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## Notice to the Industry

### Rule Amendment Process

#### **You are invited to submit your ideas for rule changes by September 30<sup>th</sup>**

Individuals and associations are encouraged to submit their proposals for changes to the Rules of Racing to the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Tell us where you think changes or improvements to the rules could be made. As an industry participant, you are impacted by the rules every day and the ORC is interested in your thoughts.

The ORC Administration will use industry working groups to evaluate and/or refine any suggestions received, where the suggestions are relevant to the regulation of horse racing. This process will be used to gather industry comments on the proposals prior to submission to the Board for its consideration.

*Under the powers provided in the Racing Commission Act, 2000 to regulate horse racing, the Ontario Racing Commission publishes the Rules of Standardbred Racing and the Rules of Thoroughbred Racing (with Quarter Horse Racing Appendix). These published rules form the basis for the conduct of racing in the Province of Ontario. Any changes or amendments to the rules must be approved by the Board of the ORC and authorized through distribution of Directives.*

#### **Deadline for submission for rule change proposals is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

To be considered for discussion and inclusion in the process, any proposed rule changes must be submitted by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Proposals for change can be submitted by individuals, associations and/or companies and should be submitted on the **Proposed Rule Change** form attached.

#### **Working Groups being formed**

Associations, racetracks, other industry representatives and members at large will be represented on a breed specific working group, and will provide advice and assistance to the Administration in reviewing the proposals and determining the priority of issues to be addressed in the process. The working groups will operate on a consensus basis. These groups will assist in refining and developing the rules as required by the process. Notes of the meetings of the working groups will be taken and summaries of the action items will be made available to the public.

**Public Consultation**

The working groups will be charged with completing their work by late fall, after which the proposed rule changes will be circulated to the industry and the general public for input.

**Filing Format for proposed rule changes**

Application submission material should be sent to the attention of the Wendy Hoogeveen, Director, Industry Development and Support. Electronic filing of application material is acceptable and should be sent to [sandy.anthony@ontarioracingcommission.ca](mailto:sandy.anthony@ontarioracingcommission.ca).

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*Rules of Standardbred Racing*

*Rules of Thoroughbred Racing, with Quarter Horse Racing Appendix*

*Phase 1      Formal submission deadline – September 30th*

*Phase 2      Working Groups – refinement of rule changes*

*Phase 3      Submission to the Board*

*Phase 4      Public Consultation*

*Phase 5      Approval by Board*