

7884.0140 COUPLED ENTRIES.

Subpart 1. **Horses to be coupled as an entry.** Horses shall be coupled as an entry if:

A. one person, stable, or partnership is the owner or trainer of two or more horses in a race; provided, however, that when a trainer enters two or more horses in a stakes race, early closing, or other special events under bona fide separate ownerships the said horses must, at the request of the association and with the approval of the stewards, be permitted to race as separate betting entries. The fact that such horses are trained by the same person shall be indicated prominently by the association in the program. If the race is split in two or more divisions, horses in an entry shall be seeded insofar as possible, first by owners, then by trainers, then by stables, but the divisions in which they compete and their post positions shall be drawn by lot. The provisions in this item also apply to elimination heats;

B. the spouse of a person who is the owner of one horse in a race is the owner of another horse in that race;

C. the spouse of the driver of one of the horses in a race is the owner, trainer, or driver of another horse in that race; or

D. the trainer of one of the horses in a race is the owner, trainer, or driver of another horse in that race. When a driver participates in a purse race in which the driver has an ownership interest in one or more horses, the driver must drive one of the horses in which the driver has an ownership interest.

Subp. 2. **Stewards may designate a coupled entry.** Any two or more horses may be coupled as an entry by the stewards when they consider it in the public interest to do so.

Subp. 3. **Split races.** If a race is split into divisions or elimination heats, horses coupled as an entry shall be, insofar as possible, seeded in separate divisions or elimination heats in the following order:

A. owners;

B. trainers; and

C. stables.

The divisions or elimination heats in which such horses are to compete, and their post positions, shall be determined by lot.

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