

HARNESS DEFINITIONS – CHAPTER 19

ARCI-019-005 Purpose

To provide definition for commonly used terms in the rules. These definitions are used throughout the harness racing rules adopted by the Commission.

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ARCI-019-010 Terms

- (1) **Added Money Event** includes stakes, futurities, early closing races, and late closing races as further defined in these rules.
- (2) **Advertised Purse** is that amount offered for an event by the track member, sponsor, or presenter and does not include nomination, sustaining, or starting fees.
- (3) **Age** of a horse shall be reckoned from the first day of January of the year of foaling.
- (4) **Also Eligible** pertains to a horse, properly declared, which was not drawn for inclusion in a race, but which became eligible according to preference or lot if an entry is scratched prior to the release time.
- (5) **Appeal** is a request for the Commission or its designee to review a decision or ruling of the judges.
- (6) **Association Grounds** is all real property utilized by the association in the conduct of its race meeting, including the racetrack, grandstand, concession stands, offices, barns, stable area, employee housing facilities and parking lots and any other areas under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- (7) **Authorized Agent** is a person licensed by the Commission and appointed by a written instrument, signed and acknowledged before a notary public or commissioner for oath by the owner on whose behalf the agent will act.
- (8) **Betting Interest** is one or more horses in a pari-mutuel contest which are identified by a separate program number for wagering purposes.
- (9) **Break** is the racing of a horse at other than the gait designated by the conditions of and the declaration to a race.
- (10) **Bleeder** is a horse which has demonstrated external evidence of exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage.
- (11) **Bleeder List** is a tabulation of all bleeders to be maintained by the Commission.
- (12) **Breeder** is the owner or lessee of the horse's dam at the time of breeding.
- (13) **Claiming Race** is a race in which a horse may be claimed in conformance with the rules.
- (14) **Classified Race** is a race in which entries are selected by the racing secretary on the basis of ability and/or past performance.
- (15) **Conditioned Race** is an overnight race to which eligibility is determined according to specified conditions which include age, sex, earnings, number of starts, and position of finishes.

- (16) **Conditions** are qualifications which determine a horse's eligibility to be declared in a race.
- (17) **Coupled Entry** is two or more contestants in a contest that are treated as a single betting interest for pari-mutuel wagering purposes (also see "Entry").
- (18) **Dead Heat** is the finish of a race in which the noses of two or more horses reach the finish line at the same time.
- (19) **Declaration** is the naming of a particular horse as a starter in a particular race.
- (20) **Distanced** means that a horse finishes more than 25 lengths behind the winning horse.
- (21) **Draw** is the process of assigning post positions and the process of selecting contestants in a manner to ensure compliance with the conditions of the rules of racing.
- (22) **Driver** is a person who is licensed by the Commission to drive in a race.
- (23) **Early Closing Event** is a race to which nominations close at least six weeks preceding the date of the race. All monies offered for the race by a track or sponsor shall be in addition to all nomination, sustaining, and starting payments to determine the purse. All payments are forfeits.
- (24) **Elimination Heats** are the individual heats of a race in which the contestants must qualify for a final heat.
- (25) **Entry** includes:
 - (a) a horse eligible for and declared in a race; or
 - (b) two or more horses, declared in the same, race, which have common ties of ownership, lease, training, or driving (see **Coupled Entry**).
- (26) **Exhibition Race** is a race on which no wagering is permitted.
- (27) **Exercise Driver** is a person who is licensed by the Commission to exercise horses.
- (28) **Foreign Substance** is any substance, except those which exist naturally in the untreated horse at normal physiological concentration, and shall include all narcotics, stimulants, depressants or other drugs or medications of any type.
- (29) **Forfeit** is:
 - (a) money paid into a race which is non-refundable:or,
 - (b) due from a licensee because of error, fault, neglect of duty, breach of contract or a penalty imposed by the judges or Commission.
- (30) **Furosemide List** means a tabulation of all horses eligible to participate in a race with furosemide in its system.
- (31) **Handicap** is a race in which performance, claiming price, sex or distance allowance is made. Post positions for a handicap may be assigned by the racing secretary. Post positions in handicap claiming races shall be determined by claiming price prior to application of allowances.

- (32) **Horse** is any equine (including and designated as a mare, filly, stallion, colt, spayed mare, ridgling or gelding) registered for racing; specifically, an entire male 5 years of age and older.
- (33) **In Harness** when a race is made to go "in harness" it shall be construed to mean that the performance while hooked to a sulky as described in these definitions.
- (34) **Inquiry** is an investigation by the judges in a contest prior to declaring the result of the contest official.
- (35) **Judge** is a duly appointed racing official with powers and duties specified by the Act and the rules.
- (36) **Late Closing Event** means a race to which nominations close less than six weeks and not less than 3 days or more than five days before the date on which the race is to be contested. All monies offered for the race by a track or sponsor shall be in addition to all nomination, sustaining, and starting payments to determine the purse. All payments are forfeits. Time bars or track qualifying standards shall not be used as conditions for late closing races.
- (37) **Length** is equal to one-fifth second as determined by the photo-finish.
- (38) **Maiden** is a horse which at the time of starting has never won a heat or a race at the gate at which it is declared to start for which a purse is offered excluding schooling races.
- (39) **Maiden Race** is a contest restricted to non-winners at the time of declaration.
- (40) **Matinee Race** is a race in which an entrance fee may be charged and where the premiums, if any, are other than money.
- (41) **Nervng** means to use drugs, surgery, alcohol, cryogenic techniques, laser therapy, or any other means to affect a temporary or permanent blocking of the nerve(s).
- (42) **No Contest** is a race voided for any reason by the judges.
- (43) **Nomination** is the naming of a horse to a certain race or series of races generally accompanied by payment of a prescribed fee.
- (44) **Nominator** is the person or entity in whose name a horse is nominated for a race or series of races.
- (45) **Objection** is a verbal claim of foul in a race lodged by the horse's driver, trainer, owner, or the owner's authorized agent before the race is declared official.
- (46) **Off Time** is the moment at which, on the signal of the official starter, the horses are officially dispatched in each contest.
- (47) **Official Starter** is the official responsible for dispatching the horses for a race.
- (48) **Official Time** is the elapsed time from the moment the first horse crosses the starting point until the first horse crosses the finish line.
- (49) **Optional Claiming Race** is a contest restricted to horses entered to be claimed for a stated claiming price and to which have started previously for that price or less. In the case of horses entered to be claimed in such a race, the race shall be considered, for the purpose of these rules, a claiming race. In the case of horses not entered to be claimed in such a race, the race shall be considered a conditioned race.

- (50) **Overnight Race** is a contest for which declarations close not more than five days before the date on which it will be contested.
- (51) **Owner** is a person who holds any title, right or interest, whole or partial in a horse, including the lessee and lessor of a horse.
- (52) **Paddock** is an enclosure in which horses scheduled to compete in a contest are confined prior to racing.
- (53) **Pari-Mutuel Wagering** is a form of wagering on the outcome of an event in which all wagers are pooled and held by an association for distribution of the total amount, less the deductions authorized by law, to holders of tickets on the winning horses.
- (54) **Post Position** is the pre-assigned position from which a horse starts a race.
- (55) **Post Time** is the scheduled starting time for a contest.
- (56) **Protest** is a written complaint filed with the judges prior to the running of a race alleging a breach of the rules or conditions that a horse is ineligible to race.
- (57) **Purse** is the total dollar amount for which a race is contested.
- (58) **Race** is a contest between horses at a licensed race meeting.
- (59) **Race meeting** is the specified period and dates each year during which an association is authorized to conduct racing and/or pari-mutuel wagering by approval of the Commission.
- (60) **Record** is the fastest time at a mile by a horse in a heat or dash which it won
- (61) **Standardbred Canada (SC)** is Canada's national racing body incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act of Canada responsible to the Federal Ministry of Agriculture Canada. It is the official breed registry for standardbreds which governs registration and identification. As well, Standardbred Canada is the official Canadian central regulatory body for maintaining racing, driver, and training statistics. Licensing of owners, trainers, drivers, grooms, and officials is part of its standard setting mandate.
- (62) **Sample** is any body substance including but not limited to blood or urine taken from a horse under the supervision of the regulatory body(ies) for the purpose of analysis.
- (63) **Satisfactory Charted Line** is one that meets the qualifying standards at the track at which a horse participates.
- (64) **Scoring** is the preliminary practice given to horses after the post parade and prior to being called to line up for the start of a race by the official starter.
- (65) **Scratch** is the act of withdrawing a declared horse from a contest after the closing of declarations.
- (66) **Stable Name** is a name used other than the actual legal name of an owner or lessee and registered with the United States Trotting Association (USTA), or Standardbred Canada (SC), and the Commission.
- (67) **Stake or Stakes Race** is a race which will be contested in a year subsequent to its closing in which all monies given by the sponsor and/or track member conducting

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same is added to all nomination, sustaining, and starting payments to determine the purse.

- (68) **Starter** is a horse which becomes an actual contestant in a race when the horse has passed the fair start pole and the official starter has started the race, unless otherwise determined by the judges.
- (69) **Sulky** is a dual wheel racing vehicle with dual shafts not exceeding the height of the horse's withers. Shafts must be hooked separately on each side.
- (70) **Sweepstakes** means a stakes race.
- (71) **Two in Three Race** is a race in which a horse must win two heats to be entitled to first place money.
- (72) **United States Trotting Association (USTA)** is the recognized breed registry in the United States of Standardbred Horses.
- (73) **Walkover** is a race in which only one horse starts or in which all the starters are owned by the same interest. To claim the purse the horse(s) must start and go the distance of the race.
- (74) **Winner** is the horse whose nose reaches the finish line first or is placed first through disqualification by the judges.

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