

2018 RULE CHANGES

1. **Rule 89 (2):** ~~**DELETE:** have been licensed as a Commission groom for two full years, or licensed by Standardbred Canada as a groom for one full year and an “F” trainer for two full years, or has provided proof that he has been licensed by a provincial or state racing commission as a groom for two full years;~~ **INSERT:** have completed two full years as an “F” trainer or two full years as a groom and “F” trainer combined;
2. **Rule 146:** If a horse participates in a race while having been declared into a subsequent race it shall be ruled ineligible **INSERT: except for overnight events** to the subsequent race and scratched if its performance in the initial race or event makes it ineligible under the rules. If the race from which the horse is scratched is an added money event, any starting fee paid or payable shall be forfeited.
3. **Rule 247 (17):** ~~Nominations and sustaining payments must be received by the sponsor or presenter not later than the hour of closing, except those made by mail must bear a postmark placed thereon not later than the hour of closing. In the event the hour of closing falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the hour of closing shall be extended to the same hour of the next business day. The hour of closing shall be midnight of the due date.~~ **INSERT :** All nomination and sustaining payments, including those made online, must be received by the administrator not later than the hour of closing, except those made by mail must bear a postmark or processing mark placed thereon not later than the hour of closing despite inadequacies of the postal system. In the event the hour of closing falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday in any of the participating provinces, the hour of closing shall be extended to the same hour of the next business day. The hour of closing shall be midnight of the due date.
4. **Rule 329:** (1) No driver shall kick a horse. (Type II Offence) **INSERT:** before, during or after a race **or at any time while on the grounds of a racetrack, it is an offence for a driver, or the person in control of the horse to kick the horse.**
5. **Rule 335:** Racetracks with pylons shall meet the following criteria regarding pylon location, design standards and angles:
 - (1) sixty (60) feet apart on the straight away
 - (2) forty (40) feet apart on the turns
 - (3) pylons leading into the passing lanes to be 15 feet or less apart
 - (4) thirty inches in length above ground
 - (5) pylons shall be angled 22.5 degrees to 30 degrees inward to the racetrack surface **INSERT: and have the top three inches of the pylon painted bright orange.**

6. Rule 353: The following violation(s) shall make offenders liable to penalty as a Type 1 Offence:

(5) failure to have a proper ~~DELETE: head number and~~ saddle cloth on a horse when racing.

7. Rule 369 (1): Where any test taken under the Pari-Mutuel Betting Supervision Regulations reveals a positive presence of a restricted drug as described in such regulations, the uniform classification guidelines for foreign substances and recommended penalties and rules shall apply. (1) Rule On Drug Classifications—Upon finding of a violation of these medication and prohibited substances rules, the senior judge shall consider the classification level of the violation as currently established by the Uniform Classification Guidelines of Foreign Substances as promulgated by the Association of Racing Commissioners International, Inc., and impose penalties and disciplinary measures consistent with the recommendations contained therein. Provided, however, that in the event a majority of the judges panel determine that mitigating circumstances require imposition of a lesser penalty they may impose a lesser penalty. In the event of a majority of the judges panel wishes to impose a greater penalty or a penalty in excess of the authority granted them, then, and in such an event, they may impose the maximum penalty authorized and refer the matter to the Commission with specific recommendations for further action. *INSERT: For the purposes of this rule Procaine and Furosemide positive test results will be considered a Class V positive.*