

DIRECTIVE NO. 135-2020

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

Chapter 3: General Horse Racing Rules, Part 4 Claiming Rules

The following Rule 335 g is **AMENDED** to read:

335 g Claims can be voided

(1) The *judges/stewards board may declare a *claim to be void if

- a) any provision of these rules relating to *claiming is *violated,
- b) the judges/stewards board is satisfied that the spirit and intent of the rules have been violated, or
- c) **if the Official Chemist reports a positive test on a horse that was claimed, provided such option is exercised within 48 hours following notification to the claimant of the positive test by the judges/stewards,**
- d) **if the horse has been found ineligible to the event from which it was claimed, or**
- e) **if approved post-race testing procedures disclosed that an improper medication or drug was found to be present in the sample of the claimed horses and reported in the analysis report from the laboratory, provided such option is exercised within 48 hours following notification to the claimant by the judges/stewards.**

1.1. (1.1) **A claim may be voided if a horse is a starter as determined by the judges/stewards board, and the horse:**

- a) **Dies on the racing oval; or**
- b) **Suffers an injury which requires the euthanasia of the horse as determined by the Official Veterinarian while the horse is on the racing oval.**

(2) If erythropoietin or darbepoetin is confirmed in a blood sample taken from a claimed horse, the claimant of that horse may request the judges/stewards to declare the claim invalid, but the request must be made within 48 hours of the claimant, his or her trainer, or authorized agent receiving notification of the positive test from the judges/stewards.

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(3) When the judges/stewards board rules a claim to be void and the *horse is returned to the original *owner:

(a) the amount of the claiming price plus GST shall be repaid to the claimant;

(b) any purse money earned subsequent to the date of the claim and before the date on which the claim is ruled void becomes the property of the claimant, and

(c) the claimant is responsible for any reasonable costs incurred through the care, training, or racing of the horse while it was in their care, custody or control.

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(c) notification is received by the judges/stewards board, from the official chemist, that a positive test has been determined on an official sample from a claimed horse.

(2) If erythropoietin or darbepoetin is confirmed in a blood sample taken from a claimed horse, the claimant of that horse may request the judges/stewards to declare the claim invalid, but the request must be made within 48 hours of the claimant, his or her trainer, or authorized agent receiving notification of the positive test from the judges/stewards.

(3) When the judges/stewards board rules a claim to be void and the *horse is returned to the original *owner:

(a) the amount of the claiming price, the goods and service tax, and applicable transfer fees must be repaid to the claimant,

(b) any purse money earned subsequent to the date of the claim and before the date on which the claim is ruled void becomes the property of the claimant, and

(c) the claimant is responsible for any reasonable costs incurred through the care, training, or racing of the horse while it was in their care, custody or control.

Dated at the City of Edmonton
in the Province of Alberta
this 23 day of March 2020.



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