

DIRECTIVE NO. 83 – 2015

HARNESS

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

Chapter 3: General Horse Racing Rules, Part 6 Standardbred Racing, Division 7 Driving Rules.

The following rule is **AMENDED** to read:

Rule 457 s Pylon Rule

- (1) If, at a race track that does not have a continuous solid inside hub rail, a horse or part of the horse's sulky leaves the course by going inside the hub rail or other demarcation which constitutes the inside limits of the course, the offending horse must be placed back where, in the opinion of the judges,
 - (a) *if a horse while on stride, or part of the horse's sulky, goes inside a pylon(s) and that action gave the horse an unfair advantage over other horses in the race or the action helped improve its position in the race, the horse may be placed at the discretion of the Judges,*
 - (b) *if a horse while on stride, or part of the horse's sulky, goes inside two (2) consecutive pylons, the offending horse shall be placed behind all horses that are lapped on to the offending horse at the wire,*
 - (c) *if a horse while on stride, or any part of the horse's sulky, goes inside three (3) or more consecutive pylons, the offending horse shall be placed last.*
- (2) In addition, when an act of interference causes a horse or part of the horse's sulky to cross the inside limits of the course, *if* the horse is placed by the judges, the offending horse must be placed behind the horse with which it interfered.
- (3) Drivers who, in the opinion of the judges, leave the racing strip **while on stride**, when not forced to do so as a result of the actions of another driver or horse, or both, may be fined or suspended by the judges.

Rule 457 s Pylon Rule previously stated:

- (1) (a) the action gave the horse an unfair advantage over other horse in the race, or
(b) the action helped the horse improve its position in the race.
- (2) In addition, when an act of interference causes a horse or part of the horse's sulky to cross the inside limits of the course, and the horse is placed by the judges, the offending horse must be placed behind the horse with which it interfered.
- (3) Drivers who, in the opinion of the judges, leave the racing strip when not forced to do so as a result of the actions of another driver or horse, or both, may be fined or suspended by the judges.

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In the Province of Alberta
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