

AGENDA

THOROUGHBRED RACING RULE COMMITTEE

WATERFRONT HOTEL MORGANTOWN, WV

APRIL 5, 2016 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Discussion of Committee process and Racing Commission rule-making process
3. Agenda Items proposed by committee members:
 - A. (Rosemary Williams) To amend § 42.3 a. of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule as follows:

With the exception of apprentice allowances, handicap races, there (3) year old horses entered to run in races against horses four (4) years old and upwards, and the allowance provided in subdivision 42.3b., no jockey shall be assigned a weight of less than one hundred eighteen (118) pounds. For three (3) year old horses entered to run in races against horses four (4) years old and upwards from ~~January 1 through August 31~~, no jockey shall be assigned a weight of less than one hundred sixteen (116) pounds.

- B. (Rosemary Williams) To amend § 39.3.a. of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule as follows:

Two (2) or more horses which ~~are entered in a race shall be joined as a mutual entry and constitute one (1) betting interest if they are owned or leased in whole or part by the same owner or are trained by a trainer who owns or leases any interest in any of the other horses in a race, except that such entries may be uncoupled in stake races, futurities or special events.~~

- C. (Rosemary Williams) To amend § 39.2.c. of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule regarding entries to accommodate entries made over the telephone.

- D. (Rosemary Williams) To amend § 37.4. of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule regarding claiming races to allow claims to be announced by the track announcer to the prior to the running of the race, particularly when horse is being claimed back by former owner/trainer.

- E. (Danny Wright) To eliminate the requirement in § 45.2.b. of the Thoroughbred Racing Rule requiring a jockey to wear a number on his/her right arm to correspond with the number on the saddle cloth.

F. (Erich Zimny) §178-1-6. Ejection/Exclusion.

6.1. Any person ejected by the stewards or the association from the grounds of an association shall be denied admission to the grounds until permission for his or her reentry has been obtained from the association and the Racing Commission. However, all occupational permit holders who are ejected have the right of appeal to the Racing Commission.

6.2. The stewards or the association have the power to suspend or exclude from the stands and grounds persons acting improperly or whose behavior is otherwise objectionable. The stewards shall enforce the suspension or exclusion.

6.3. When a person is excluded from a racetrack or is suspended, he or she is not qualified, whether acting as agent or otherwise, to subscribe for, to enter, or run any horse in any race either in his or her own name or in that of any other person until the stewards rescind their penalty.

G. (Erich Zimny) § 24.b.3.6. To reconstruct the rule relating to drugs and alcohol based upon permit classifications.

H. (Maria Catagnani) To amend the rule to uncouple entries where there is no commonality in ownership.

I. (Maria Catagnani) To adopt a rule to recognize waiver claiming.

J. (Maria Catagnani) To adopt a rule to require a claim for a horse to be voided if it dies on the racetrack or is euthanized on the racetrack and to adopt a rule that allows a claim to be voided by the new owner for a period of one hour after the race if a horse is vanned off the track at the direction of the State Veterinarian.

K. (Libby Daniel) To amend § 49.7.f.1. to allow practicing veterinarians to observe/scope horses to allow them to be eligible for lasix.

L. (Kelli Talbott) To amend the rule to require permit holders and licensees to cooperate with the Racing Commission, the Stewards and their agents in any investigation of a possible rule violation; to make such cooperation a condition of the issuance and holding of a permit and license issued by the Racing Commission; and to allow the Commission and the Stewards to take disciplinary action if there is a failure to cooperate.

M. (Kelli Talbott) To amend § 24.14.b. regarding the requirement to report rule violations to require that such reporting be done immediately or within a specified period of time of short duration after discovery.

4. Model Rules/Mid-Atlantic Initiatives:

A. To update **Table D** in the Rule, the RCI Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances, to current version published by RCI

B. To update **Table F** in the Rule, the RCI Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule.

C. To amend the Out-of-Competition Testing Rule, § 49.13., to expand substances for which testing may be conducted and to expand the rule to reflect the Mid-Atlantic initiative.

D. To amend the rule to require trainers to keep records of all corticosteroid joint injections to horses, to require submission of the records to the Commission within 48 hours of treatment, and to require that if a horse is claimed that records of joint injections be provided to the person who claimed the horse.