Horse Racing Policy: Reporting the Death of a Horse

The death of a race horse shall be reported to GPEB – Racing under the following conditions:

- If a horse dies within 14 days of it being entered or qualified to race;
- If a horse suffers a catastrophic injury during training or the running of a race.

If either of the above events happens, GPEB – Racing must be informed in writing within 2 days of the death of the horse indicating the location and the premises where the horse died.

Copies of any reports prepared by the Veterinarian(s) who treated the horse prior to its death must be provided to GPEB – Racing.

When directed by GPEB – Racing, transport the horse immediately, or as soon as transportation can be arranged but in any event no later than 2 days after the death of the horse, to a facility approved by GPEB – Racing for post-mortem and such testing as GPEB – Racing may determine is appropriate.

If a horse dies after 14 days but within 60 days of it being entered or qualified to race, the trainer of record or owner of record at the time of death of the horse shall:

- Inform GPEB – Racing in writing within 2 days of the death of the horse that the horse has died, the location and premises where the horse died and the cause or apparent cause of death, and;
- Provide copies of any reports prepared by the Veterinarian(s) who treated the horse prior to its death or who determined the cause or apparent cause of death and of any post-mortem or other tests conducted on the horse to determine the cause of death.

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