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## Standardbred Official Ruling

Ruling Number 3192360

Date: June 9, 2025

The Raceway at Western Fair District

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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 THE HORSE BRUE HANOVER**

Whereas the horse "Brue Hanover" did race on May 30, 2025, in Race 11 at The Raceway at Western Fair District programmed as horse # 5 and was driven by James MacDonald.

And whereas # 5 Brue Hanover was the unofficial 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher in Race 11.

And whereas the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario ("AGCO") Race Officials did post the Inquiry sign to review the stretch where # 5 Brue Hanover does go up the inside of # 4 Ervin Hanover, driven by Doug McNair, before the finish.

And whereas after reviewing the video and speaking to drivers Doug McNair and James Macdonald, it was determined by the AGCO Race Officials, that # 5 Brue Hanover did not have sufficient clearance to pass # 4 Ervin Hanover on the inside and did go inside the last 2 consecutive pylons before the finish and that action gave the horse an unfair advantage over other horses in the race and the action helped improve its position in the race.

And whereas # 5 Brue Hanover was double lapped on at the finish by # 4 Ervin Hanover and # 6 Chase H Hanover, driven by Tyler Borth.

And whereas AGCO Standardbred Rule 18.08.02 states:

"A horse while on stride, or part of the horse's race bike, that leaves the racecourse by going inside the pylons which constitutes the inside limits of the course, when not forced to do so as a result of the actions of another driver and/or horse, shall be in violation of this rule. In addition, when an act of interference causes a horse, or part of the horse's race bike, to cross inside the pylons and the horse is placed by the Judges, the offending horse shall be placed behind the horse with which it interfered. For purposes of placing the following shall apply:

(a) If a horse while on stride, or part of the horse's race bike, goes inside two (2) consecutive pylons, the offending horse shall be placed behind all horses that are lapped on to the offending horse at the wire;

c) If in the opinion of the Judges a horse while on stride, or part of the horse's racebike, goes inside a pylon(s) and that action gave the horse an unfair advantage over other horses in the race or the action helped improve its position in the race, the horse may be placed at the discretion of the Judges.

Take notice that the horse Brue Hanover finished 1<sup>st</sup> and was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> for a violation of AGCO Standardbred Rule 18.08.02 (a)(c).

By Order of the Racing Officials

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(Active) - CRAIG WALKER

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COY0629 - Commission Official  
(Active) - David P Stewart

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CO1202865 - Commission Official  
(Active) - Tyler Fines