



December 19, 2017

## THOROUGHBRED DIRECTIVE NO. 3 – 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 Thoroughbred industry to revise the current rules for weather to include consideration for temperature;

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

### Chapter 3 – Racing Association and Association Officials

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**3.15** If track or weather conditions are questionable for racing of horses, including actual temperature as defined in 3.15.01, a meeting shall be convened among the Stewards, management, a representative of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) and jockeys. If required, the Stewards shall conduct a secret ballot vote of the jockeys programmed to ride that day who are present, to determine if racing should be canceled. If the vote of the jockeys determines that more than 50% vote against racing, the card will be canceled. Notwithstanding the vote, the jockeys who cancel their mount will not be subject to any penalties. The foregoing does not prevent race track management from canceling the races due to track or weather conditions without consultation with the Stewards, HBPA or the jockeys.

In the event of a forecasted extreme temperature, the Extreme Temperature Standards at Rule 3.15.01 shall be applied

#### **Extreme Temperature Standard**

**3.15.01** In the event of a forecasted 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 of the Extreme Temperature Standard.

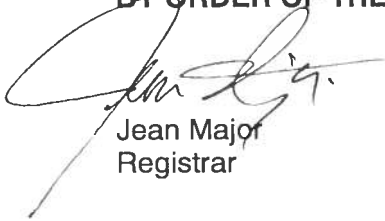
**Forecasted extreme temperature:** the temperature based on a publicly accessible local forecast at 5 hours to post-time. At the beginning of each race season the Association

shall advise the industry which weather source will be used for temperature forecasts, failing which the weather source shall be the Weather Network.

|  | <b>Tier 1</b>  | <b>Tier 2</b>  |
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| <b>Forecasted Temperature Range</b>                        | 31 C to 37.9 C<br>-15 C to -24.9 C   | equal to or greater than 38 C<br>equal to or less than -25 C   |
| <b>Weather Related Scratches Permitted Without Penalty</b> | Yes  | Yes  |
| <b>Additional Measures</b>                                 | 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:<br>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; Additional hosing stations or mobile cooling station with trained attendant; access to water for horses at all times; shaded areas provided for unsaddling horses; ice made available in numerous locations; Racing Officials to minimize post parade time.<br>Cold: 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, as well as conditions related to cold temperature including frost bite; tongues not tied outside of horse's mouth; blankets shall be available for each horse; |

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|                              |                                    | Racing Officials to minimize post parade time. |
| <b>Cancellation Required</b> | Decision to be made by Association | Decision to be made by Association             |

**BY ORDER OF THE REGISTRAR**



Jean Major  
Registrar