

DIRECTIVE NO. 221-2025

STANDARD BRED

The Rules Governing Horse Racing in Alberta are **AMENDED** as follows:

Chapter 3: General Horse Racing Rules, Part 2 Race Meetings\
Division 5 Race Day \ Subdivision 1 Pre-Race Preparation

The following rule is AMENDED to read:

Rule 218 g Race horses shipped in

(1) When *race horses are shipped-in to participate in a *horse race the following rules apply:

(a) the *horses must be registered for racing with and accepted for *entry by the racing secretary and be fully eligible to participate in a *race meeting in every respect in accordance with these rules, but nothing in this rule affects the right of a *licensed operator to select which horses it will accept for racing on its premises;

(b) horses must arrive as follows:

(i) a thoroughbred or quarter horse entered for a *race at any racetrack in Alberta must arrive at the *race track no later than 10:00 on the *day of the race for a Veterinarian check regardless of post-time;

(ii) a standardbred horse entered to *race at any race track in Alberta must arrive at the race track no later than 2 hours (120 minutes) in advance of the published first race post time;

(iii) standardbred horses that are part of the EIPH program must arrive four (4) hours and fifteen (15) minutes prior to their published post time but no later than two (2) hours before the published first race post time, whichever occurs first.

(c) a horse that is late arriving on race day may be *scratched by the *judges/stewards board;

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- (d) *trainers must file with the judges/stewards board the name and location of the premises in which they intend to board race horses and from which they intend to ship for racing;
- (e) the onus for the security of the horse remains with the trainer under the trainer responsibility rule and the shortest and most direct route must be taken, without stops, when race horses are shipped;
- (f) personnel entering the security area at the race track with shipped-in horses must be licensed under these rules;
- (g) a trainer racing a horse under the “ship-in” rule that tests positive for a prohibited substance may lose their ship-in privileges for at least one year, or such longer period as a judges/stewards board specifies following completion of their suspension.

(2) It is a *violation of these rules for a trainer of a shipped-in horse to fail to present their horse for an appointment at a race track.

(3) A horse that is entered to race and is stabled on or shipped onto the race track grounds, must remain on the premises until such time as the horse has raced. Exceptions would only be made by the *stewards/judges permission or in the case of an emergency.

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Dated at the City of Edmonton
in the Province of Alberta
this 7th day of April 2025.



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