

7879.0100 QUALIFICATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF STEWARDS.

Subpart 1. **Qualifications for stewards.** No person may qualify for commission appointment or approval as a steward unless:

A. he or she has served as a steward, director of racing, racing secretary, assistant racing secretary, starter, placing judge, patrol judge, paddock judge, identifier, clerk of scales, or other racing officials' position at one or more recognized race meetings for a period of not less than 60 days per year during at least three of the five preceding calendar years or has had at least five years experience as a trainer or a jockey. In the case of racing at a Class B facility, other than in an emergency situation, all candidates must be formally accredited by a recognized accrediting organization;

B. he or she has satisfactorily passed an optical examination within 90 days prior to approval as a steward evidencing 20-20 vision (corrected) and the ability to distinguish colors; and

C. the commission is satisfied that income, other than salary as a steward, which may accrue to a person under consideration for appointment as a steward is independent of and unrelated to patronage of or employment by any licensee under the supervision of the steward, so as to avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest or suggestion of preferential treatment of a licensee.

Subp. 2. **Appointment and approval of stewards.** The following procedures must be observed in the appointment of stewards:

A. There shall be three stewards for each race meeting, at least two of whom shall be appointed by the commission. The third steward may be nominated by the association for approval by the commission.

The commission must notify the association if it will accept an association's nomination for a steward. The name of the association nominee for steward must be submitted no later than 30 days before commencement of a race meeting and must be accompanied by biographical data setting forth the experience and qualifications of the nominee. No steward may serve until approved by the commission.

B. In the event a steward becomes ill, resigns, or is unable to serve for any reason, the commission's director shall nominate a temporary steward to the commission for approval. In emergencies, the commission's director may designate a temporary steward to serve until such time as the commission approves the appointment of a steward to fill the vacancy.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 240.03; 240.08; 240.16; 240.23; 240.24*

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