



December 19, 2017

STANDARD BRED DIRECTIVE NO. 4 – 2017 – Standards Based Temperature Rules

Preamble

WHEREAS after consulting with the public and industry with respect to proposed rule changes and consistent with the AGCO's movement towards standards based rules, there was favorable support in the Standardbred industry to revise the current rules for weather to include consideration for temperature;

TAKE NOTICE that the Registrar hereby orders the Rules of Standardbred Racing 2016 be amended as follows effective immediately:

Chapter 21 – Postponement and Cancellation

21.01 In case of unfavourable weather or other unavoidable cause, Associations with the consent of the Judges shall postpone or cancel races in accordance with this Chapter.

21.01.01 If the track or weather conditions are questionable for the warming up or racing of horses, including actual temperature as defined in 21.01.02, the Judges shall convene a meeting with the representative of the drivers and trainers and a representative of management. If required by the Judges, the representative of the drivers and trainers shall conduct a secret ballot of the drivers and trainers of horses participating in that program of racing to determine whether racing should be conducted. If the vote of the drivers and trainers determines that more than 50% vote against racing, the card shall be cancelled. If more than 50% and less than 75% vote to race, trainers will be allowed to withdraw horses without penalty. If more than 75% vote to race, the regular rules of withdrawal and scratching of horses will apply. If the drivers vote alone is more than 50% to cancel they should be allowed to withdraw their services without penalty. The foregoing does not prevent racetrack management from canceling the races due to track or weather conditions without consultation with the Judges and the horsepeople's representative.

In the event of a forecasted extreme temperature, the Extreme Temperature Standards at Rule 21.01.02 shall be applied.

Extreme Temperature Standard

21.01.02 In the event of extreme temperature, the decision to cancel racing shall be made by an Association applying the Extreme Temperature Standard and Policy Directive 1-2009 Cancellation Fees.

Actual temperature: temperature at racetrack at post-time, or at any point during the race program as agreed upon by an Association representative and a Racing Official.

Extreme temperature: any temperature which falls within Tier 1 or Tier 2 below.

Forecasted extreme temperature: the temperature based on a publicly accessible local forecast at 5 hours to post-time. At the beginning of each race season the Association shall advise the industry which weather source will be used for temperature forecasts failing which the weather source shall be the Weather Network.

	Tier 1	Tier 2
Forecasted Temperature Range	31 C to 37.9 C	equal to or greater than 38 C
	-15 C to -24.9 C	equal to or less than -25 C
Weather Related Scratches Permitted Without Penalty	Yes	Yes
Additional Measures	Additional measures must be put in place to ensure the well-being of the horse and any licensees with positions that may be impacted by extreme temperature.	The following additional measures must be put in place to ensure the well-being of the horse and any licensees with positions that may be impacted by extreme temperature: Heat: 2 additional vets, or 1 additional vet and 1 registered vet tech to monitor temperature, pulse and respiration rate of equine athletes pre-race and post-race; extra hosing stations or mobile cooling stations with trained attendant; access to water for horses at all times; shaded areas provided for unsaddling horses; ice available in numerous locations; Racing Officials to minimize post parade time. Cold: 2 additional vets, or 1 additional vet and 1 additional registered vet technician to monitor temperature, pulse and respiration of equine athletes pre-race and post-race, as well as conditions related to cold weather including frost bite; tongues not tied outside of horse's mouth; blankets shall be provided for

		each horse; Racing Officials to minimize post parade time.
Cancellation Required	Decision to be made by Association	Decision to be made by Association

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BY ORDER OF THE REGISTRAR



Jean Major
Registrar