

1. Rule Change Proposals – 1 - 23

The following rule changes were presented to the respective committees. The committees considered and acted upon the proposals as follows:

1. Racing – Accepted as amended (100% allowance for 2 year old colts, geldings and spayed mares; for fillies and mares, 2 year olds 120%, 3 year olds 70%, 4 year olds 45%, and 5 year olds and up 20%).
Rules – Accepted as amended.
2. Racing - Accepted as amended (no head numbers at extended pari-mutuel meets head numbers permissible for fairs).
Rules – Accepted as amended.
3. Racing – Accepted as submitted.
Rules – Accepted as submitted.
4. Racing - Accepted as amended (add every extended pari-mutuel track member, not mandatory for non-extended meets/fairs, include outriders in list of those who may be tested).
Rules – Accepted as amended.
5. Racing - Approved as amended, language below.
Rules – Approved as amended, language below.

“The personal use of any illegal drug, any medication that may detrimentally impact performance, or any unapproved stimulant, depressant, narcotic, or hypnotic is prohibited. All drivers, judges, starters, drivers of the starting gate, outriders, and marshals may be required to submit a urine or blood sample or to take any other recognized test that produces immediate results relative to the detection of the above at each racing program in which they participate. Any such drug, medication, stimulant, depressant, narcotic, or hypnotic shall be only acceptable for use if it has the prior approval of the state regulatory authority verifying that said use will not adversely affect the safety and well-being of both equine and human participants. Any individual who tests positive as a result of such use must provide a negative test result before he or she is permitted to resume normal duties.”

6. Racing - Accepted as amended (add one timer).

Rules - Accepted as amended (add one timer).

7. Racing - Tabled for further discussion.

Rules – Tabled for further discussion.

8. Racing - Accepted as submitted.

Registration – Accepted as amended (add microchip to means of identifying animal).

Rules – Accepted as amended (add microchip to means of identifying animal).

9. Racing – Refer to rules committee for language.

Registration - Refer to rules committee for language.

Rules – Accepted as amended (add, to end of Rule 8.07, “As used in Rule 8, the word ‘corporate’ name shall include the name of a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust, and any other recognized legal entity.”)

10. Racing - Rejected.

Rules – Rejected.

11. Racing – Accepted as submitted.

Rules – Accepted as submitted.

12. Racing – Accepted as submitted.

Rules – Accepted as submitted.

13. Racing – Accepted as submitted.

Rules – Accepted as submitted.

14. Racing - Accepted as submitted.

Rules – Accepted as submitted.

15. Racing - Accepted as amended (delete first sentence of (k) – already stated prior in rule).

Rules – Accepted as amended (delete first sentence of (k)).

16. Racing - Rejected.

Rules – Rejected.

17. Racing – Rejected.

Rules – Rejected.

18. Racing – Accepted as submitted

Registration – Accepted as submitted.

Rules – Accepted as submitted.

19. Racing – Accepted as submitted

Registration – Accepted as submitted.

Rules – Accepted as submitted.

20. Racing - Accepted as amended (delete #2 – pleasure registration, no breeding).

Registration – Accepted as amended (as above).

Rules – Accepted as amended (delete #2, as above).

21. Racing – Accepted as submitted.

Registration – Tabled for Rules Committee.

Rules – Accepted as amended, language below.

“In the event the transfer date of a mare is incorrectly reported by the owner, upon receiving documentation providing proof of the correct transfer date that is acceptable to the USTA Registrar, the Registrar may revise any USTA records and certificates to reflect the correct date. Otherwise, the listed breeder of a horse, as defined in Rule 4.18, shall not be changed after the foal has been registered with the USTA and a registration certificate has been issued.”

22. Registration – Rejected.

Rules – Rejected.

23. Registration – Accepted as submitted.

Rules – Accepted as submitted.

2. Bylaw Change Proposal for 2018

24. Withdrawn by the sponsor.