

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

There have been no changes in applicable laws or to the effect of the proposed regulation from the laws and effects described in the Notice of Proposed Action.

The California Horse Racing Board (Board) did not hold a public hearing for the amendment to Board Rule 1699, Riding Rules, as the Board did not receive a written request for a public hearing from any interested person, or their authorized representative, at least 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period.

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

The amendment to Board Rule 1699 does not impose any mandates on local agencies or school districts.

SUMMARY OF AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE ORIGINAL NOTICE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 31, 2025, TO DECEMBER 29, 2025

No comments were received.

SUMMARY AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS RECEIVED AT THE REGULATORY HEARING

No public hearing was held for the proposed regulatory action, as the Board did not receive a written request for a public hearing from any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, at least 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period.

The amendment of Board Rule 1699 has no significant, adverse economic impact on small business.

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ALTERNATIVE DETERMINATION

The Board has determined that no reasonable alternative would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation was proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing

the statutory policy or other provision of law. The amendment to Board Rule 1699 will allow stewards to use their discretion when issuing a penalty, address interference where a horse interfered with loses the opportunity to place where it was reasonably expected to finish, and to address a leading horse not crossing over to and causes a passing horse to shorten its stride.

No public hearing was held for the proposed regulatory action, as the Board did not receive a written request for a public hearing from any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, at least 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period. The Board invited interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulation during the written comment period. No alternatives were proposed.

No alternatives that would lessen any adverse economic impact on small businesses were proposed.