

DIRECTIVE NO. 086 – 2016

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The Alberta Horse Racing Rules are **AMENDED** as follows:

Chapter 3: General Horse Racing Rules, Division 5 Race Day – After the Race.

The following rule is **AMENDED** to read:

Rule 268 g Repeat of tests

If a licensee is found culpable by the judge/stewards board with respect to a positive test for a prohibited drug in a horse under the licensee's care, the licensee may, at their own expense, arrange for the mandatory three tests to be repeated at a **laboratory accredited by a recognized national accrediting body under ISO/IEC 17025, and is also known as a laboratory that does analysis on equine samples**, on any residue of the urine, blood, or saliva originally tested, if in the opinion of the official laboratory that has handled the initial testing

- (a) there is sufficient quantity of the residue remaining for a proper test to be conducted, and
 - (b) the sample has not suffered degradation to the extent that the retesting results would be inconclusive.
- (2) Once a test of a sample has been requested, any movement of that sample is under the control of Horse Racing Alberta, the Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency and the official laboratory that handled the initial testing.
- (3) A request for the release of an official sample residue must be made by the Originator (owner or trainer) to the Provincial Regulatory Body **within 21 calendar days** from the date of issue indicated on the ***Certificate of Positive Analysis***. All requests are to be made in writing and must include the name and address of the chosen referee laboratory along with payment in full for shipping and handling related to the transportation of the sample residue to the referee laboratory. Requests must also include confirmation that the referee laboratory will accept and analyze the sample for the drug indicated in the ***Certificate of Positive Analysis***.

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Rule 268 g previously stated:

*If a licensee is found culpable by the judges/stewards board with respect to a positive test for a prohibited drug in a horse under the licensee's care, the licensee may, at their own expense, arrange for the mandatory three tests to be repeated at a **federally accredited laboratory, approved by Horse Racing Alberta, in the presence of the licensee's witnesses**, on any residue of the urine, blood, or saliva originally tested, if in the opinion of the official laboratory that has handled the initial testing.*

- (3) ***A request for retesting of a sample must be submitted to the judges/stewards board no later than 45 days after the licensee has been advised of the positive findings, and must be accompanied by sufficient funds to cover all aspects of the retesting procedures.***

Dated at the City of Edmonton
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this 1 day of August, 2016.



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