

## 2026 APPROVED RULE AND BYLAW CHANGES

*The following proposed rule and bylaw changes were approved by the USTA Board of Directors at the 2026 Annual Meeting. Unless noted, changes will go into effect May 1, 2026. Additions are **bold underlined**; deletions are ~~struck out~~.*

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1. 4.130 **Person Not in Good Standing** – A person or entity that failed to comply with one or more of the requirements for membership specified by the USTA’s Rules and Bylaws and as a result is serving an indefinite suspension or revocation of their USTA membership, **or a person or entity who resigns their membership while under investigation**, shall be considered a person or entity not in good standing with the USTA.

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2. 6.15 (b)(14) Clerk of the Course/Charter.— **Standardized symbols for shoeing information to include front shoes off, hind shoes off, all shoes off, any of the first time changes from the previous race’s shoeing.** (*Effective January 1, 2027*)

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3. 23.06 **Appeal Statement and Bond**.—All appeals shall be in writing and sworn to before a notary public or one of the judges of the meeting. At the time the appeal is filed, a deposit of \$100.00 **must accompany the appeal**, ~~or an agreement to forfeit the sum of \$100.00 in the event the District Board determines the appeal is not justified~~ In the event the District Board feels that the appeal was justified it will refund the money to the appellant. This procedure does not apply to protests.

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4. Article 9.01(a)(5) **Executive Committee Composition**,— One **membership** director from each of the district boards, **Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12, six pari-mutuel track directors selected at large, and such other directors as the president may appoint, all of whom** ~~who~~ shall be appointed by the president at each annual meeting of the full board of directors. (*Effective March 8, 2026*)

a. ~~Four of those so appointed shall be pari-mutuel track directors.~~