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## LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION

# AMENDED MEETING NOTICE

THE LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A MEETING AT 10:00AM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022 IN MOJO'S SPORTS BAR OF THE EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO, 2235 CRESWELL LANE EXTENSION, OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA. INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING IN PERSON. ALTERNATELY, INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING ONLINE VIA ZOOM BY ENTERING MEETING ID 810 9435 0863 AND ENTERING PASSCODE 954779. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY PHONE USING THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS THAT ARE CLOSEST TO THEIR PROXIMITY: (346) 248-7799 FOR HOUSTON, TX; (669) 900-6833 FOR SAN JOSE, CA; (929) 205-6099 FOR NEW YORK, NY; (253) 215-8782 FOR TACOMA, WA; (301) 715-8592 FOR WASHINGTON DC; (312) 626-6799 FOR CHICAGO, IL. ALL PHONE PARTICIPANTS MUST ENTER MEETING ID 810 9435 0863 AND ENTER PASSCODE 954779. ZOOM AND PHONE GUESTS MUST IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO SPEAK BEFORE MAKING COMMENTS.

### APPROVAL OF JANUARY 18, 2022 & JANUARY 28, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

#### I. ADJUDICATIONS

##### A. CARELESS RIDING APPEAL (LA. REV. STAT. 4:154)

###### 1. Joe B. Stokes, Jockey.

Ruling#DD24666 of 12/20/21 – *Careless Riding.*

*Appeal Withdrawn*

##### B. VIOLATIONS OF LAC 35:I.1797 (Equine Positives)

###### 1. Rosendo Valdez, Jr. Trainer. (*Adjudications Referred*)

Ruling#LD24766 of 03/01/22 – *Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)*

Ruling#LD24783 of 03/06/22 – *Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)*

Ruling#LD24784 of 03/06/22 – *Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)*

Ruling#LD24790 of 03/09/22 – *Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)*

Ruling#LD24822 of 03/28/22 – *Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)*

Ruling#LD24823 of 03/28/22 – *Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)*

Ruling#LD24824 of 03/29/22 – *Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)*

Ruling#LD24825 of 03/29/22 – *Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)*

2. **Lanny D. Keith, Trainer.** (*Adjudications Referred*)  
 Ruling#LD24774 of 03/02/22 – Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)  
 Ruling#LD24775 of 03/02/22 – Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)  
 Ruling#LD24782 of 03/05/22 – Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)  
 Ruling#LD24789 of 03/09/22 – Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)
3. **Manuel Pizana, Trainer.** (*Adjudications Referred*)  
 Ruling#LD24767 of 03/01/22 – Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)  
 Ruling#LD24768 of 03/01/22 – Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)  
 Ruling#LD24788 of 03/09/22 – Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)  
 Ruling#LD24808 of 03/23/22 – Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)
4. **Manuel H. Macias, Trainer.** (*Adjudications Referred*)  
 Ruling#LD24770 of 03/02/22 – Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)  
 Ruling#LD24773 of 03/02/22 – Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)  
 Ruling#LD24791 of 03/09/22 – Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)
5. **Fernando Lopez, Trainer.** (*Adjudications Referred*)  
 Ruling#LD24801 of 03/20/22 – Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)  
 Ruling#LD24802 of 03/20/22 – Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)

**C. VIOLATION OF LA. REV. STAT. 4:175(E) (Unnatural Stimulation of Horses)  
 & LAC 35:I.1743 (Possession of Drugs, Syringes or Needles)**

1. **Hance “Ray” Robbins, Trainer.** (*Adjudication Referral*)  
 Ruling#DD24761 of 02/24/22 – Possession of prohibited drugs, hypodermic needles & syringes

**D. VIOLATIONS OF LAC 35:I.1791 (Testing for Dangerous Substance Abuse)**

1. **Bethany L. Taylor, Jockey.** (*Adjudication Appealed*)  
 Ruling#DD24706 of 01/12/22 – Human Drug Testing (1<sup>st</sup> offense)
2. **Kalee A. Mancha, Specimen Collector.** (*Adjudication Referred*)  
 Ruling#DD24758 of 02/23/22 – Tampering with a Human Urine Sample

**E. VIOLATIONS OF LAC 35:I.1705, et seq. (Electrical Devices),  
 LA. REV. STAT. 4:175(E) (Electrical Device & Willful Pulling of Reins),  
 & LAC 46:XLI.739 (Rider Wagering)**

1. **Joseph W. Patin, Jr., Jockey.** (*Adjudications Referred*)  
 Ruling#ED21280 of 8/14/15 – Electrical Device  
 Ruling#ED21281 of 8/14/15 – Electrical Device  
 Ruling#ED21304 of 8/28/15 – Pulling of Reins & Rider Wagering

*Continued from January 18, 2022 Commission Meeting*

## II. LICENSE APPROVALS

**A. REQUESTS FOR LICENSE APPROVAL (LA. REV. STAT. 4:150(B))**

1. **Marquis D. Watson, Owner.** Convicted felon.
2. **Jonathan C. Barnes, Owner.** Convicted felon.
3. **Billy C. Patin, Exercise Rider.** Approval of Non-Jockey License.  
 Lifetime Ban from Licensure as a Jockey.

**B. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF SENTENCE/REINSTATEMENT**

1. **Jonas Gibson, Trainer.** Seeking reduction of suspension/reinstatement of license.

*Continued from January 18, 2022 Commission Meeting*

**III. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS**

**A. BOYD RACING, LLC d/b/a DELTA DOWNS RACETRACK, CASINO & HOTEL**

**1. PROGRESS REPORT**

**2. LIGHTING DISCUSSION**

- a. **Update** on Delta Downs' racetrack lighting suitability for nighttime racing by Lighting Expert.

**2022 QUARTER HORSE MEET**

**3. RACES**

- a. **Approval** of first condition book for 2022 quarter horse meet.

- b. **Approval** of designated races for 2022 quarter horse meet:

04/29/22 Delta Dash  
04/29/22 The Old South Derby Trails  
04/30/22 Open Me A Corona  
04/30/22 The Old South Futurity Trails  
05/04/22 Lassie Futurity Trials (2 Days)  
05/05/22 Lassie Futurity Trials (2 Days)  
05/06/22 Laddie Futurity Trials  
05/20/22 The Old South Derby  
05/21/22 The Old South Futurity  
05/21/22 Mothers Day  
05/27/22 Lassie Futurity  
05/28/22 Vinton  
05/28/22 Laddie Futurity  
06/04/22 Miss Polly Classic  
06/11/22 Virgil Bond  
06/17/22 Firecracker Derby Trials  
06/18/22 Firecracker Futurity Trials  
06/22/22 Vals Fortune  
06/23/22 Delta Downs Derby Trails  
06/24/22 Lee Berwick Futurity Trials  
07/08/22 Firecracker Derby  
07/08/22 Develop A Plan  
07/09/22 Firecracker Futurity  
07/16/22 Louisiana Starter  
07/16/22 Live Oak  
07/16/22 Flashy Hemp  
07/16/22 Flying Breed Stakes  
07/16/22 Louisiana Juvenile  
07/16/22 Louisiana Classic  
07/16/22 Delta Downs Derby  
07/16/22 Lee Berwick Futurity

**4. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**

- a. **Approval** of officials for 2022 quarter horse meet:

Chris Warren – Director of Racing  
John Simon – Racing Secretary  
Danielle Williamson – Asst. Racing Secretary  
Freddie Carrier Jr. and Bobby Granger – Association Stewards  
Duane Domingue – Paddock Judge

Jeff Jerman, Baylee Istre, and Mark Gilbert – Outriders  
 Aaron Pelt – Track Superintendent  
 Jess Chance – Stall Superintendent  
 Jeremy Courville – Starter  
 Anthony Gray – Clerk of Scales  
 Oscar Lopez – Head Clocker  
 Melissa Dueitt – Horse Identifier  
 Steve Nick – Jocks Room Custodian  
 Sara Lopez – Program Coordinator  
 Mohamed Alikhan, Sara Lopez, and Amber Mason\* – Placing  
 Judges/Racing Office Staff  
 \*new officials

### **2022-2023 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

#### **5. LICENSE APPROVALS**

##### **a. Approval for 2022-2023 thoroughbred meet:**

1. For 10 year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158 & R.S. 4:214
2. For 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. To serve as concessionaire

#### **6. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES**

##### **a. Approval for 2022-2023 thoroughbred meet:**

1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat
2. 84 thoroughbred race dates (10/12/22 through 2/25/23)
 

October	5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29
November	2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,22,23,25,26,30
December	1,2,3,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,19,20,21,22,27,28,29,30
January	4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21,25,26,27,28
February	1,2,3,4,8,9,10,11,15,16,17,18,22,23,24,25
3. Hold minimum of 9 live thoroughbred races daily Wednesday through Saturday with the exception of live racing on the following days:
  - Tuesday November 22, 2022
  - Monday, December 19, 2022
  - Tuesday December 20, 2022
  - Tuesday December 27, 2022
4. Dark – no live racing on the following days:
  - Thursday, November 24, 2022
  - Friday, December 23, 2022
  - Saturday, December 24, 2022
5. Daily post time:
  - 4:55 PM Wednesdays through Saturdays with the following exceptions:
  - 12:55 PM on November 22 & 23 and December 19, 20 & 27

#### **7. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)**

##### **a. Approval for wagering format for 2022-2023 thoroughbred meet:**

1. \$1 WPS & Exacta on all races
2. 50¢ Trifecta on all races with 5 or more entries
3. 10¢ Superfecta on all races with 6 or more entries
4. 50¢ Rolling Pick 3 on all races
5. 50¢ Pick 4 on Races 2-5 & the last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
6. 50¢ Pick 5 on first 5 races & last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
7. \$1 Rolling Daily Double on all races

**B. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC  
d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO**

**1. PROGRESS REPORT**

**2. TURF TRACK**

- a. **Update** on the current status of Evangeline Downs' turf track.

**2022 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

**3. RACES**

- a. **Ratification** of first condition book for 2022 thoroughbred meet.

- b. **Ratification** of designated races for 2022 thoroughbred meet:

04/15/22 Acadiana  
04/16/22 Lafayette  
05/06/22 EvD Distaff  
05/07/22 EvD Classic  
06/04/22 Louisiana Legends Turf Distaff  
06/04/22 Louisiana Legends Turf  
06/04/22 Louisiana Legends Sprint  
06/04/22 Louisiana Legends Mademoiselle  
06/04/22 Louisiana Legends Cheval  
06/04/22 Louisiana Legends Soiree  
07/01/22 Opelousas  
07/02/22 John Henry  
08/05/22 Spotted Horse  
08/06/22 Evangeline Mile  
08/26/22 D.S. "Shine" Young (Filly Division)  
08/27/22 D.S. "Shine" Young (Colts & Geldings Division)

**4. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**

- a. **Ratification** of officials for 2022 thoroughbred meet:

Chris Warren – Director of Racing Operations  
Corey Veazey – Racing Secretary  
Ashley Simon – Assistant Racing Secretary/Stakes Coordinator  
Frank Rudis – Association Steward  
Mark Guidry – Association Steward  
Randall Leger – Track Superintendent  
Julie Gipson – Identifier  
Traci Vickers – Paddock Judge  
Vincent Cline – Clerk of Scales  
Damon Menard – Jockey Room Custodian  
Sandra Calais – Claims Clerk/Alternate Placing Judge  
Krista Romero – Placing Judge  
Kaitlyn Jason – Placing Judge  
Melanie Patterson – Placing Judge  
Brett Poole – Clocker  
Ray Sibille – Clocker  
Russell Comeaux – Starter  
Jacob Deville – Outrider  
\*Michelle Richard – Outrider  
\*Robert Bouget – Outrider  
Magdalena Garza – Silks Coordinator

*\*new officials*

**2022 QUARTER HORSE MEET****5. LICENSE APPROVALS****a. Approval for 2022 quarter horse meet:**

1. For 10 year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158 & R.S. 4:214
2. For 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 *et seq.*
3. To serve as concessionaire
4. To operate as official training facility during off-season

**6. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES****a. Approval for 2022 quarter horse meet:**

1. Quarter horse racing on the flat
2. 46 quarter horse dates (10/5/22 through 12/20/22):
 

October	5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29
November	2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,22,23,25,26,30
December	1,2,3,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,19,20
3. Hold minimum of 8 live quarter horse races daily (Wednesday through Saturday)
4. Daily post time 5:35 PM.

**7. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)****a. Approval for wagering format for 2022 quarter horse meet:**

1. WPS & Exacta on all races
2. Rolling Daily Double beginning with Race 1
3. Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§11115)
4. Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 2
5. Pick 4 on first 4 and last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
6. Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§11701)
7. Pick 5 on last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4

**C. CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSE RACING COMPANY, LLC****d/b/a FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS****1. PROGRESS REPORT****2. REQUEST TO TRANSFER 2022 QH RACE MEET**

- a. Discussion** of Fair Grounds' September 30, 2022 deadline to meet Phase 1 obligations of Consent Decree with the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Justice.
- b. Approval** of Fair Grounds' Plan to Transfer 2022 Quarter Horse Race Dates and Purses.

**2022 QUARTER HORSE MEET****3. LICENSE APPROVALS****a. Approval for 2022 quarter horse meet:**

1. 10 year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158 & R.S. 4:214
2. 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 *et seq.*
3. To serve as concessionaire

**4. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES****a. Approval for 2022 quarter horse meet:**

1. Quarter horse racing on the flat
2. 10 quarter horse dates (8/18/22 through 9/10/22)
 

August	18,19,20,26,27
September	2,3,8,9,10
3. Hold a minimum of 9 live quarter horse races daily.
4. Daily post time 12:00 PM

**5. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)**

- a. **Approval** for wagering format for 2022 quarter horse meet:
  - 1. WPS and Exactas on all races
  - 2. Trifectas and Superfectas on all races that qualify
  - 3. Rolling Pick 3 beginning on Race 1
  - 4. Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1
  - 5. Up to 4 Pick 4's using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
  - 6. Up to 3 Pick 5's using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1 with Carryover

**2022-2023 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

**6. LICENSE APPROVALS**

- a. **Approval** for 2022-2023 thoroughbred meet:
  - 1. For 10 year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158 & R.S. 4:214
  - 2. For 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
  - 3. To serve as concessionaire

**7. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES**

- a. **Approval** for 2022-2023 thoroughbred meet:
  - 1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat
  - 2. 80 thoroughbred race dates (11/18/22 through 3/26/23)
    - November 18,19,24,25,26,27
    - December 1,2,3,4,8,9,10,11,15,16,17,18,19,22,23,26,29,30,31
    - January 1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,16,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29
    - February 2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,20,21,23,24,25,26
    - March 1,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,22,23,24,25,26
  - 3. Hold a minimum of 9 live thoroughbred races daily.
  - 4. Daily post time 1:15 PM with the following exceptions:
    - 12:00PM post time on November 24, 2022, December 10 & 26, 2022, January 21, 2023, February 18, 2023, and March 25, 2023.

**8. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)**

- a. **Approval** for wagering format for 2022-2023 thoroughbred meet:
  - 1. WPS and Exactas on all races
  - 2. Trifectas and Superfectas on all races that qualify
  - 3. Rolling Pick 3 beginning on Race 1
  - 4. Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1
  - 5. Up to Four Pick 4's using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
  - 6. Up to Three Pick 5's using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1 with Carryover

**D. LOUISIANA DOWNS INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC  
d/b/a LOUISIANA DOWNS CASINO & RACETRACK**

**1. PROGRESS REPORT**

**2022 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

**2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**

- a. **Approval** of officials for 2022 thoroughbred meet:
  - Russell Ramstad – Racing Secretary (Interim)
  - Tammy Peck – Assistant Racing Secretary/Horse Identifier
  - Falyn Holmes – Paddock Judge
  - Charles Magee – Association Steward
  - Melvin Holland – Association Steward
  - Jimmy Cordell – Starter
  - Raleigh Cox – Clerk of Scales
  - Arnold Mueller - Custodian
  - Koleen Karlin – Placing Judge
  - \*Jason Meaux – Placing Judge

- \*Jordan Jerman – Placing Judge
- Lisa Lombardino – Program Coordinator/Claims
- Betty Fetters – Clocker
- Kenneth Loggins – Clocker
- Laura Hollowoa – Outrider
- Juan Roman – Outrider
- \*Willie Lavergne – Outrider
- \*Beverly Burress – Outrider (On Call)
- \*new officials

- b. **Approval of Roy Wood, Jr. to serve as state steward for 2022 thoroughbred meet.**

#### **IV. BREEDER UPDATES**

- A. LOUISIANA THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LTBA)**
  - 1. PROGRESS REPORT**
- B. LOUISIANA QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LQHBA)**
  - 1. PROGRESS REPORT**

#### **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. MEDICATION COMMITTEE, by Committee Chair Patrick Bernard**
- B. RULES COMMITTEE, by Committee Chair Lane T. Cortez**
- C. LEGAL COMMITTEE, by Committee Chair Thomas B. Calvert**
- D. SECURITY COMMITTEE, by Committee Chair Louis Reine**
- E. RACETRACK/HBPA LIAISON COMMITTEE, by Committee Chair Donald “Don” Cravins**
- F. FINANCE COMMITTEE, by Committee Chair Leslie Bouie**
- G. RACING DAYS COMMITTEE, by Committee Chair Mike R. McHalfey**

#### **VI. OTHER**

- A. ANNUAL RENEWAL OF TRAINING TRACK APPLICATIONS:**
  - 1. Review of applications for training track licenses pursuant to LAC 46: XLI.1903-1907.**
    - a. Benton Training Center (The Training Center Improvements, Inc.)**
    - b. The Training Center at Copper Crowne, LLC**
    - c. Folsom Thoroughbred Training Center Owners Association, Inc.**
- B. LAHBPA REQUESTS**
  - 1. Discussion of LaHBPA’s request to end LSRC’s piroplasmosis testing.**
  - 2. Discussion of LaHBPA’s request to require an independent track surface expert’s evaluation prior to the start of race meets.**



## VII. RULES

### A. DISCUSSION/NOTICES OF INTENT:

1. LAC 35:VII Chapter 89 – Whips  
*§8902. Use of Riding Crop in Thoroughbred Races [new]*
2. LAC 35:XI Chapter 99 – Claiming Rule  
*§9911. Claiming Procedures [amend]*  
*§9913. Vesting of Title; Tests [amend]*  
*§9914. Voided and Voidable Claims [new]*  
*§9949. Purse to Claim Price Ratio [new]*
3. LAC 46:XLI Chapter 3 – Trainer  
*§321. Horses Suspended Concurrent with Trainer [new]*

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT



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Charles A. Gardiner III  
Executive Director

This notice was posted by the entrance of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 4:30PM.

**RULE FOR DISCUSSION/NOTICE OF INTENT  
AT APRIL 26, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING**

**Title 35  
HORSE RACING  
Part VII. Equipment and Colors**

**Chapter 89. Whips**

**§8902. Use of Riding Crop in Thoroughbred Races**

A. Although the use of a riding crop is not required, a jockey who uses a riding crop during a thoroughbred race shall do so only in a manner consistent with exerting his or her best efforts to win.

B. In any thoroughbred race in which a jockey will ride without a riding crop, an announcement of that fact shall be made over the public address system.

C. An electrical or mechanical device or other expedient designed to increase or retard the speed of a horse in a thoroughbred race, other than a riding crop approved by the stewards, shall not be possessed by anyone, or applied by anyone to a horse at any time at a location under the jurisdiction of the commission.

D. A riding crop shall not be used on a two-year-old horse in thoroughbred races before April 1 of each year.

E. Allowable uses of a riding crop in thoroughbred races include the following:

1. the riding crop may be used at any time, without penalty, if, in the opinion of the stewards, the riding crop is used to avoid a dangerous situation or preserve the safety of other riders or horses in a race;

2. use of the riding crop in the overhand fashion for a total of six times from the three-eighths pole to the finish line, only to be used two times in succession and then must give a horse a chance to respond;

3. if necessary during a race, a riding crop may be used in a backhanded fashion on the hindquarters from the three-eighths to the finish line. This use will not be counted toward the use of the crop six times in the overhand fashion;

4. tapping the horse on the shoulder with the crop in the down position, while both hands are holding onto the reins and both hands are touching the neck of the horse; and

5. showing or waving the crop without contact with the horse and giving the horse time to respond before striking the horse.

F. Use of the riding crop to make contact with a horse to maintain focus and concentration, to control the horse for safety of the horse and rider, or to encourage a horse is allowed in thoroughbred races, with the following exceptions:

1. in any manner, other than backhanded on the hindquarters as set forth in Paragraph 3 of Subsection E, tapping on the shoulder as set forth in Paragraph 4 of Subsection E, or resulting in more than six times in the overhand manner as set forth in Paragraph 2 of Subsection E;

2. the riding crop shall not be used more than twice in succession and the horse must be given a chance to respond before using it again;

a. “Chance to respond” is defined as one of the following actions by a jockey:

i. pausing the use of the riding crop on their horse before resuming again;

ii. pushing on their horse with a rein in each hand, keeping the riding crop in the up or down position;

iii. showing the horse the riding crop without making contact; or

iv. moving the riding crop from one hand to the other.

3. with the rider's wrist above helmet height;

4. on the head, flanks, or on any other part of its body other than the shoulders or hindquarters;

5. during the post parade or after the finish of the race except if necessary to control the horse;

6. excessive or brutal use of the crop causing injury to the horse;

7. causing welts or breaks in the skin;

8. if the horse is clearly out of the race or has obtained its maximum placing; and

9. if the horse is showing no response.

G. A riding crop shall not be used to strike another person.

H. Use of the crop during workouts shall be permitted so long as such use does not violate Subsection F of this rule.

I. The giving of instructions by any licensee that, if obeyed, would lead to a violation of this Section may result in disciplinary action also being taken against the licensee who gave the instructions.

J. Only padded/shock absorbing riding crops approved by the stewards, which have not been modified in any way, may be carried in a thoroughbred race.

K. During a thoroughbred race, if a jockey rides in a manner contrary to this Rule, at the stewards' discretion, the stewards may impose a warning or fine of \$100 to \$500 or a suspension. If in the opinion of the stewards the violation is egregious or intentional, the stewards have the discretion to impose both a fine and a suspension. Factors in determining whether a violation is egregious include, but are not limited to:

1. recent history of similar violations;

2. number of uses over the total and consecutive limits described; and

3. using the crop in the overhanded position more than six times.

**RULES FOR DISCUSSION/NOTICE OF INTENT  
AT APRIL 26, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING**

**Title 35  
HORSE RACING  
Part XI. Claiming Rules and Engagements**

**Chapter 99. Claiming Rule**

**§9911. Claiming Procedures**

A. All claims shall be signed, sealed, time stamped and deposited in a locked box provided for that purpose in a designated place, at least 15 minutes prior to post time for each race. The claim box shall be opened by the stewards and all claims shall remain in their possession. The claim envelopes shall not be opened by the stewards earlier than 10 minutes prior to post time for the designated race. Notification will be made by the stewards to the proper officials of any claim or claims, if any. No money shall accompany the claim. Each person desiring to make a claim, unless he shall have such amount to his credit with the horsemen's bookkeeper, must first deposit with the horsemen's bookkeeper the whole amount of his claim in cash, for which a receipt will be given. If more than one person shall enter a claim for the same horse, the disposition of the horse shall be decided by lot by one of the stewards or his deputy, and the person so determined to have the right of the claim shall become the owner of the horse whether it be alive or dead, sound or unsound or injured during the race or after it, except as otherwise provided by voided and voidable claims sections. Any horse, other than the winner, that has been claimed, shall be taken to the paddock after the race has been run, for delivery to the claimant unless sent to the retention barn for delivery to the claimant after the specimen has been collected.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141, R.S. 4:142 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Racing Commission in 1971, promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Racing Commission, LR 1:497 (November 1975), amended LR 2:446 (December 1976), LR 3:42 (January 1977), LR 4:285 (August 1978),

### §9913. Vesting of Title; Tests

A. Title to a claimed horse shall be vested in the successful claimant at the time the horse becomes a starter. The successful claimant shall then become the owner of the horse whether alive or dead, sound or unsound, or injured at any time after leaving the starting gate, during the race or after, except as otherwise provided by voided and voidable claims section.

~~B. The successful claimant may request on the claim blank at the time he makes his claim that the horse be tested for the presence of equine infectious anemia via a Coggins test and/or erythropoietin and/or darbepoietin.~~

~~1. Should the test for equine infectious anemia prove positive, it shall be cause for a horse to be returned to his previous owner and barred from racing in the state of Louisiana.~~

~~2. Should the test for recombinant erythropoietin and/or darbepoietin prove positive, it shall be cause for a horse to be returned to his previous owner and barred from racing in the state of Louisiana until such time as the horse tests negative.~~

~~C. Additionally, if such erythropoietin and/or darbepoietin positive result is found, the claimant, claimant's trainer or claimant's authorized agent shall have 48 hours in which to request the claim be declared invalid, such request to be made in writing to the stewards.~~

~~D. The expense of the tests and the maintenance of the horse during the period requested for the tests shall be absorbed by the successful claimant.~~

~~E. If such tests are requested the claimed horse will be sent to the retention barn of the Louisiana State Racing Commission where the state veterinarian will draw blood samples.~~

~~1. Blood samples drawn to test for equine infectious anemia shall be sent to a laboratory approved by the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board for the conduct of such test.~~

~~2. Blood samples drawn to detect by immunoassay recombinant erythropoietin and/or darbepoietin shall be sent to the Louisiana State Racing Commission's state chemist.~~

~~F. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of the Part, a horse shall not be subject to disqualification from the race and from any share of the purse in the race, and the trainer of the horse shall not be subject to application of trainer's responsibility based upon the finding by the laboratory that erythropoietin and/or darbepoietin was present in the sample taken from that horse.~~

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**§9914. Voided and Voidable Claims**

A. A claim shall be voided if a horse is a starter as determined by the regulatory authority, and the horse:

1. Dies on the racetrack; or
2. Suffers an injury which requires the euthanasia of the horse as determined by the official veterinarian while the horse is on the racetrack.

B. A claim is voidable at the discretion of the new owner for a period of one hour after the race is made official, for any horse:

1. That is vanned off the track at the direction of the official veterinarian; or
2. That is observed by the official veterinarian to be lame or unsound while on the racetrack for that race; or
3. That is observed by the official veterinarian to have bled through its nostrils while on the track.

C. The successful claimant may request on the claim blank at the time he makes his claim that the horse be tested for the presence of equine infectious anemia via a Coggins test and/or erythropoietin and/or darbepoietin.

1. Should the test for equine infectious anemia prove positive, it shall be cause for a horse to be returned to his previous owner and barred from racing in the state of Louisiana.

2. Should the test for recombinant erythropoietin and/or darbepoietin prove positive, it shall be cause for a horse to be returned to his previous owner and barred from racing in the state of Louisiana until such time as the horse tests negative.

3. Additionally, if such erythropoietin and/or darbepoietin positive result is found, the claimant, claimant's trainer or claimant's authorized agent shall have 48 hours in which to request the claim be declared invalid, such request to be made in writing to the stewards.

4. The expense of the tests and the maintenance of the horse during the period requested for the tests shall be absorbed by the successful claimant.

5. If such tests are requested the claimed horse will be sent to the retention barn of the Louisiana State Racing Commission where the state veterinarian will draw blood samples.

a. Blood samples drawn to test for equine infectious anemia shall be sent to a laboratory approved by the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board for the conduct of such test.

b. Blood samples drawn to detect by immunoassay recombinant erythropoietin and/or darbepoietin shall be sent to the Louisiana State Racing Commission's state chemist.

6. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of the Part, a horse shall not be subject to disqualification from the race and from any share of the purse in the race, and the trainer of the horse shall not be subject to application of trainer's responsibility based upon the finding by the laboratory that erythropoietin and/or darbepoietin was present in the sample taken from that horse.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission LR

**§9949. Purse to Claim Price Ratio**

**A. The purse-to-claim price ratio in claiming races for open bred horses shall not be greater than a 3:1 ratio, except for races where supplements are added for accredited Louisiana bred horses who compete in open bred races, where the purse-to-claim price ratio shall not be greater than 4:1.**

**B. The purse-to-claim price ratio for restricted accredited Louisiana bred races shall not be greater than 4:1, except where the conditions for the race limit the entries to accredited Louisiana bred horses sired by stallions standing in the state as of the breeding date where the ratio shall not be greater than 5:1.**

**C. Modifications to Subsections A and B may be made at any duly noticed meeting of the Racing Commission.**

**1. Approved modifications shall be posted on the Racing Commission's website and posted at the Racing Commission's racetrack offices.**

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141, R.S. 4:142, and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission LR

**RULE FOR DISCUSSION/NOTICE OF INTENT  
AT APRIL 26, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING**

**Title 46  
PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS  
Part XLI. Horseracing Occupations**

**Chapter 3. Trainer**

**§321. Horses Suspended Concurrent with Trainer**

A. All horses in the charge of a trainer at the time of a violation where the trainer's license has been revoked or suspended for six months or more shall not be permitted to race during the period of such trainer's suspension. Upon application by the owners of such suspended horses, the stewards may approve the bona fide transfer of such horses to the care of another registered trainer, and upon such approved transfer, such horses may be entered to race, unless said horse is on the Veterinarian's List for a positive test.

B. The trainer must remove all signage and relinquish all assigned stalls to the track, and horses may not be transferred to any relative of the suspended trainer, current employee of the suspended trainer, or person employed by the suspended trainer within the past year of the trainer's suspension.

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