

**BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA
STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION**

IN RE: :
EQUIPMENT - SAFETY HELMETS :
(STANDARD BRED HORSE RACING ONLY) : **Administrative Docket 2017-15**
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ORDER

AND NOW, this 26th day of September, 2017, in accordance with its general authority and jurisdiction over pari-mutuel racing activities and specifically, under the authority set forth in §9311(h) of the Racing Act (3 Pa. C.S. §9311(h)) to adopt temporary regulations, the Commission hereby approves the following provision governing the mandatory use of safety helmets at all times while on the grounds of the racetrack and the specific standards for those helmets based upon ARCI Model Rule 022-010 (Y), as set forth in the attached Annex A.

**BY THE PENNSYLVANIA
STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION:**



Russell C. Redding, Chairman

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION**

**PART VIII
Subpart D Standardbred Rules of Racing**

Equipment - Safety Helmets

Section 1. Safety Helmets.

(a) A protective helmet, meeting the applicable safety standards set forth below for protective harness headwear, must be worn and securely fastened under the chin, at all times while on the association grounds when:

- i. racing, parading, or warming up a horse prior to racing; or
- ii. jogging, training, or exercising a horse at any time.

(b) The protective helmet must comply with one of the following minimum safety standards or subsequent revisions:

- (1) 1984 Standard for Protective Headgear (Snell Memorial Foundation); or
- (2) U.S. Department of Transportation

Section 2. Alterations prohibited.

No protective helmet shall be altered or modified in any manner, nor shall the product marking be removed.

Section 3. Penalties.

Failure of a driver or other person to adhere to the above provisions shall subject the person to the following penalties:

- (1) First offense – a written warning;
- (2) Second offense - \$50 fine
- (3) Third or subsequent offense - \$250 fine or suspension at the discretion of the Board of Judges.