

**7873.0130 PREVENTION TO START.**

In a Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, or other breed race, if the doors in front of a stall in a mechanically or electronically operated starting gate should fail to open simultaneously with the other stall doors, thereby preventing a horse from obtaining a fair start when the starter dispatches the field, the following shall apply:

A. If any horse is so prevented from starting, and does not finish first, all amounts wagered on that horse in all pools shall be refunded. Any horse so prevented from starting shall be entitled to any purse money earned for its actual place in the order of finish.

B. If any horse or horses are so prevented from starting so that it would reduce the total number of starters below six, the following shall apply:

(1) if five starters of different betting interests leave the stalls, the association may refund the entire amount wagered in the show pool;

(2) if four or fewer horses of different betting interests leave the stalls, the association may refund the entire amount wagered in the show pool, the place pool, or both; and

(3) if fewer than two horses of different betting interests leave the stalls, the race must be canceled and the entire amount wagered in the win, place, and show pools must be promptly refunded.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 240.03; 240.23*

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