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Safety First: Information and resources help prevent barn fires



According to **OMAFRA** (the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs), the leading cause of barn fires (approximately 40%) are caused by faulty electrical

systems. The Ministry has recently updated its Barn Fire Prevention webpage which provides important information and education for people looking to make their farms safer.

The page contains information, checklists, videos, and a section on new technologies for preventing and containing fires. There is also an extensive list of resources to help you determine risk areas in your operation, and to provide guidance on reducing the risk of barn fires. Check it out at <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/engineer/barnfire/fireprevention.htm>.

For more information contact OMAFRA toll-free at 1-877-424-1300 or by email to ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca.



Equine Guelph also offers up-to-date information on this topic, including an interactive **Barn Fire Prevention Tool**, a quick reference sheet on the 7 principles of life safety and barn design and a top 10 checklist for inside and outside the stable. You can visit the site here: <http://www.equineguelph.ca/Tools/fireprevention.php>

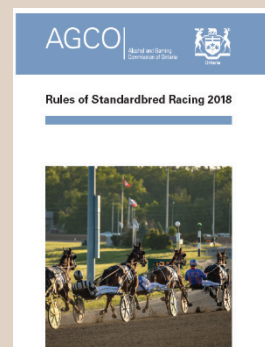
Of note for horse owners, trainers, racetrack personnel, and facility owners is Equine Guelph's **Fire & Emergency Preparedness course, running from April 8-15, 2019**. The course provides an overview of best practices to prevent fires in barns/

facilities and how to be prepared for all manner of emergency situations. Register at <https://thehorseportal.ca/course/fire-emergency-preparedness/>

For more information contact Equine Guelph at 519- 824-4120, ext. 54205 or email horses@uoguelph.ca.

2018 Rules of Racing Books now available online

Updated *Rules of Racing* for both Standardbred and Thoroughbred / Quarter Horse are available online at www.agco.ca in PDF format.



The books, available in both English and French, incorporate a number of existing Directives into the main body of the book and contain an updated index.

Changes to 2019 Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse Licensing Expiry Dates

Starting March 1, 2019, the AGCO will shift the expiry date for all individual Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing licences to the licensee's or applicant's birthdate.

Individual licences issued in 2019 will expire on the licensee's birthday in 2020. The licence fee will be pro-rated based on how many months a licence is extended to reach the licensee/ applicant's birthdate in 2020.

For more information on how this will affect your licence expiry date and 2019 licensing fee, please see the chart below.

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Below are two examples, followed by a chart that shows the pro-rated fee for each licence category.

Example 1:

A Trainer's birthday falls in September. When they renew their Trainer's Licence in April 2019, they will be charged a pro-rated fee of \$125 – \$100 for their regular annual Trainer's Licence fee plus a one-time additional \$25 fee for the extension period, which in this case is 5 months. Their licence will then be valid until September 2020.

Example 2:

A Groom's birthday falls in October. When they renew their Groom's Licence in March 2019, they will be charged a pro-rated fee of \$30 – \$20 for their regular annual Groom's Licence fee plus a one-time additional \$10 fee for the extension period, which in this case is 7 months. Their licence will then be valid until October 2020.

 AGCO <small>Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario</small>		2019 Horse Racing Licence Fee Schedule for Individuals Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse			
Extension Period		0-3 months	4-6 months	7-9 months	10-12 months
Percent Pro-ration		No change	+25%	+50%	+75%
Licence Category	Regular Annual Fee	One-Time Pro-Rated Fee (\$CAD)**			
New Applicant*	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Owner	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
Trainer	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
Assistant Trainer	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$81.25	\$97.50	\$113.75
Jockey	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$162.50	\$195.00	\$227.50
Apprentice Jockey	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$81.25	\$97.50	\$113.75
Jockey Agent	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
Jockey Valet	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$56.25	\$67.50	\$78.75
Groom	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
Exercise Person	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
Hot Walker	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
Veterinarian	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$162.50	\$195.00	\$227.50
Authorized Agent	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
Stable/Corporate Manager	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
Tradesperson	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$56.25	\$67.50	\$78.75
Pari-Mutuel	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$37.50	\$45.00	\$52.50
Occupational	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
Programs	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
Other	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
Association Official	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

* New applicants (people who have not been licensed in Ontario for at least 5 years) will continue to be charged a one-time \$20 fee in addition to the fees as outlined in this table.

**Fee Schedule is shown in Canadian funds. Please contact the AGCO at 416-326-8700 (or toll free in Ontario at 1-800-522-2876) for the current rate of exchange for payment in US funds.

Racing Inspectors join the AGCO's Regional Compliance Branch

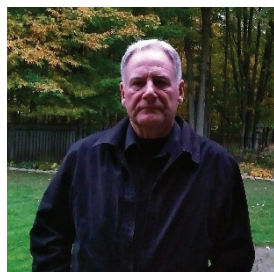
On December 31, 2018, the AGCO's Racing Operations Branch (Racing Officials and Racing Investigators) was integrated into the AGCO's Regulatory Compliance Branch (RCB).

This integration helps to support the move to a new organizational structure within the RCB -- two cross-functional Regulatory Compliance teams led by RCB Directors **Rob McKinney** and **Brent Stone**.

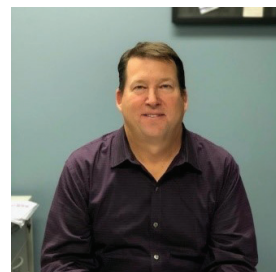
Under this new structure, a Senior Manager will oversee the activities of the Racing Officials and coordinate racing compliance and medication control efforts. This role will also oversee provincial programs and stakeholder management, as well as play a key role on the Racing Reform project and Racing's integration into iAGCO. The Senior Manager of Racing and the Senior Manager of Veterinary Services will have a dual reporting relationship to both of the RCB Directors.

RACING INVESTIGATORS WILL NOW BE KNOWN AS COMPLIANCE OFFICIALS (OPP).

As part of this restructuring, Racing Investigators will be part of the first group of AGCO team members to move into the new role and title of Compliance Official. In order to ensure the AGCO provides a compliance function that is as effective as needed and as efficient as possible, Compliance Officials will be trained in the AGCO's other lines of business as the AGCO moves towards integrated compliance teams.



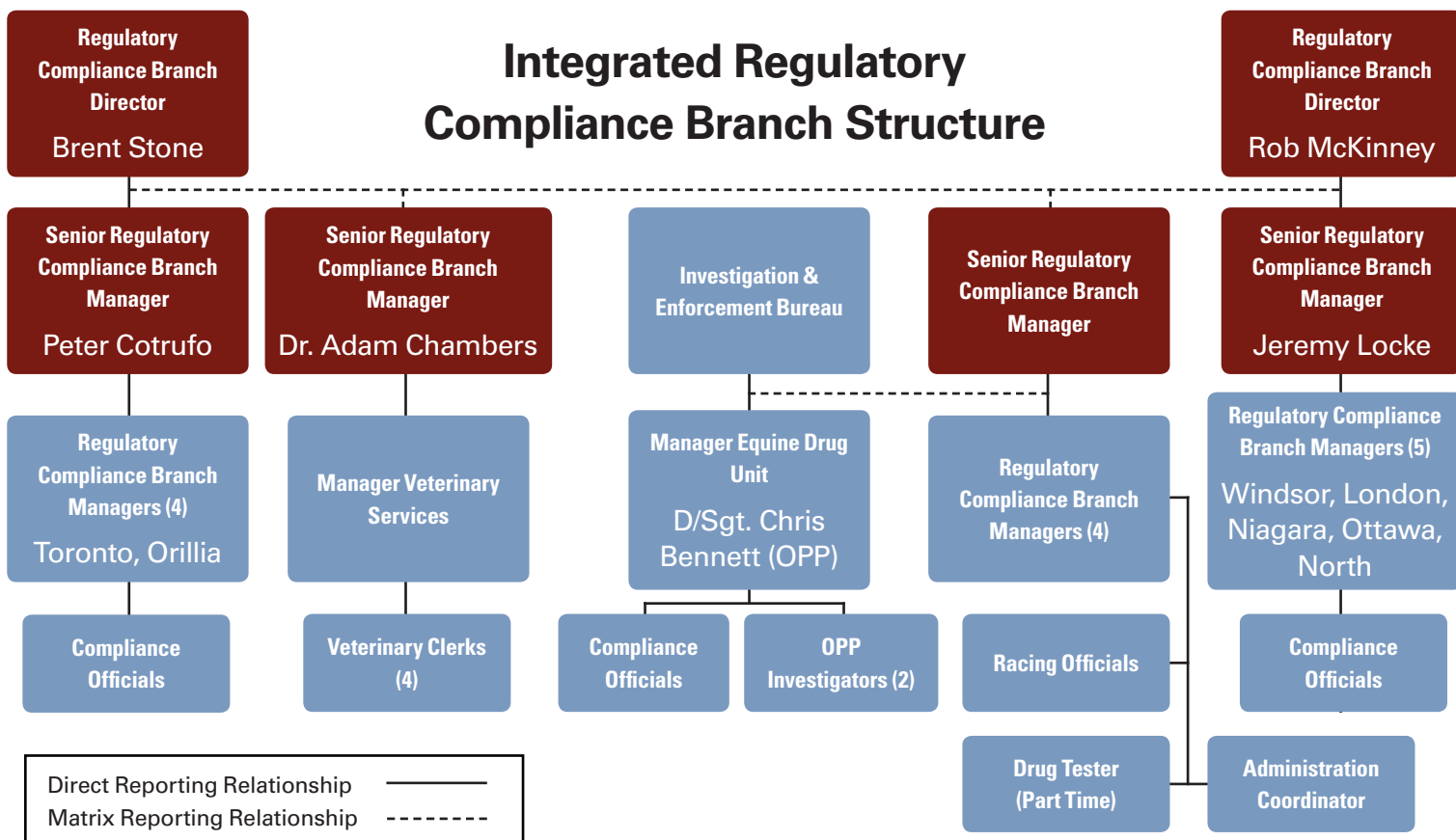
Rob McKinney



Brent Stone

- The Compliance Officials (formerly **Racing Investigators**) will continue to serve Horse Racing primarily while reporting to their new managers in the Regional Compliance Teams, as well as supporting any compliance issues in the other AGCO business lines (e.g. alcohol service, gaming) at the racetracks.
- The Compliance Officials in the **Equine Drug unit** will continue their important work to target the abuse and misuse of equine drugs and medications and will continue to report to **D/Sgt. Chris Bennett (OPP)**.
- **Racing Officials** will continue to work in their current roles and report to the RCB Managers of Racing until the AGCO is able to complete a comprehensive review of how this role could be further incorporated into its integrated service delivery model.
- **Darla Wright** will continue to act as the AGCO Human Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Administrator (Racing) and provide administrative support for the branch.

Integrated Regulatory Compliance Branch Structure



New CPMA Elimination Guidelines

The Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency (CPMA) is pleased to advise the Canadian horse racing industry that a new edition of the CPMA Elimination Guidelines will be published in March 2019. The new elimination guidelines will come into force on April 1, 2019.

To order booklet copies of the Elimination Guidelines 2019 or should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the CPMA by telephone at 1-800-268-8835, or by email at aafc.cpmawebacpm.aac@canada.ca.

In case you missed it

Information Bulletin No. 66 – Release of Standardbred Directive No. 2-2018 - Association Requirement to Provide Microchip Identifier/ Temperature Reader

December 19, 2018 – The Registrar hereby orders that all Associations conducting Standardbred racing are required to have equipment capable of scanning identifying microchips and reading temperatures in racehorses.

This Directive updates the AGCO’s *Standardbred Rules of Racing*, making the updates to the following chapters, effective January 1, 2019:

- Standardbred Rules of Racing, Chapter 7: Racing Associations
- Standardbred Rules of Racing, Chapter 32: Paddock Judge and Equipment Inspector

The following can be found on the AGCO’s website:

- [Standardbred Directive No. 2-2018 - Association Requirement to Provide Microchip Identifier/ Temperature Reader](#)
- [Information Sheet: Microchipping and Temperature Checks \(Standardbred Race Horses\)](#)



Information Bulletin No. 67 - Introduction of Hair Sample Testing for Quarter Horses

January 4, 2019 - With the support of the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario Inc. (QROOI), enhanced testing for Clenbuterol will continue in the 2019 racing season, and will expand to include the collection and routine testing of horse hair samples through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario’s (AGCO) Out Of Competition Program. This measure aligns with the AGCO’s zero-tolerance policy on Clenbuterol as outlined in [Quarter Horse Directive No. 1-2015](#).

Routine testing of hair samples will begin on July 1, 2019. Clenbuterol can be detected in hair samples several months after administration. Accordingly, the AGCO is providing the Quarter Horse industry with advance notice of the commencement of hair testing.

Any hair sample that tests positive for Clenbuterol will be considered a violation of the Rules of Racing and may result in a monetary penalty and/or a suspension.

Things to watch for in 2019

- **Concussion Protocol Pilot at Woodbine and Fort Erie racetracks**
- **Change to the Rules concerning Race Day Medications**
- **Changes to the post-race testing selection process**



Ontario’s horse racing industry to benefit from racing-specific online courses

Seven online courses developed by Equine Guelph will be offered at no cost to Ontario racing industry members beginning in February this year. Supported by AGCO Education, Training and Awareness (ETA) project funding, AGCO licence holders will be able to benefit from the latest learning in equine healthcare from industry experts. Three of the seven courses have been specifically designed for and will be offered exclusively to members of the Ontario racing industry.

The short courses deliver common sense, practical approaches on important topics identified by the three racing sectors – including those listed as top

priorities according to the 2016 Ontario Horse Racing Industry Survey, namely respiratory, lameness and gut health.

The courses are open to trainers, assistant trainers, grooms, jockeys, drivers and other current AGCO licence holders and will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis to the first 100 to register for each course. Interested participants may register at www.TheHorsePortal.ca/RacingPilot. The next two industry-requested courses exclusive to the Ontario Racing industry will be rolled out in the winter of 2020, addressing racehorse respiratory health and injury/lameness.

UPCOMING COURSES

Gut Health & Colic Prevention
 March 11 – 29
**(Exclusive to AGCO licence holders)*

Fire & Emergency Preparedness
 April 8 - 15

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