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MEMO

TO: All Stewards, Racing Secretaries, Track Managers
FROM: Charlie Gardiner 
DATE: May 31, 2018
RE: Changes to Claiming Rules

This memorandum will serve to both notify all stakeholders of the effective dates of the changes to the Claiming Rules and to explain how the changes will affect owners and trainers of claimed horses.

At the April 2017 meeting, the Racing Commission formally adopted an amendment to LAC 35:X1.9905 to allow claimed horses to run back for the claimed price after the passage of 20 days, as opposed to the previous 30 day restriction on a drop in claiming price.

This change in the timing of entering back for the claimed price **went into effect on May 20, 2018**. Therefore, horses claimed **after** the effective date of May 20th may enter back at the claimed price after the passage of 20 days from the date of the claim, or **on the 21st day after the claim**.

Horses claimed **prior to the effective date of May 20, 2018**, must wait until the passage of **30 days** to drop to the original claimed price.

The other change to the Claiming Rules involves the effective date that an Owner or Trainer can enter a horse claimed at one track to enter at a different from the track at which the claim was made.

Prior to the amendment, a horse claimed at one track in Louisiana could not enter at another track **until the meet ended**. The amendment allows a horse claimed at one track to be entered at another track **once the last day of entries are closed at the track where the horse was claimed**.

RULE

Office of the Governor Division of Administration Racing Commission

Timing of Entering Next Claiming Race (LAC 35:XI.9905)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 4:148, notice is hereby given that the Racing Commission formally amends LAC 35:XI.9905. The proposed amendment will make the eligibility requirements following a horse being claimed less restrictive for the last 10 days of the 30-day period following a claim. The first 20 days will remain the same as the current Rule. The following 10 days, the horse is eligible to run back for the same claiming price or higher.

Title 35 HORSE RACING Part XI. Claiming Rules and Engagements

Chapter 99. Claiming Rule

§9905. Timing of Entering Next Claiming Race

A. Except as otherwise provided herein, a claimed horse shall not enter in starter, optional or claiming races for 20 days after being claimed in a race in which the determining eligibility price is less than 25 percent more than the price at which the horse was claimed. For a period of 10 days thereafter, a horse is eligible to run back for the same claiming price or higher. The day claimed shall not count, but the following calendar day shall be the first day and the horse shall be entitled to enter whenever necessary so the horse may start on the thirty-first day following the claim for any claiming price. This provision shall not apply to starter handicaps in which the weight to be carried is assigned by the handicapper. A similar rule in other states will be recognized and enforced.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141, R.S. 4:142 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 30:1476 (July 2004), amended LR 33:2422 (November 2007), LR 41:1673 (September 2015), LR 44:

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Resale; Movement (LAC 35:XI.9909)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 4:148, notice is hereby given that the Racing Commission formally amends LAC 35:XI.9909. The proposed Rule removes the restriction on claimed horses by allowing them to enter and run at any licensed race track after the close of entries for the last racing day at the meet during which it was claimed. The current Rule, prior to amending, prohibited claimed horses from entering and running until the completion of the last racing day at the meet at which it was claimed.

Title 35 HORSE RACING Part XI. Claiming Rules and Engagements

Chapter 99. Claiming Rule

§9909. Resale; Movement

A. If a horse is claimed, it shall not be sold or transferred to anyone wholly or in part, except in a selling or claiming race, for a period of 30 days from date of claim, nor shall it, unless reclaimed, remain in the same stable or under the control of management of its former owner or trainer for a like period, nor shall it race in any other state until after the close of entries of the meeting at which it was claimed, unless special permission is obtained from the commission. However, a horse claimed at a track in Louisiana must remain at the track where it was claimed for a period of 60 calendar days or until after the close of entries of the meeting at which it was claimed. Where a race meeting is authorized and conducted as a split-meeting, a horse claimed in such a race meeting must remain at the track where it was claimed for a period of 60 calendar days or until after the close of entries of that segment of the split meeting at which it was claimed. The following calendar day shall be the first day and the horse shall be entitled to enter at another track in the state whenever necessary so the horse may start on the sixty-first day following the claim.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141, R.S. 4:142 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Racing Commission in 1971, promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Racing Commission LR 2:446 (December 1976), amended LR 3:42 (January 1977), LR 4:285 (August 1978), amended by the Department of Economic Development, Racing Commission, LR 17:878 (September 1991), amended by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 44:

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