

# Classification Changes 2025

The following classification changes below were proposed by an Industry Classification Committee which met twice during the off-season (March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup>). The committee consists of the following members: Blaine MacPherson (Chair PEIHRIA), James Perrot (PEISHOA), Michael Dowling, Gerard Smith (Classifier), Lee Drake (Red Shores), Garth Cole, Deanna Clow (PCHC), Kyle Williams, Kent Dollar (PEI Government Representative), Nicholas Oakes, and Julie Jamieson (Recording Secretary).

**These changes will run for a trial period from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

- Offer two types of claiming classes on the condition sheet. A \$5k and an \$8k claimer that can be split by sex. If not enough to split by sex combine classes. If the claimer does not fill, horses will race in the following equivalent class for one start \$5k= \$1,001 and \$8k= \$1,901. They may race in a lower condition class if they fit it on money last 4. Should the claimers continue to not fill, then the horse will race through the system on money last 4.
- Condition sheet to move to NW last 4 starts system.
- Apply 50% for Island foaled on LTE and give Island foaled one additional win in condition classes. Move Island foaled from 30% to 40% last 4 starts.
- Up two down two system is currently in place from coffee with the classifier meetings in 2024. The system is applied in the following manner, win a class move up no more than two, finish second move up no more than one, finish 3-8 remain in the same class. The committee is requesting this be placed on the condition sheet so that horse people have clarification on the process.
- The Committee recommends that horses racing in the \$401 to \$1,001 classes only move up one race at a time. Classes above \$1,001 use the system indicated above.
- When combining two classes, horses in the lower class draw inside. If the class is opened to fill with horses that have more last 4 then stated in the original condition, then they should draw the outside.
- Classes up to NW 11 are necessary to allow young horses to move up the condition ladder. They will remain in place on the condition sheet.
- Multiple classes may be combined to create a card. Using the higher purse will use up the purse pool quicker and may limit the number of classes on a card. Committee recommends an average of both classes be used for the purse when combining classes.
- Bottom class will be set at \$2,500 this should improve the spread on a percentage increase to other classes. Attach a condition to the bottom class that keeps the lower-level horses there.

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