

Penalty Guidelines for Standardbred Horse Racing Licensee Violations

This document outlines recommended penalties for standardbred horse racing licensee violations. These guidelines were developed by the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch's (GPEB) Director of Racing in consultation with the Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for GPEB and Racing Division Judges. Additionally, representatives from the B.C Standardbred Association and the Great Canadian Gaming Corporation were consulted.

These guidelines further enhance the integrity of B.C.'s horse racing industry and also reflect the changing times; larger prize purses have lead to a more competitive racing atmosphere, which demands an appropriate penalty structure for violations.

It should be noted that these guidelines provide recommended penalties only. Each violation has its own set of circumstances, which may lead to different penalties than those shown below. **When considering penalties, the Racing Division Judges will take into account the violation history of the licensee.**

Positive Tests / Drug Violations

Description	Recommended Penalty
TCO₂ overages	30 day full suspension
Medications used for therapeutic purposes that are listed in the Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency (CPMA) Schedule of Drugs which are defined as Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) Class 5; non-classified drugs such as Phenylbutazone or Penicillin G Procaine that could have been mistakenly given to a horse	15 day full suspension or \$2,500 fine
Medications listed in the CPMA Schedule of Drugs, which are ARCI Class 2-4	30 – 120 day full suspension (depends on the ARCI classification of the drug)
Medications not listed for veterinarian use which includes ARCI Class 1 drugs	120 day – 1 year full suspension (depends on the drug)
Erythropoietin or Darbepoetin	7 year full suspension
Possession of needles/syringes on the grounds	10 day full suspension or \$1,500 fine
Using a tubing device on the grounds for the purpose of "milkshaking"	60 day full suspension
Steroid positive	15 day full suspension Horse remains on Judges' list until a negative test is submitted (costs to be paid by owner). If it is a claimed horse, it will be returned to the original owner.

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Notes about positive tests / drug violations:

- A second violation within 3 years will result in twice the regular penalty.
- A third violation within 5 years will result in twice the penalty for second violations.
- A fourth violation within 8 years will be at the discretion of the Judges and will be severe.

Interference Violations

Description	Recommended Penalty
Causing interference in a race with no disqualification	\$250 fine or 1 day driving only suspension
Causing interference in a race resulting in a disqualification	\$500 fine or 2 day driving only suspension
Causing interference in a race resulting in a horse breaking	3 day driving only suspension
Causing interference in a race resulting in an accident	5 day driving only suspension

Slow Pace

Description	Recommended Penalty
First violation	5% of total purse
Second violation within 50 drives	10% of total purse
Third violation within 100 drives	2 day driving only suspension
Fourth violation within 200 drives	4 day driving only suspension

Whipping Violations

Description	Recommended Penalty
First whipping violation	\$100 fine
Second whipping violation within 50 drives	\$200 fine
Third whipping violation within 100 drives	2 day driving only suspension
Fourth whipping violation within 200 drives	4 day driving only suspension
Rule 250 (1)(a)(i) excessive whipping	\$500 - \$1,000 fine or 2 - 4 day driving only suspension depending on severity of the violation

Notes about interference violations, slow pace and whipping violations:

- Stated penalties will double for a second violation within 50 drives, triple for a third violation within 100 drives and quadruple for a fourth violation within 200 drives.
- Penalties in excess of those outlined will be at the discretion of the Judges.

Other Penalties

All other penalties will be at the discretion of the Racing Division Judges.

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