

DIRECTIVE NO. 148 - 2020

STANDBRED

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

Chapter 3: General Horse Racing Rules, Part 6 Standardbred Racing,
Division 6 Racing Rules

The following Rule 448 s is **AMENDED** to read:

Rule 448 s Fair start determination

- (1) The horses shall be deemed to have started when released by the starter at the starting point, which will be the official start unless a recall has been sounded and all horses must go the course unless dismissed by the starter or, in the opinion of the Judges, it is impossible to do so. A horse shall be deemed to be a starter when the horse's nose has reached the starting line.
- (2) Where the Judges determine that, after the horses have been released at the starting point, a horse was prevented from having a fair chance to contest a race due to exceptional circumstances, and it is deemed in the public interest to do so, such horse shall be declared a non-contestant and the provisions of the Pari-Mutuel Betting Supervision Regulations under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) pertaining to refunds shall apply.

Rule 448 s Fair start determination previously stated:

- (1) ***After the determination by the starter of a fair start all the horses must race the course, except in the case of an occurrence that in the opinion of the judges board makes it impossible for the horses to race the course.***

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(2) The starter must endeavor to get all horses away in position and on gait.

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



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