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Notice to the Industry

Rule Amendment Process 2010 Rules of Racing

Apply Now

ORC invites individuals to apply for participation on Working Groups

Each year the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) reviews the proposed changes to the Rules of Racing with the industry before considering changes for the coming racing season. You can be a part of that process and put your name forward to act as an industry representative.

Working Groups in place

Again this year, the Executive Director is establishing specific Rule Amendment Working Groups to review the proposals and provide the Administration with input and advice.

For each sector – Thoroughbred, Standardbred and Quarter Horse racing – the Working Groups will be made up of representation from the industry, as follows:

<i>Standardbred Working Group</i>	<i>Reps</i>	<i>Thoroughbred Working Group</i>	<i>Reps</i>	<i>QH Working Group</i>
				<i>Composition of the QH Working Group will be made up of 3 representatives of QROOI, 2 representatives of the racetrack and 2 members at large.</i>
<i>OHHA</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>HBPA</i>	<i>3</i>	
<i>COSA</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Jockey's Benefit Association</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Northern ON Horsemen</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Racetrack Operators reps</i>	<i>2</i>	
<i>National Capital Region HHA</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>CTHS – ON Division</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Standardbred Canada</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Industry Member "At Large"</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>SBOA</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>11</i>	
<i>Racetrack Operators</i>	<i>3</i>			
<i>Industry Member "At Large"</i>	<i>5</i>			
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>16</i>			

Associations and the racetracks are responsible for advising the ORC who will be representing their group at the meetings and providing their contact information.

The ORC encourages interested people from the horse racing community to nominate themselves to serve as an "Industry Member At Large".

The ORC is inviting individuals with broad industry experience to apply. Candidates for the Industry Members "At Large" will be selected based on a number of factors, including:

- Broad industry experience on multi levels
- Credibility within the Industry
- Influence and recognition in the industry
- Outside expertise useful to the process
- Fit in the final make-up of the working group

Individuals applying to be a Member "At Large" are asked to send their personal profiles to the Ontario Racing Commission by fax or email by February 2, to include a resume outlining their affiliations, experience with similar initiatives and a general profile of their role(s) within the industry.

Working Group members will be expected to commit to this endeavour for a period of four (4) months, although this group may be used on an ad hoc basis throughout the year, as needed to deal with issues as they arise related to the rules. It is anticipated that there will be two Standardbred meetings scheduled from late February to mid April to review the proposals received and to provide the Administration with advice and input. One to two Thoroughbred meetings will be scheduled from early March through April. Depending on the volume of rules to discuss, the Quarter Horse meetings may be held in conjunction with the Thoroughbred Meetings.

Once the proposed changes have been reviewed by the working groups, they will be cycled to the industry for public consultation. Once changes have been considered by the Board, the industry will be notified of the decisions regarding the changes through the issuance of Directives.

Working Group members will be expected to make decisions in the best interest of the industry as a whole.

We thank you in advance for your interest in this project and look forward to receiving your nomination. Your participation in the development of the rules of racing in Ontario is critical in the establishment of relevant rules in a well regulated environment.

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