**Rule Changes 2023 Red= Additions Yellow= Deletions**

Definitions:

**(67)** “Qualifying Race" means a race in which a horse or driver must establish its or his/her ability to participate at a race meeting consistent with the qualifying standards established for both. For conditions using a minimum number of starts, Qualifiers do not constitute a start.

Rules:

**Rule 144**. Notwithstanding any other rules relevant to eligibility of a horse to race, no horse shall be permitted to race unless: (1) it has been properly identified with its assigned number by freeze branding, tattooing or microchip.

**Rule 175**. In the paddock area, all horses shall be identified by the Identifier who will compare and confirm the tattoo, freeze brand number or microchip with the list of entries contained in a report supplied by Race Office Staff via the Standardbred Canada Computer.

**PART 6 RACING, CONDUCT AND PENALTIES 6.1 Judges’**

**List Rule 297**. A horse shall be placed on the Judges’ List if: (10) a horse scratched due to a transportation problem will not be eligible to race for (7) seven clear days from the date the horse was scratched. The scratched horse may be removed from the Judges list when documentation for repairs has been presented to the satisfaction of the Judges.

**Rule 367.**

If the presence of the drug erythropoietin or any of its synthetic derivatives are detected in the blood sample, the Trainer of record shall be subject to a fine of $5,000 and a 10-year suspension.

(a) Table 1

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| Class |  1st Offense |  2nd Offense |  3 Offense | Loss of Purse | **Horse Suspension** |
|   | Suspension | Fine | Suspension | Fine | Suspension | Fine |   |   |
| Class 1 | 1-2 Years | $1000 - $2,000 | 3-4 Years | $3000 - $4000 | 5 Years | $5,000  | Yes  | 30 Days |
| Class 2 | 6-8 Months | $1,500  | 9-10 Months | $1,500  | 11-12 Months | $1,500  | Yes  | 30 Days |
| Class 3 | 60-100 Days | $500  | 100-140 Days | $500  | 140-180 Days | $500  | Yes  | 15 Days |
| Class 4 | 15-30 Days | $200  | 31-45 Days | $200  | 45-59 Days | $200  | Yes  |  |
| Class 5 | 15 Days | $100  | 15 Days | $100  | 15 Days | $100  | Yes  |  |
|   | \*\*\*\*Class 4 and 5 for 1st offence ~~within 2~~  within 3 years the offender shall be given the option of taking the prescribed penalty as noted above or, pay a monetary fine of $750 for a Class 5 violation or $1,500 for a Class 4 violation. |  |  |  |  |  |

**Rule 376**. If the total carbon dioxide (TCO2) is equal to 36 mml/litre or higher, said horse will be considered to have a positive test. 38.0 mmol/litre or higher if said horse is competing on furosemide (Lasix) at a racetrack which EIPH is offered shall be considered a positive test. ~~No TCO2 readings will be released other than to inform trainer that the horse’s reading was equal to 36 mml/litre or higher.~~

**Rule 424.** (1) If after holding the hearing the Commission is of the opinion that the appeal was frivolous or vexatious, it may order a penalty against the person filing the Appeal in an amount not to exceed $1,000 in addition to any other penalty for which the person may be liable.

2. An appellant or summoned witness who fails to show for an Appeal Hearing without receiving the Commission’s prior approval will be subject to a fine up to $500.00. If an Appellant fails to show for his/her appeal, the appeal will be dismissed.