

FLAT RACING DEFINITIONS – CHAPTER 5

ARCI-005-005 Purpose

To provide definitions for commonly used terms in the rules. These definitions are used in all of the rules dealing with flat racing adopted by the Commission.

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ARCI-005-010 Terms

- (1) **Age** of a horse foaled in North America shall be reckoned from the first day of January of the year of foaling.
- (2) **Also Eligible** pertains to:
 - (a) a number of eligible horses, properly entered, which were not drawn for inclusion in a race, but which become eligible according to preference or lot if an entry is scratched prior to the scratch time deadline; or
 - (b) in a trial race, the next preferred contestant that is eligible to participate when an entry is scratched, pursuant to the written conditions of the race.
- (3) **Allowance Race** means an overnight race for which eligibility and weight to be carried is determined according to specified conditions which include age, sex, earnings and number of wins.
- (4) **Association Grounds** means all real property utilized by the association in the conduct of its race meeting, including the race track, grandstand, concession stands, offices, barns, stable area, employee housing facilities and parking lots and any other areas under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- (5) **Betting Interest** means one or more horses in a pari-mutuel contest which are identified by a single program number for wagering purposes.
- (6) **Bleeder** means a horse which has demonstrated external evidence of exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage.
- (7) **Bleeder List** means a tabulation of all bleeders to be maintained by the Commission.
- (8) **Breeder** means the owner of the horse's dam at the time of foaling for Thoroughbreds. For Quarter Horses, Appaloosas, Arabians and Paint Horses, the breeder is the owner of the dam at the time of service.
- (9) **Claiming Race** means a race in which any horse starting may be claimed (purchased for a designated amount) in conformance with the rules.
- (10) **Conditions** are qualifications which determine a horse's eligibility to be entered in a race.
- (11) **Coupled Entry** is two or more contestants in a contest that are treated as a single betting interest for pari-mutuel wagering purposes (also see **Entry**).
- (12) **Dead Heat** means the finish of a race in which the noses of two or more horses reach the finish line at the same time.

- (13) **Declaration** means the act of withdrawing an entered horse from a race prior to the closing of entries.
- (14) **Draw** means the process of assigning post positions and the process of selecting contestants in a manner to ensure compliance with the conditions of the rules of racing.
- (15) **Entry** is:
 - (a) a horse eligible for and entered in a race; or
 - (b) two or more horses, entered in the same race, which have common ties of ownership, lease or training (see **Coupled Entry**).
- (16) **Flat Race** means a race in which horses mounted by jockeys run over a course on which no jumps or other obstacles are placed.
- (17) **Furosemide List** means a tabulation of all horses eligible to participate in a race with furosemide in its system.
- (18) **Handicap** means a race in which the weights to be carried by the horses are assigned by the racing secretary or handicapper for the purpose of equalizing the chances of winning for all horses entered.
- (19) **Horse** means any equine (including and designated as a mare, filly, stallion, colt, ridgeling or gelding) registered for racing; specifically, an entire male 5 years of age and older.
- (20) **Inquiry** means an investigation by the stewards of potential interference in a contest prior to declaring the result of said contest official.
- (21) **Jockey** means a professional rider licensed to ride in races.
- (22) **Jugging** means the administration of any substance via intravenous infusion or injection.
- (23) **Maiden** means a horse that has never won an official or recognized race as defined in breed registry rules.
- (24) **Maiden Race** means a contest restricted to nonwinners.
- (25) **Match Race** means a race between two or more horses under conditions agreed to by their owners.
- (26) **Mutuel Field** means two or more contestants treated as a single betting interest for pari-mutuel wagering purposes because the number of betting interests exceeds the number that can be handled individually by the pari-mutuel system.
- (27) **Nomination** means the naming of a horse to a certain race or series of races generally accompanied by payment of a prescribed fee.
- (28) **Nominator** means the person or entity in whose name a horse is nominated for a race or series of races.
- (29) **Objection** is:

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- (a) a written complaint made to the stewards concerning a horse entered in a race and filed not later than one hour prior to the scheduled post time of the first race on the day in which the questioned horse is entered; or
 - (b) a verbal claim of foul in a race lodged with the stewards or their designee by the horse's jockey, trainer, owner or the owner's authorized agent before the race is declared official.
- (30) **Official Starter** means the official responsible for dispatching the horses for a race.
 - (31) **Official Running Time** means the elapsed time from the moment the first horse crosses the starting point until the first horse crosses the finish line.
 - (32) **Off Time** means the moment at which, on the signal of the official starter, the doors of the starting gate are opened, officially dispatching the horses in each contest.
 - (33) **Optional Claiming Race** means a contest restricted to horses entered to be claimed for a stated claiming price and to those which have started previously for that claiming price or less. In the case of horses entered to be claimed in such a race, the race shall be considered, for the purpose of these rules, a claiming race. In the case of horses not entered to be claimed, the race shall be considered an allowance race.
 - (34) **Overnight Race** means a contest for which entries close at a time set by the racing secretary; also known as Purse Race.
 - (35) **Paddock** means an enclosure in which horses scheduled to compete in a contest are saddled prior to racing.
 - (36) **Post Position** means the pre-assigned position from which a horse will leave the starting gate.
 - (37) **Post Time** means the scheduled time for horses to arrive at the starting gate for a contest.
 - (38) **Protest** means a written complaint alleging that a horse is or was ineligible to race.
 - (39) **Scratch** means the act of withdrawing an entered horse from a contest after the closing of entries.
 - (40) **Scratch Time** means the deadline for withdrawal of entries from a scheduled performance.
 - (41) **Stable Name** means a name used other than the actual legal name of an owner or lessee and registered with the Commission.
 - (42) **Stakes Race** means a contest in which nomination, entry and/or starting fees contribute to the purse. No overnight race shall be considered a stakes race. Special designations or classifications for stakes races such as "Graded Stakes" or "Black Type" shall be determined by the appropriate breed registries or recognized authorities.
 - (43) **Starter** means a horse which becomes an actual contestant in a race by virtue of the starting gate opening in front of it upon dispatch by the official starter.
 - (44) **Steeplechase Race** means a contest in which horses mounted by jockeys run over a course on which jumps or other obstacles are placed.
 - (45) **Steward** means a duly appointed racing official with powers and duties specified by statute or rules.

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- (46) **Traction Device** is any modification or isolated device that extends below the ground bearing plane of the horseshoe (e.g. traction nails, toe grabs, turndowns, blocked heels, jar calks, stickers and Memphis bars) or restricts the natural forward slide of the hoof upon impact.
- (47) **Trial Race** means part of a series of contests in which horses participate for the purpose of determining eligibility for a subsequent contest.
- (48) **Tubing** means the administration of any substance via a naso-gastric tube.
- (49) **Walkover** means a race in which only one horse starts or in which all the starters are owned by the same interest. To claim the purse the horse(s) must start and go the distance of the race.
- (50) **Weigh In** means the presentation of a jockey to the clerk of scales for weighing after a race.
- (51) **Weigh Out** means the presentation of a jockey to the clerk of scales for weighing prior to a race.
- (52) **Weight for Age** means a race in which a fixed scale is used to assign the weight to be carried by individual horses according to age, sex, distance of the race, and season of the year.
- (53) **Winner** means the horse whose nose reaches the finish line first or is placed first through disqualification by the stewards.

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