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Industry Notice – Warm Weather Alert

The health and welfare of the horse is of paramount concern to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) and to members of the racing community. An effort to monitor weather conditions and how it will impact the racehorse is in keeping with this mandate.

In view of the weather expected over the few days, the AGCO has advised its Official Veterinarians and racing officials at all racetracks to remind participants to take the necessary steps to protect the horse in warm weather conditions.

Dr. Adam Chambers, AGCO Senior Manager of Veterinary Services, suggests that any concerns about weather conditions impacting racing should be shared with horsepeople representatives, racing officials, track management and the Official Veterinarian.

He pointed out that in January of this year, the AGCO released a series of Directives and Rule changes on weather conditions impacting racing. These changes were developed following consultation with Ontario's horse racing industry.

<http://agco.ca/bulletin/2018/info-bulletin-no-56-release-directives-rule-changes>

For more information on temperature guidelines and the racing cancellation process, please see this link: **http://www.agco.ca/sites/default/files/temperature_standards_for_web_0.pdf**

