



COMMISSION HEARING

TORONTO, ONTARIO – MAY 5, 2011

IN THE MATTER OF THE RACING COMMISSION ACT S.O. 2000, c.20;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL AND REQUEST FOR HEARING BY
STANWARDBRED LICENSEE JUSTIN TURCOTTE**

On March 25, 2011, standardbred driver Justin Turcotte ("TURCOTTE") (ORC Licence W7978), appealed the Deputy Director's Ruling SB 45/2011, wherein he was fined \$1,000. and fully suspended for 3 days (March 27 to 29 inclusive) for failure to attend a hearing pursuant to a Summons to a Witness.

On May 5, 2011, a Panel of the Ontario Racing Commission ("ORC") consisting of Chair Rod Seiling, convened to hear the appeal.

Rick Rier appeared as agent for the Administration. TURCOTTE attended the hearing in person and was unrepresented.

Upon hearing the submissions of Rier and Turcotte, the Panel dismissed the appeal but varied the penalty. TURCOTTE will now serve his full suspension on May 8 to 10 inclusive, and his fine is reduced to \$750.

A transcript of the Panel's Oral Decision is attached to this Ruling.

Dated at Toronto, Ontario this 9th day of May 2011.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION



John L. Blakney
Executive Director

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ONTARIO RACING COMMISSION
STANDARD BRED HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPEAL AND REQUEST FOR
HEARING OF JUSTIN TURCOTT,

Held before:
Rod Seiling, Commissioner

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These are an excerpt of the proceedings
in the above-mentioned matter held before
The Ontario Racing Commission, Re: JUSTIN
TURCOTT, taken before Toronto Court
Reporters, Suite 1410, 65 Queen Street
West, Toronto, Ontario, at 10 Carlson
Court, Suite 400, Toronto, Ontario, on the
5th day of May, 2011

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Appearances:
Rick Rier, Agent for the Ontario
Racing Commission
Administration

