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REMINDER/ RULE 1658 (VESTING OF TITLE TO CLAIMED HORSE)

As of May 16, 2013, under CHRB Rule 1658, the stewards at California racetracks are required to void any claim where “the racing or official veterinarian determine the horse will be placed on the Veterinarian’s List as unsound or lame before the horse is released to the successful claimant.” The rule also requires claims to be voided if the horse suffers a fatality either during the race or before returning to be unsaddled

Procedurally, claimed horses are taken to the receiving barn after the race and examined there by the official veterinarian. If the official veterinarian determines the horse is lame or unsound and places the horse on the Veterinarian’s List, the stewards are notified and they void the claim. Such horses are returned to their original owners.

If the official veterinarian does not determine the horse to be lame or unsound, the horse is released to the new owner, making the claim final. Rule 1658 does not have any provision for a claim to be voided any time after leaving custody of the official veterinarian and the receiving barn with the representative of the new owner

Further information is available on the CHRB Website under the [Veterinary link](#).

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