

To: Ontario Racing Commission  
Rules Committee  
Whipping Bylaw  
Ontario Standardbred Racing

### Whipping in the STRETCH

A whip(flailing) that is used in the STRETCH can be best defined as a tool that "ENHANCES the PERFORMANCE of a horse".Have you ever seen a driver whip a horse 12 times down the stretch to slow it down?Would you play poker against someone that was allowed to carry a ACE in their pocket and were able to use this ACE whenever they FELT like "ENHANCING the PERFORMANCE of their hand"!

Bob McIntosh mentions in his submission that "all horses are different,some need more ENCOURAGEMENT than others to MAXIMIZE their EFFORTS". Then why is it that these ENCOURAGE CHALLENGED HORSES are whipped 10 times down the STRETCH one week and the next week aren't whipped at all?If a horse is going to be whipped to MAXIMIZE it's EFFORT then shouldn't their be some consistency in WHIP COUNT,INTENSITY or FORCE APPLIED every week?If your going to whip a horse ten times last week, you better whip him ten times this week with the same intensity or your only INSULTING the betting public.

The biggest complaint a horse bettor has is watching a driver of his/her horse LOOK like they aren't trying.Nothing worse then watching a driver whipping a horse down the stretch while the other driver just sits and watches them pass.Years ago bettors would put up with this cause it was the only game in town.

Simple solution to the whipping rule.

maximum three strikes of the whip in stretch(enough to get a lethargic horse motivated,no more hitting one week 15 times and next week once,might also get some strategy and movement if there is less reliance on a WHIP)  
both hands in reins(no slapping of the reins)  
wrist flicking only(visually acceptable)  
track issued whips(uniformity)  
neon colored whips(highlighted so replays and crowd can view and COUNT)  
fine amount connected to purse of race(whats a hundred bucks if your racing for 40thousand?)  
suspension after second offense

Evolve Or Die

You could just keep telling the public the whip is hitting the saddle pad and shaft and the six inch snapper is a wind chime to create more noise.

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