

DIRECTIVE NO. 223-2025

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

Chapter 3: General Horse Racing Rules \ Part 3 Horse Racing Misconduct, Division 4 Misconduct of racing officials and racing participants

The following rule is AMENDED to read:

Rule 300 g Prohibited blood/alcohol concentrations

1. A racing official or racing participant violates these rules

(a) if their blood alcohol concentration (BAC) exceeds 50 mgs (milligrams) of alcohol in 100 mls (millilitres) of blood, a 2nd test will be administered at least 20 minutes after the first sample was obtained. The average of the 2 tests can not exceed 50 mgs (milligrams) of alcohol in 100 mls (millilitres) of blood.

(b) while unfit for work on account of the use of a prescription, medically authorized or non-prescription drug; or

(c) with a level of drugs in excess of the concentrations listed in the table below:

Oral Fluid Drug Concentration Limits:

Drugs or classes of Drugs	Screening concentration equal to or in excess of ng/ml	Confirmation concentration equal to or in excess of ng/ml	Confirmation Test includes
AMP Amphetamine	50	50	Amphetamines,
MET Methamphetamine	35		Methamphetamine, MDA, MDEA, MDMA
COC Cocaine Parent	20	8	Cocaine Metabolite, Cocaine Parent
OPI Opiates (Morphine)	20	40	Morphine, Codeine, Hydrocodone, Oxycodone, Oxymorphone, 6AM
THC Marijuana (Parent) (Delta-9 THC)	5	4	Marijuana Parent

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- (2) If a person who violates subsection (1),
- (a) is a judge or steward, that individual must be relieved of their duties immediately by the Supervisor of Racing and referred to Horse Racing Alberta;
 - (b) is a jockey or driver, that individual will be immediately removed from all mounts or drives scheduled for that day and the judges/stewards may impose a fine not more than \$500.00 on the person and suspend the licensee, or both;
 - (c) is any other Safety Sensitive position (excluding jockeys and drivers) and all other positions, that person will be immediately removed from all duties on the grounds for the day and the judges/stewards may impose a fine not more than \$500.00 on the person and suspend the licensee or both;
 - (d) all other Persons, immediate removal from all duties on the grounds and the judges/stewards may impose a fine not more than \$500.00 on the person and suspend the licensee, or both.

Rule 300 g Prohibited blood/alcohol concentrations currently state: (amended 08/19)

- (1) A racing official or racing participant violates these rules if they report to work:
- (a) with blood/alcohol concentration reading of more than 50 milligrams of alcohol in one hundred millilitres of blood;**
 - (b) while unfit for work on account of the use of a prescription, medically authorized or non-prescription drug; or
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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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