

ROCKY MOUNTAIN TURF CLUB - Document for Rule Change Process to

Directive No. 241-2026

Current Wording:

“A horse is not permitted to start more than twice in any previous **twenty one (21) day** period.”

Proposed Wording:

“A horse is not permitted to start more than twice in any previous **twenty (20) day** period.”

Purpose for Change in Wording to the Proposed Wording

It gives the flexibility or the Race Secretary (Jim Ralph) to balance the race card.

In the Spring Meet at RMTC example:

If the directive were changed to read as per the “**proposed wording – 20 day period**” as above; It gives the flexibility to the Race Secretary to balance the race card.

On the last weekend in June RMTC had 8 horse that could only run on the Sunday June 28. It created a problem, but RMTC was able to work it out to accommodate the horsemen. But this was not an easy task and the 20 day rule would have elevated the situation.

In The Fall Meet at RMTC we experienced higher instances where horses could not run on the Saturday or Sunday. Our Final Weekend Oct 10, 11, 12 we had 35 horses that entered that could only run on Sunday or Monday Oct, 11 or 12, 2026. In addition with this number of horses that could only run Sunday or Monday.

Out of 24 races only 8 race could be ran on Saturday. The Saturday card was poor with no choice of trying to help owners and trainers. RMTC used these 8 races and if there would have only been 5 races our weekend race card would have consisted of Saturday 5 races, Sunday 9 races and Monday 10 races for the weekend of Oct 10, 11, 12. This scenario would have put RMTC having to make decisions that would be frustrating to owners and trainers.

RMTC also had the same issue with running the Alberta Bred Stake race Day, (as well as B Cup Stakes races) with the problem that not all the Alberta Bred horses that wanted to run in those races we had to wait until the entries were done in order to identify the day the Alberta Bred Stakes would run on that weekend.

RMTC did have horses on the other weekends as well that needed to be identified what day they could run and then adjust the race card to accommodate those horse to run.

RMTC did contact – Woodbine and they had a similar rule as to the PROPOSED rule change above. We had a discussion the with race secretary and had confirmed the similar rule. We had asked for a copy however as yet have not received it in writing.

RMTC appreciates the chance to propose the Rule – Directive change as this would help Horsemen, Owners, race secretaries to fill races and make better race cards for the fans and races to wager on.