

DIRECTIVE NO. 106 – 2020

ALL BREEDS

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

Chapter 2: Licensing Rules, Part 1 Racing Officials: Designation and Licensing,
Division 1 Supervisor of Racing, Judges/Stewards and Official Veterinarian

The following Rule 13 g is **AMENDED** to read:

Rule 13 g Official veterinarian's responsibilities

- (1) In addition to any other function or responsibility given to the official veterinarian by these and other rules, the official veterinarian has the following responsibilities
 - (a) to be readily available at the race track at race meetings;
 - (b) to provide advice to Horse Racing Alberta and its staff on veterinary matters, including all regulatory aspects of the application and practice of veterinary medicine at a race meeting;
 - (c) when before a race starts, if a horse is a runaway or a horse falls, such horse shall be examined by the Commission Veterinarian or Official Veterinarian and if the horse is not ordered scratched by the veterinarian, the Judges/Stewards may permit the horse to compete (unless otherwise outlined by the jurisdiction's regulatory body);
 - (d) maintain a Veterinarian's List composed of horses who for veterinary reasons are unfit to race;
 - (e) post on the horsemen's bulletin board
 - (i) a notice explaining what a "bleeder" is and the rules related to bleeder medications;
 - (ii) a list of spayed mares;
 - (iii) A list of horses which have had their posterior digital nerve desensitized surgically or by other means.

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- (2) If an injured horse must be destroyed on the race track, or in the paddock, before or after a race, the official veterinarian is responsible for destroying the horse.
- (3) If a race horse dies or is euthanized at the race track, the official veterinarian
 - (a) has the primary entitlement to take possession of the horse for a post mortem examination and may retain possession of it for any period that the official veterinarian considers appropriate;
 - (b) the results of any post mortem examination may be used for any purpose consistent with the Act and rules made under the Act.

Rule 13 g Official veterinarian's responsibilities previously stated:

- (1) In addition to any other function or responsibility given to the official veterinarian by these and other rules, the official veterinarian has the following responsibilities
 - (a) to be readily available at the race track at race meetings;
 - (b) to provide advice to Horse Racing Alberta and its staff on veterinary matters, including all regulatory aspects of the application and practice of veterinary medicine at a race meeting;
 - (c) ***to examine or observe at one or more of the following times and locations, each horse that is to race:***
 - (i) ***in the horse's own stall;***
 - (ii) ***in the paddock;***
 - (iii) ***during a warm-up on the track before the race;***
 - (iv) ***during the parade to the post;***
 - (v) ***during the race;***
 - (vi) ***after the race;***

- (vii) at any other time, the official veterinarian considers appropriate;**
- (d) to scratch a horse from a race if, in the official veterinarian's opinion, the horse is not sound or is not ready for racing, and immediately notify the judges/stewards board of the scratch;**
- (e) maintain a Veterinarian's List composed of horses who for veterinary reasons are unfit to race;
- (f) post on the horsemen's bulletin board

 - (i) a notice explaining what a "bleeder" is and the rules related to bleeder medications;
 - (ii) a list of spayed mares;
 - (iii) a list of horses which have had their posterior digital nerve desensitized surgically or by other means.
- (2) If an injured horse must be destroyed on the racetrack, or in the paddock, before or after a race, the official veterinarian is responsible for destroying the horse.
- (3) If a race horse dies or is euthanized at the race track, the official veterinarian

 - (a) has the primary entitlement to take possession of the horse for a post mortem examination and may retain possession of it for any period that the official veterinarian considers appropriate;
 - (b) the results of any post mortem examination may be used for any purpose consistent with the Act and rules made under the Act.

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



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