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## NOTICE TO STANDARDBRED BREEDERS

**Date:** October 31, 2018

In preparing to update our breeders' fund rules we have discovered a conflict between the statute and rule. The statute requires breeders or owners awards to be paid to "breeders or owners of Minnesota-bred standardbreds which win money at licensed racetracks in the state." See Minnesota Statutes, section 240.18, subdivision 3. "Licensed racetracks" are defined in statute as class A or D tracks licensed by the commission. See Minnesota Statutes, section 240.01, subd. 10. Therefore, under the statute, breeders' awards are not payable for money earned at unlicensed county fairs.

Unfortunately, the breeders' fund rule conflicts with the statute. Minnesota rules, part 7895.0250, subpart 3 provides that breeders awards shall be distributed to the breeder of "a Minnesota-bred horse that finishes fifth or better in any pari-mutuel or sanctioned USTA non-pari-mutuel race in Minnesota." However, the statute was not updated to match the rule and the statute governs.

We apologize for any confusion this may cause. We remain open to your input on upcoming revisions to our breeders' fund rules.