

DIRECTIVE NO. 226-2025

ALL BREEDS

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

Chapter 3: General Horse Racing Rules\ Part 3 Horse Racing Misconduct, Division 2 Rule Violations

The following rule is **ADDED** to **Rule 287 g** to read:

Rule 287 g Specific violations

(3) No licensee acting alone or in concert with another person shall compromise the welfare of a *horse for competitive or commercial reasons or subject or permit any *horse under the control, custody or supervision to be subjected to or to incur the following:

- (a) any form of cruelty, mistreatment, neglect or abuse;**
- (b) abandonment, injury, maiming or killing (except for euthanasia for humane reasons and in a manner consistent with the current version of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals);**
- (c) administration of any noxious substance; or**
- (d) deprivation of necessary care, sustenance, shelter or veterinary care.**

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If the judges or stewards board, under the recommendation of the Official Veterinarian, are satisfied that a racing participant has failed to meet the health and welfare needs of *horses, the judges/stewards board may:

- (a) assign financial penalties,
- (b) refuse entries to horse races, and/or
- (c) ban, suspend or apply conditions to the licence of the licensee.



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

Kent Verlik, Chief Executive Officer
HORSE RACING ALBERTA