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The rumour mill, as usual in this business, has been running wild lately, with many people spreading the word that the 2014 racing season will have anywhere from 29-60 racing days. There is a concern amongst the racing fraternity, which is a good thing, showing a passion for this great sport.

I can assure you all that NOTHING has been decided for 2014 as of yet. The negotiations are still ongoing between the Standardbreds, Thoroughbreds, Great Canadian Gaming and the Horse Racing Industry Management Committee. The thoroughbred racing groups are seeking the maximum amount of money available to work with for the upcoming season. It is impossible to put out a racing calendar for 2014, as well as an overnight purse structure and a stakes schedule, until the thoroughbred sector is told how much money will be available for this year. Everyone involved understands that time is of the essence, but taking an unfair split of the money is not going to happen, which is why these negotiations are taking longer than expected. The racing groups are fighting for the horsemen and I hope everyone can remain patient until the final decision comes down.