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## Standardbred Official Ruling

**Ruling Number 3377487**

**Licence No.:7XF20**

**Date:** September 28, 2025

Mohawk Park

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

Whereas the horse R Dutchess did race on September 20, 2025, in Race 6 at Woodbine Mohawk Park, programmed as horse #9 and driven by Tim Tetrick.

And whereas #9 R Dutchess was the unofficial 1st place finisher in Race 6.

And whereas the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario ("AGCO") Race Officials did post the Inquiry sign following Race 6 to review racing in the first turn and the break by #2 Global Heritage, driven by Dexter Dunn, who finished 11th. The AGCO Race Officials looked at possible interference by #9 R Dutchess and #10 Lasting Dream, driven by Louis-Philippe Roy.

And whereas after reviewing the video and speaking to drivers Dexter Dunn, Tim Tetrick and Louis-Philippe Roy, it was determined by the AGCO Race Officials that #9 R Dutchess bore in and caused interference to #2 Global Heritage, as that horse then went off-stride. The AGCO Race Officials ruled that #10 Lasting Dream did not cause interference to #9 R Dutchess and was not at fault.

And whereas AGCO Standardbred Rule 22.05.01(a) states:

'A driver shall not commit any of the following acts which are considered violations of driving rules:

- (a) Change course or position, or swerve in or out, or bear in or out during any part of the race in such a manner as to compel a horse to shorten its stride or cause another driver to change course, take his or her horse back, or pull his or her horse out of its stride.'

And whereas AGCO Standardbred Rule 22.09 states:

'In the case of interference, collision, or violation of any rules, the offending horse may be placed back one or more positions in that heat or dash, and in the event of such collisions, interference or violation preventing any horse from finishing the heat or dash, the offending horse may be disqualified from receiving any winnings and the driver may be assessed a monetary penalty or suspended. If a horse is set back, it must be placed behind the horse with which it interfered. If an offending horse has interfered with a horse involved in a dead heat and the offending horse is set back, it must be placed behind the horses in the dead heat.'

And whereas #9 R Dutchess finished 1<sup>st</sup> and was placed 11<sup>th</sup> behind #2 Global Heritage for causing interference.

By Order of the Racing Officials

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