State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re:

California Horse Racing Board

Regulatory Action:

Title 04, California Code of Regulations

Amend sections: 1693

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY **ACTION**

Government Code Section 11349.3

OAL Matter Number: 2025-0509-01

OAL Matter Type: Regular Resubmittal (SR)

This regular rulemaking action by the California Horse Racing Board prohibits assistant starters from using certain methods of manipulating a horse's ears as a technique to control the horse while the horse is on the track or in the starting gate.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on 10/1/2025.

Date:

June 17, 2025

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CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 4. BUSINESS REGULATIONS DIVISION 4. CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD ARTICLE 8. RUNNING THE RACE AMENDMENT OF RULE 1693, CONTROL OF HORSES AND JOCKEYS ON ENTERING THE TRACK

1693. Control of Horses and Jockeys on Entering the Track.

- (a) The horses are under the control of the starter from the time they enter the track until dispatched at the start of the race. After entry on the track or race course, the horses are not entitled to further care from their attendants, except in case of accident. In case of accident, the starter may permit the jockeys to dismount and the horses to be cared for during the delay; otherwise Otherwise, no jockey shall dismount until after the finish of the race. The horse must be started by the jockey, butor with the sanction of the starter, ita horse may be led to its position in the gate by an assistant starter. With the sanction of the starter, an assistant starter may enter the gate to handle a fractious horse.
- (1) No assistant starter shall in any way impede, whether intentionally or otherwise, a fair start.
- (2) No assistant starter shall manipulate a horse's ear for purposes of controlling a horse while the horse is on the track or in the starting gate.
- (A) For purposes of this regulation, manipulation of the ear shall be defined as biting, twisting, folding, or applying tongs to the horse's ear.

Authority: Sections 19420, 19440, and 19562, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Sections 19440 and 19562,
Business and Professions Code.