On May 26, 2022, the Ontario Racing Board of Directors approved the following Cancellation Fee Policy and submitted it to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) for consideration. On September 26, 2022, the AGCO issued Administration Directive 1 – 2022: Transfer of Cancellation Fee Oversight, which revoked Policy Directive 1 – 2009: Cancellation Fees and transferred oversight of the Cancellation Fee Policy to the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG).

As a result, the following policy, effective October 1, 2022, replaces Policy Directive 1 - 2009 governing the Commission's policy on cancellation fees, and supersedes all prior Commission directives pertaining to cancellation fees.

OLG Policy Directive No. 1 – 2022: Cancellation Fees

A cancellation fee is defined as an amount paid to the owners of horses not scratched from races, where cancellation of the races has been approved by Ontario Racing due to weather or other factors fully outside of the control of racetrack management. Cancellation fees will also be paid where a race has been ruled a "No Contest" under Rule 22.33 and Rule 18.09 has not been applied.

A cancellation fee is not purse, although if approved, it will be distributed from the purse account. A cancellation fee will be issued as follows:

1. In the case of a cancellation due to weather or other issues beyond the control of racetrack management, racetrack management is required to apply in writing to Ontario Racing, providing full details for the reason of the cancellation. The notification is to be accompanied by written acknowledgement of support from the local horseperson's association.
2. Cancellation fees for races cancelled due to weather or other issues beyond the control of racetrack management will be issued so long as the races are cancelled within twenty-four (24) hours of the first race post time and Ontario Racing is properly notified.
3. In the case of a race declared a "No Contest" by the Judges, cancellation fees will be paid.
4. A five per cent share, plus HST, of the cancellation fee will be distributed to the trainers and drivers of each horse not scratched from the cancelled Standardbred races. A 10 per cent share, plus HST, of the cancellation fee will be distributed to the jockeys of each horse not scratched from the cancelled Quarter Horse races.
5. The cancellation fee is a set amount which is determined by the Ontario Racing Board of Directors and will be reviewed biennially. The cancellation fee for 2026-2028 is set at $500. *Refer to Tables A and B for a detailed breakdown of Standardbred and Quarter Horse cancellation fees.*

Table A — Standardbred Races			
Recipient	**Cancellation Fee 2009-2022**	**Cancellation Fee 2022-2026**	**Cancellation Fee 2026-2028**
Owner	$300.00	$400.04	$443.50
Trainer	$0.00	$25.48 HST included	$28.25 HST included
Driver	$0.00	$25.48 HST included	$28.25 HST included
TOTAL	$300.00	$451.00	$500.00

Table B — Quarter Horse Races			
Recipient	**Cancellation Fee 2009-2022**	**Cancellation Fee 2022-2026**	**Cancellation Fee 2026-2028**
Owner	$300.00	$400.04	$443.50
Jockey	$0.00	$50.96 HST included	$56.50 HST included
TOTAL	$300.00	$451.00	$500.00