

DIRECTIVE NO. 160 - 2020

STANDARD BRED

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

Chapter 3: General Horse Racing Rules, Part 6 Standardbred Racing, Division 7
Driving Rules

The following Directive No. 83 – 2015, Rule 457 s is **AMENDED** to read:

Directive No. 83 – 2015, Rule 457 s Pylon Rule

- (1) Racetracks with pylons shall meet the following criteria regarding pylon location, and design standards
 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 (30) inches in length above ground
 5. pylons shall have the top three inches of the pylon painted or taped bright orange.
- (2) A horse while on stride, or part of the horse's race bike that leaves the race course by going inside the pylons which constitutes the inside limits of the course, when not forced to do so as a result of the actions of another driver and/or horse may be in violation of this rule. In addition, when an act of interference causes a horse, or part of the horse's race bike, to cross inside the pylons and the horse is placed by the Judges, the offending horse shall be placed behind the horse with which it interfered.
 - (a) if a horse while on stride, or part of the horse's race bike, goes inside two (2) consecutive pylons, the offending horse shall be placed behind all horses that are lapped on to the offending horse at the wire,
 - (b) if a horse while on stride, or any part of the horse's race bike, goes inside three (3) or more consecutive pylons, the offending horse shall be placed last, and

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- (c) if in the opinion of the Judges a horse while on stride, or part of the horse's race bike, goes inside a pylon(s) and that action gave the horse an unfair advantage over other horses in the race or the action helped improve its position in the race, the horse may be placed at the discretion of the Judges.
- (3) Drivers who in the opinion of the Judges leave the racing course when not forced to do so as a result of another driver and/or horse may be subject to a monetary penalty or suspensions.

Directive No. 83 – 2015, Rule 457 s Pylon Rule previously stated:

- (1) ***If, at a race track that does not have a continuous solid inside hub rail, a horse or part of the horse's sulky leaves the course by going inside the hub rail or other demarcation which constitutes the inside limits of the course, the offending horse must be placed back where, in the opinion of the judges,***
 - (a) ***if a horse while on stride, or part of the horse's sulky, goes inside a pylon(s) and that action gave the horse an unfair advantage over other horses in the race or the action helped improve its position in the race, the horse may be placed at the discretion of the Judges,***
 - (b) ***if a horse while on stride, or part of the horse's sulky, goes inside two (2) consecutive pylons, the offending horse shall be placed behind all horses that are lapped on to the offending horse at the wire,***
 - (c) ***if a horse while on stride, or any part of the horse's sulky, goes inside three (3) or more consecutive pylons, the offending horse shall be placed last.***
- (2) ***In addition, when an act of interference causes a horse or part of the horse's sulky to cross the inside limits of the course, if the horse is placed by the judges, the offending horse must be placed behind the horse with which it interfered.***
- (3) ***Drivers who, in the opinion of the judges, leave the racing strip while on stride, when not forced to do so as a result of the actions of another driver or horse, or both, may be fined or suspended by the judges.***

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



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