

7871.0130 AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF PRESIDING OFFICIAL.

Subpart 1. **Authority.** The presiding official shall exercise immediate supervision, control, and regulation of racing on each televised racing day on behalf of the commission and shall be responsible only to the commission. The powers of the presiding official include:

- A. the authority over all persons, licensed or unlicensed, on association grounds during a televised racing day regarding all matters relating to racing;
- B. the authority to suspend, according to applicable law, a Class C licensee;
- C. the authority to eject or exclude according to applicable law, from association grounds or any part thereof, licensed or unlicensed persons for violations of law;
- D. the authority to interpret and enforce commission rules and determine all questions pertaining to racing and wagering matters in conformity with applicable law and the "customs of the turf"; and
- E. the authority to request and receive assistance from commission employees, racing officials, track security, and federal, state, or local police in the investigation of possible violations of law.

Subp. 2. **Duties.** In addition to the duties and responsibilities necessary and pertinent to general supervision, control, and regulation of race meetings, and without limiting the authority of the presiding official to perform those and all other duties listed in this part, the presiding official shall have the following specific duties and responsibilities:

- A. To consider and review all allegations of misconduct or rule infractions and, when warranted, initiate investigations of the allegations and conduct necessary hearings; or take the action necessary to prevent rule infractions.
- B. To lock all pari-mutuel betting machines not later than the start of a race.
- C. To maintain daily reports of actions taken and observations made during the conduct of each day's racing program. The report must contain the name of the track, the date, weather and track conditions, claims, inquiries and objections, and any unusual circumstances or conditions. The reports must be signed by the presiding official and filed with the commission within 24 hours.
- D. To maintain detailed records of all questions, disputes, protests, complaints, or objections brought to the attention of the stewards at the host racetrack, and a summary of interviews, reports of investigations, and rulings issued thereon.
- E. Within seven days after the conclusion of a race meeting, the presiding official must submit to the commission a written report containing their observations and comments

concerning the conduct of the race meeting and the condition of the association grounds and any appropriate recommendation for improvement.

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