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Notice To The Industry

Minor Refinements to Thoroughbred Guidelines on Urging Approved

The Board of the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) has approved a change to the rules on the urging of a horse in thoroughbred racing. The change relates to a minor refinement of the penalty guidelines, specified through Policy Directive 4 – 2009. Some refinements to the Standardbred rules are expected to follow.

It is important to note that the purpose of such modifications is to refine and improve upon the policy, rules and practice, and not to significantly modify the rules -- in other words, make the policy, rules, and practice work better.

The ORC is committed to continued communication with the racing community so that it can adjust to the new rules on urging. This commitment includes minor refinements to these rules, so that consistency, fairness and the integrity of racing will be maintained.

To view the changes, see the attached directives. Information can also be viewed on the ORC web site at www.ontarioracingcommission.ca.

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