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Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number 3484730

Licence No.:

Date: December 7, 2025

Mohawk Park

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

Whereas the horse "Vertical Squirt" that raced in Race 9, November 30, 2025, at Woodbine Mohawk Park, was claimed out of the race by trainer Garry Merner from trainer Malik Smith.

And whereas on December 7, 2025, the Racing Officials at Woodbine Mohawk Park did receive notification of a positive TCO2 analysis for the horse "Vertical Squirt" from Race 9, November 30, 2025. Take notice that at the option of the claimant Garry Merner, the claim is hereby ruled invalid in accordance with AGCO Standardbred Rule 15.20.01(a).

Furthermore, the horse shall be returned to the original owners Malik Smith, Varinder Gill and Michel Letarte and the amount of the claiming price shall be repaid to claimants, 2156604 Alberta Inc., Rob Watson, Mike Bartram in accordance with AGCO Standardbred Rule 15.22(a).

By Order of the Racing Officials

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