

AGCO-Stakeholder Working Groups Moving Ahead: Horse Racing Regulation In Ontario

Following the release of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario’s (AGCO) ‘Moving Ahead: Horse Racing Regulation in Ontario’ *Findings Report* last week, three Working Groups are being established to review and make recommendations for policy reform in the following areas:

- Equine Drug Program
- Officiating
- Health and Safety (Equine and Human)

The Working Groups will be mandated to provide advice on reforms that are practical and incorporate to the extent possible, the needs and best interests of the industry as a whole.

Each Group will be comprised of 10-15 members and will ideally involve a range of industry participants representing all three breeds. In the case of the Equine Drug Program Working Group, the Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency (CPMA) will be partnering with the AGCO in facilitating this important policy reform discussion.

The Working Groups will be established as follows:

	Equine Drug Program	Officiating	Health and Safety (Equine & Human)
Meeting Frequency	3-5 meetings from April to July 2017 (approximately one per month)	3-5 meetings from April to July 2017 (approximately one per month)	3-5 meetings Beginning late summer 2017 (approximately one per month)
Topics for Discussion include	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90-day rule • Positive test process • Penalties and suspensions for positive tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video standards • Communication from Race Officials • On-track violations, penalties, and suspensions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equine welfare • Safety standards

If you are interested in participating in one of these Working Groups, please send your statement of interest, including a brief outline of your industry-related experience and your contact information, to connect@agco.ca by **Friday, March 10, 2017**. The AGCO will announce the membership of the Working Groups once established.