

What is the Licence Appeal Tribunal (LAT)?

- LAT is an adjudicative agency of the provincial government, and was created to provide a fair, efficient, impartial and independent means to appeal decisions by various Ministries.
- Presently, approximately 23 provincial statutes provide for appeals to LAT, including other statutes administered by the AGCO.
- Effective April 1, 2016, LAT became responsible for hearing appeals of matters dealing with AGCO proposed refusals, suspensions and revocations of horse racing licences.
- For information on LAT hearings, please visit LAT's website at <http://www.sse.gov.on.ca/lat/>.

HRAP Hearing Locations

- Hearings are conducted by the HRAP at:
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Horse Racing Appeal Panel

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The Horse Racing
Appeal Panel
(HRAP)

There are changes to the way horse racing appeals are heard in Ontario

Your right to appeal and what you need to know

About the Horse Racing Appeal Panel (HRAP)

- With the passage of the *Horse Racing Licence Act*, the regulatory responsibility for horse racing has moved from the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), effective April 1, 2016.
- This legislation also changes the way appeals of horse racing decisions are heard in Ontario.
- A new adjudicative body – the Horse Racing Appeal Panel – now has responsibility for hearing appeals of decisions made under the Rules of Racing.
- Responsibility for appeals of AGCO proposed refusals, suspensions and revocations of licences under Notices of Proposed Order, will be transferred to the Licence Appeal Tribunal (LAT).
- This brochure will provide you with an overview of how to appeal, how the HRAP will conduct hearings, and where to get more detailed information.

How HRAP will operate

- The majority of HRAP appeals will relate to on-track and conduct violations, positive test cases and related decisions made by AGCO Racing Officials including judges and stewards and the Registrar.
- The HRAP members have been appointed by the AGCO Board based on an aptitude for impartial adjudication, as well as experience, knowledge or training in the horse racing industry.
- The HRAP will conduct these hearings as an independent and impartial body.

Your Right to Appeal

- AGCO Racing Officials including Judges or Stewards, are responsible for the administration of the *Rules of Racing*.
- Officials direct inspections into alleged rule violations and issue decisions including suspensions or monetary penalties. They may also fine/suspend licensees for violations or add terms and conditions to licences.
- You have the right to appeal these decisions.
- You have 15 days to file a Notice of Appeal with the HRAP.
- Appeal forms are available on the HRAP website at www.hrappelpanel.ca or from AGCO Race Offices at racetracks.

How does the HRAP compare to former ORC Panels?

- Hearings before the HRAP are conducted using procedures similar to those used by Panels of the ORC.
- You can represent yourself or have counsel or a legal representative, call witnesses, present evidence and cross-examine the AGCO administration's witnesses.
- The AGCO administration can present witnesses and evidence, and can cross-examine your witnesses.
- More information, including the Rules of Procedure, is available from the HRAP web site www.hrappelpanel.ca.

