

**DIRECTIVE NO. 167 - 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 Rule 456 s is **AMENDED** to read:

**Rule 456 s Obligations of horse and driver at the start and during a race**

A monetary penalty and/or a suspension may be applied by the starter or by the Judges for any of the following violations contained in subsections (i)-(vii). In addition, the Judges may place the offending horse for a violation of subsections (iii), (iv) or (vi) of this rule:

- (i) delaying the start,
- (ii) failure to obey the starter's instructions,
- (iii) allowing a horse to pass the inside or outside wing of the gate,
- (iv) coming to the starting gate in the wrong position,
- (v) crossing over before reaching the starting point,
- (vi) interference with another horse or driver during the start,
- (vii) failure to come into position or remain in position on the gate,
- (viii) charges the starting gate,
- (ix) changes course or position, or swerves in or out, or bears in or out during any part of the race in a manner that compels another horse to shorten its stride or cause another driver to change course, take the horse back, or pull the horse out of its stride;
- (x) impedes the progress of another horse or causes it to break from its gait;

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- (xi) crosses over too sharply in front of another horse or horses;
- (xii) crowds another horse by putting a wheel under the horse;
- (xiii) carries another horse out;
- (xiv) strikes or hooks wheels with another sulky.

**Rule 456 s Obligations of horse and driver at the start and during a race previously stated:**

***A horse or driver violates these rules if the horse or driver***

- (a) delays a start;***
- (b) passes the inside or outside wing of the gate;***
- (c) comes to the starting gate in the wrong position;***
- (d) crosses over before reaching the starting point;***
- (e) interferes with another horse or driver during the start;***
- (f) fails to come up into position and on the gate;***
- (g) charges the starting gate;
- (h) changes course or position, or swerves in or out, or bears in or out during any part of the race in a manner that compels another horse to shorten its stride or cause another driver to change course, take the horse back, or pull the horse out of its stride;
- (i) impedes the progress of another horse or causes it to break from its gait;
- (j) crosses over too sharply in front of another horse or horses;
- (k) crowds another horse by putting a wheel under the horse;
- (l) carries another horse out;
- (m) strikes or hooks wheels with another sulky.

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

  
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