

1 Minnesota Racing Commission

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3 Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Harness Racing

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5 Rules as Adopted

6 7884.0120 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTERING.

7 Subpart 1. to 5. [Unchanged.]

8 Subp. 6. **Maximum number in field.** The maximum size of
9 fields for all races shall be determined as follows:

10 A. For overnight events, the maximum number of horses
11 shall be ten on a one-mile track.

12 B. For stakes races, the maximum number of horses
13 shall be 14 on a one-mile track. If the number of horses
14 declared to start exceeds 14 on a one-mile track, unless a
15 lesser number of horses is specified in the conditions of the
16 race, the race shall be run in two divisions or elimination
17 heats.

18 Subp. 7. **Conditions precedent to entering.** No horse shall
19 be permitted to enter to race unless:

20 A. a valid eligibility certificate has been granted
21 or validated for that horse by the USTA, and the eligibility
22 certificate has been filed with the racing secretary;

23 B. the current ownership of the horse has been
24 registered with the USTA, and the registration papers have been
25 filed with the racing secretary. For purposes of this subpart,
26 a photocopy of the current registration papers will be accepted
27 to the same extent as the original unless:

28 (1) a genuine question is raised as to the
29 authenticity of the original registration papers; or

30 (2) the horse is entered in a claiming race;

31 C. if the horse is leased,

32 (1) a copy of the lease is on file with the
33 association and the USTA; and

34 (2) the horse races in the name of the lessee;

35 D. the horse has qualified as provided in part

1 7884.0190;

2 E. the horse has been lip tattooed;

3 F. the horse is at least two years old but not older
4 than 14 years old; and

5 G. if it is a spayed mare, that fact is noted on the
6 program, registration certificate, eligibility certificate, and
7 the list of such horses is posted in the office of the racing
8 secretary.

9 Subp. 8. to 15. [Unchanged.]

10 7884.0130 PREFERENCE SYSTEM.

11 Subpart 1. Association to establish preference system.

12 Each association shall establish a preference system giving
13 preference dates to horses in all overnight events in accordance
14 with the date of the horse's last previous start in a purse race
15 during the current year as its preference date with the
16 following exceptions:

17 A. The preference date on a horse that has drawn to
18 race and has been scratched is the date of the race from which
19 scratched.

20 B. When a horse is racing for the first time in the
21 current year, the date of the first declaration into a purse
22 race shall be considered its preference race.

23 C. Wherever horses have equal preference in a race,
24 the actual preference of the horses in relation to one another
25 shall be determined from the most recent previous starts which
26 do not result in equal preference.

27 D. When an overnight race has been reopened because
28 it did not fill, all eligible horses declared into the race
29 prior to the reopening shall receive preference over other
30 horses subsequently declared, irrespective of the actual
31 preference dates.

32 Subp. 2. and 3. [See Repealer.]

33 7884.0160 ALSO ELIGIBLES.

34 Subpart 1. and 2. [Unchanged.]

35 Subp. 3. Also eligibles released. Also eligibles not

1 moved into a race by scratch time shall be released.
2 Subp. 4. and 5. [Unchanged.]
3 7884.0200 STAKES RACES.
4 Subpart 1. to 11. [Unchanged.]
5 Subp. 12. Stakes races conducted in eliminations. For
6 stakes races conducted in eliminations:
7 A. to C. [Unchanged.]
8 D. If there are two elimination heats, the first five
9 finishers in each heat shall qualify for the final heat.
10 E. If there are three or more elimination heats,
11 three horses from each elimination heat shall qualify for the
12 final heat, in addition to the fastest time of all the fourth
13 place finishers.
14 F. [Unchanged.]
15 Subp. 13. [Unchanged.]
16 REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, part 7884.0130, subparts 2 and
17 3 are repealed.