

**RCI MODEL RULES COMMITTEE**  
**PETITION FOR NEW RULE OR CHANGE TO EXISTING**

Please submit this petition via email to [rules@arci.com](mailto:rules@arci.com). Submissions received within 45 days of the next committee meeting will only be considered at that meeting at the discretion of the President or Chair of the Model Rules Committee. Printed petitions should be sent to:

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*PRESENTATION ITEM ONLY*

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A. Brief Description of the Issue

Internationally there are two categories of interference. These two philosophies outline methods of adjudicating interference infractions to determine the final placings in a race. Historically, North America, South America, France and Germany have subscribed to a Category 2 philosophy and all other major racing countries, the Category 1 philosophy. At the most recent IFHA meetings in Paris, (*per press release*) "The Executive Council of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) unanimously approved a change to its *International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering (IABRW)*, as recommended by its International Harmonisation of Raceday Rules Committee (IHRRC), to establish a model interference rule." This model interference rule subscribes to the Category 1 philosophy.

The adjudication of interference infractions has always been at the forefront for ROAP and specifically a ROAP Point of Emphasis in recent years. While it is premature to submit the specific rule language to the ARCI Model Rules for consideration, ROAP would like to extend the dialog beyond the stewards and provide an informational presentation to the regulators on the two philosophies.

B. Discussion of the Issue and Problem

*Presentation provided during the meeting*

C. Possible Solutions and Impact

Presentation provided during the meeting

- D. Please identify any affected stakeholder groups that expressed support or opposition. (These stakeholders may include the racetracks, breed registries, owners, trainers, jockeys, veterinarians, or others.)

This topic is for informational and discussion purposes only

- E. Attach the model rule language you are proposing. Please show new language with underlined text. If you are proposing that current model rule language be eliminated, please strikeout the language to be deleted.

There are no rule proposals at this time

- F. Do any racing jurisdictions currently have a version of this rule in effect? If yes, please attach copies of those rules.

Not applicable at this time

- G. Review the RCI Model Rules and identify any other Model Rules this change would affect and submit proposed amendments to those rules to comply with changes that would be made by this proposal.

Not applicable at this time

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