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LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

THE LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING AT 9:30 AM ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026 IN THE BLACK GOLD ROOM OF FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS, 1751 GENTILLY BOULEVARD, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON ONLY.

**Public Hearing for Substantive Changes
LAC 35:XI.9914 "Voided and Voidable Claims"**

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, specifically R.S. 49:966(H)(2), the Louisiana State Racing Commission gives notice of a public hearing to receive additional comments and testimony on these substantive changes to the proposed Rule. The hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, February 23, 2026 in the Black Gold Room of Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, located at 1751 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119. At the public hearing, all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing.

Written comments may be submitted in advance of the hearing to Brett Bonin, Assistant Attorney General, 320 North Carrollton Avenue, Suite 2-B, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119-5100. Comments must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, February 18, 2026.



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PUBLIC HEARING FOR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

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Office of the Governor Division of Administration Racing Commission

Public Hearing – Substantive Changes to Proposed
Rule; Voided and Voidable Claims
LAC 35:XI.9914)

The Louisiana State Racing Commission published a Notice of Intent to promulgate §9914, Voided and Voidable Claims, in the June 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register* (LR 51:867-868). The notice solicited comments and testimony. As a result of its analysis of the comments and testimony received, the commission proposes to amend certain portions of the proposed Rule. Within Subsection A, the commission proposes to reinstate and amend the circumstances in which a claim on a horse that is declared a starter will be voided. Within Subsection B, the commission proposes to reinstate the ability of the new owner to void a claim at their discretion, so long as the horse meets the newly established guidelines. The proposed amendments to the Rule take into consideration public feedback and the needs of the horseracing industry, in addition to clarifying the standards for cases in which horse claims can be voided.

Title 35 HORSE RACING

Part XI. Claiming Rules and Engagements

Chapter 99. Claiming Rule

§9914. Voided and Voidable Claims

A. A claim shall be voided if a horse is entered in a race but fails to be declared a starter, or the horse is declared to be a starter and:

1. dies on the racetrack before reaching or leaving the unsaddling area following the race; or
2. suffers an injury which requires the euthanasia of the horse as determined by a commission veterinarian before reaching or leaving the unsaddling area following the race.

B. A claim is voidable at the discretion of the new owner if the horse indicates a severe non-weight-bearing lameness where the horse cannot or will not put weight on a limb, as determined by a commission veterinarian, before reaching or leaving the unsaddling area following the race.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141, R.S. 4:142 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission LR 48:2290 (September 2022), amended LR