**Section 1413.131 Carding Purse and Handicap Races**

a) On or before June 30, 2021, except as otherwise provided in subsection (a)(1), all non-claiming races (with the exception of maiden races) and claiming races with a claiming value of $20,000 or more, having eight or more separate interests, must be carded and run. Exceptions:

1) The following races must be carded and run with seven or more betting interests:

A) Illinois maiden special weights;

B) Illinois claiming races $20,000 and above;

C) Illinois allowance "one other than" or "other than" and "non-winners of two other than".

2) Illinois conceived and/or foaled stake races must be carded and run with six or more betting interests. If scratches reduce the number of interests in any race to fewer than six, the association may run the race as a non-wagering exhibition and card and run a substitute race for wagering purposes.

b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the track shall card races pursuant to this subsection. All non-claiming races (including maiden special weights, but with the exception of other maiden races) and claiming races with a claiming value of $20,000 or more having seven or more separate interests must be carded and run. However, if scratches reduce the number of interests in such a race to fewer than six, the association may run the race as a non-wagering exhibition and card and run a substitute race for wagering purposes.

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