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TO: Trainers, Owners, Van Drivers, and Associations

FROM: C. Scott Chaney, CHRB Executive Director

Re: CHRB Rule 1588 – Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race

On April 21, 2021, the amended language to Rule 1588 (Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race) became effective. More specifically, that rule requires that in order to run, a horse must be on the grounds of a CHRB inclosure and in the care of a licensed trainer for seven days prior to the race. Horses cannot leave the grounds during this seven day period except to travel on a van between CHRB inclosures. In other words, within 7 days of a race, horses are not permitted to go to a farm, clinic, or any place other than CHRB inclosures. Violation of this rule can result in a scratch and sanction for the responsible licensees.

1588 Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race.

**Rule
Text**

(a) In addition to any other valid ground or reason, a horse is ineligible to start in any race: ...

(11) when, except with prior approval of the stewards:

(A) such horse has not been on the grounds of the association or its approved auxiliary stable area for at least 24 hours prior to the time the race is to be run, or

(B) such horse has not been in the care of a trainer licensed by the Board and stabled within a CHRB inclosure, including auxiliary stabling areas, for seven consecutive days prior to the race, except for horses being shipped directly from another racing jurisdiction.