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Thoroughbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number: 2931297

Licence No.: RTS0000018

Date: November 30, 2024

Woodbine Racetrack

**IN THE MATTER OF THE *HORSE RACING LICENCE ACT, 2015, S.O. 2015, c.38,*
Sched. 9;**

AND IN THE MATTER OF WOODBINE ENTERTAINMENT GROUP

WHEREAS between October 28, 2024 and November 29, 2024, fifteen (15) musculoskeletal injuries have occurred at Woodbine Racetrack with nine (9) leading to euthanasia.

AND WHEREAS the increasing number of catastrophic breakdowns at Woodbine Racetrack is of serious concern for the AGCO and a threat to the long-term sustainability of the industry.

TAKE NOTICE, pursuant to Rule 24.03.01, to protect the welfare of all horses the AGCO seeks to limit the risk to horses during high intensity exercise by directing Woodbine Racetrack to implement the following measures, effective immediately, until further notice:

1. The Race Office shall not accept entries for horses that have:
 - a) Raced within the previous 14 calendar days; or
 - b) Received an intra-articular fetlock injection within the previous 14 calendar days.
2. Any horse that has been drawn in to race less than 14 calendar days from its last race shall be deemed ineligible and shall be scratched by the Stewards.
3. An Official Veterinarian must be present and observe horses during all morning training.
4. A horse on the Veterinarian's List cannot work until its Trainer and private Veterinarian observe it jogging within 48 hours before the work and submit a co-signed statement that the horse is fit and sound to the Official Veterinarian. The horse must then be examined by the Official Veterinarian before being permitted to work.

TAKE NOTICE, failure to comply in whole or part with this Ruling shall be considered a violation of the Rules of Racing and may result in regulatory action.

By Order of

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Karin Schnarr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Dr. Karin Schnarr, Registrar