

**DIRECTIVE NO. 224-2025**

**ALL BREEDS**

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

Chapter 3: General Horse Racing Rules \ Part 4 Claiming Rules

The following rule is AMENDED to read:

**Rule 315 g Claiming prohibitions**

- (1) No person may offer to, nor enter into an agreement to, \*claim or not to claim a \*horse, or attempt to prevent a claim being made, nor may any person, by intimidation, prevent a horse from being run in a \*claiming race.
- (2) The \*judges/stewards board may prohibit persons from \*claiming if it considers that the purpose of making the claim would
  - (a) not advance the interests of the Alberta horse racing industry,
  - (b) not be in the best interests of racing in Alberta, or
  - (c) be contrary to the purpose of claiming races or the public interest.
- (3) **All Thoroughbred and Quarter Horses claimed must \*race within 45 days of the claim. If unable to race within 45 days, the owner and/or trainer must provide a veterinary certificate explaining why the horse is medically unable to race. This certificate must be accepted by the Official Veterinarian.**

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- (a) If the owner and/or trainer fails to provide an acceptable veterinary certificate, they may lose their claiming privileges for 365 days (one year).**

**Rule 315 g Claiming prohibitions currently states: (amended 04/23)**

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  - (c) be contrary to the purpose of claiming races or the public interest.
- (3) All Thoroughbred and Quarter horses claimed must race back within 30 days from the date of the \*claim. If a \*horse does not race back within 30 days of a claim, the trainer must produce a veterinary certificate stating the reason why the \*horse is medically unsound to race. Should the trainer not be able to produce the document that is acceptable by the official veterinarians, the trainer loses their claiming privileges for the remainder of the season. If a \*horse is claimed within 30 days of the end of the meet, the \*horse must come back and race the first 30 days of the following**

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**season. If the \*horse does not race within those 30 days, the trainer must produce a veterinary certificate stating the reason why the \*horse medically is unsound to race.**

Dated at the City of Edmonton  
in the Province of Alberta  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

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