~~(b)~~ the spouse of a person who is the owner or part owner of one horse in a race is the owner or part owner of another horse in that race.

~~17.12.02~~ If 17.12.01 (a) or (b) applies to an owner, the horse may race as a separate betting interest, with the approval of the Judges, if the owner is not required to be licensed under the rules, or is an added money event.

**17.12.01** A trainer or owner may not enter and start more than two horses of the same or separate ownership in a purse race or overnight event as separate betting interests, except under the following conditions:

(1) Stake races; or

(2) All overnight races. In these races a trainer may not enter more than two horses. The second entry may not exclude a single entry.

~~17.13 For the purpose of Pari-Mutuel Betting Supervision, horses in any race may be coupled as an entry by the Judges where there is any doubt whether such horses should be coupled or where the Judges consider it in the public interest to do so.~~

**17.15** The drawings of post positions shall be final, except:

- (a) When there is conclusive evidence that a horse was properly declared but omitted due to error or negligence by an official or employee of the Association; then:
- (i) if the horse omitted by error was declared to an overnight event, it may be added to the race and given the last post position, providing its addition does not exceed the maximum number of starters allowed in a single field and provided the error is discovered prior to the printing of the program. Otherwise, such horse shall not be permitted to start,
  - (ii) if the horse was omitted by an error in calculating preference date and the horse is carded as an also eligible it may move in and the programmed horse with the most recent date shall be scratched. In the event that two or more horses programmed have identical dates more recent than the also eligible, the horse to be scratched shall be determined in accordance with Rule 17.10 (a). The post position of the horse moving in shall be determined in accordance with Rule 17.16, or
  - (iii) if the horse omitted by error was declared to a stake, futurity, early closing event or late closing event, the race shall be re-drawn provided the error is discovered prior to the printing of the program.
- (b) When it is found in an added money event that horses which constitute an entry have been properly declared to an added money event which has split into more than one division and have not been seeded in accordance with Rule 17.14, with the permission of the Registrar, time permitting, the event shall be redrawn. If time does not permit the redrawing, the event shall go as drawn.

## Chapter 22

### RACING RULES

~~22.08 If a violation is committed by a person driving a horse coupled as an entry the Judges shall set both horses back if, in their opinion, the violation may have affected the finish of the race; otherwise penalties may be applied individually.~~

## Chapter 25

### DRIVERS

**25.08** A driver shall not drive for any other person in a race in which one of the horses he/she trains or owns has been declared into race, ~~except where such horses are coupled as an entry.~~

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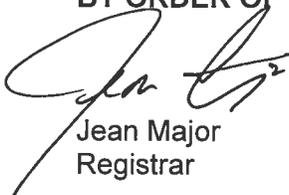
## Chapter 34

### CHARTER

**34.01** An Association shall appoint at least one charter who shall be responsible for properly and accurately completing the official chart by doing the following:

- (a) Reporting to the Judges' stand at least one-half hour before first post-time, and proof-reading each chart against the program, noting program changes, and changes made subsequent to the printing of the program;
- (b) Accurately recording the following information on the chart, regardless of type of race, and providing the completed chart to the Judges for verification and approval and also checking with the Standardbred Canada field representative after he/she has had the opportunity to input the chart information to the data base for error checks within the chart, for each race and making corrections as required;
  - ...
  - (vii) closing dollar odds and wagering information such as betting favourite, mutual field, ~~mutuel entry~~, etc.,

**BY ORDER OF THE REGISTRAR**

  
Jean Major  
Registrar

