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Hearing Officer Issues Recommended Order in Baffert Case

Frankfort, Ky. (May 26, 2023) -- Today, Hearing Officer Eden Stephens issued a recommended order in Robert A. Baffert and Zedan Racing Stables, Inc. v. Kentucky Horse Racing Commission that [Stewards' Rulings No. 22-0009](#) and [No. 22-0010](#) be affirmed in their entirety.

Next, both parties can file exceptions to the recommended order should either party believe the hearing officer made an incorrect finding of fact or conclusion of law. The matter will then be referred to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission to issue a Final Order.

A Final Order may be appealed to Circuit Court within 30 days of issuance of the Final Order. If no appeal is filed within 30 days, the case will end.

See also KRS 13B.120 and KRS 13B.140 for relevant statutes regarding administrative hearings.

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The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) is an independent agency of state government charged with regulating the conduct of horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing and related activities within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The KHRC is a leader in the welfare of horse and rider and the safety and integrity of horse racing.