

1 Minnesota Racing Commission

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3 Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Horse Racing

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5 Rules as Adopted

6 7869.0100 DEFINITIONS.

7 Subpart 1. to 14. [Unchanged.]

8 Subp. 15. Commission veterinarian. "Commission
9 veterinarian" means a licensed veterinarian appointed by the
10 commission pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 240.04,
11 subdivision 4.

12 Subp. 16. to 69. [Unchanged.]

13 7870.0490 CARE OF HORSES.

14 A racetrack facility must provide the following facilities,
15 equipment, and personnel for horses:

16 A. an individual box stall for each horse;

17 B. a fence surrounding the stabling facilities;

18 C. stabling and training facilities available at
19 least three weeks before the start of the first race meeting for
20 a breed of horse in any year;

21 D. a licensed outrider mounted and on duty whenever a
22 facility is open for exercising horses; and

23 E. a horse ambulance available for the safe and
24 expedient removal of crippled animals. The ambulance must be
25 equipped with a screen for use when an animal must be euthanized
26 in view of the public, a winch to lift dead or injured animals
27 onto the ambulance, and a removable floor or any other devices
28 which enable a dead or injured horse to be loaded. Whenever the
29 racetrack facility is open for racing or exercising horses, the
30 ambulance must be tended by a driver who is capable of assisting
31 in the safe and expedient removal of injured animals from the
32 racetrack surface.

33 7877.0110 PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING CLASS C LICENSE.

34 Subpart 1. to 3. [Unchanged.]

1 Subp. 4. Racing officials. Each association shall submit
2 to the commission for its approval or disapproval the names of
3 all persons whom the association has selected as racing
4 officials, and other employees whose duties relate to the actual
5 running of races. The list shall include, where applicable, the
6 following racing officials:

7 A. to S. [Unchanged.]

8 T. steward;

9 U. and V. [Unchanged.]

10 The list of racing officials' names shall be submitted to
11 the commission in writing at least 30 days prior to the opening
12 of each race meeting.

13 The association shall be responsible for filing a complete
14 application for a Class C license with respect to each nominee
15 who has not been previously licensed by the commission as a
16 racing official.

17 The commission may request any person whose name is
18 proposed as a racing official to submit to a physical
19 examination and to forward the results of said examination to
20 the commission. The request shall be made only where there is a
21 reasonable basis for suggesting that the applicant's physical
22 condition would hinder or prevent him or her from performing the
23 duties of a racing official.

24 The commission shall act on the association's list of
25 officials at a meeting of the commission. If commission staff
26 recommends disapproval of an official, the association shall be
27 notified of that recommendation in advance of the commission's
28 meeting.

29 Under no circumstances shall an identifier, placing judge,
30 or patrol judge be approved by the commission unless he or she
31 has satisfactorily passed an optical examination within 90 days
32 prior to approval evidencing 20-20 vision (corrected) and the
33 ability to distinguish colors.

34 7877.0170 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLASS C LICENSEES.

35 Subpart 1. [Unchanged.]

1 Subp. 2. **Trainers.** Trainers shall have the following
2 responsibilities.

3 A. and B. [Unchanged.]

4 C. A trainer shall be responsible for horses he or
5 she enters as to eligibility; weight or other allowances
6 claimed; physical fitness of the horse to perform credibly at
7 the distance entered; absence of prohibited medication; proper
8 shoeing, bandaging, and equipment; and timely arrival in the
9 paddock.

10 (1) No trainer may start or permit a horse in his
11 or her custody, care, or control to be started if he or she
12 knows, or might have known, or has cause to believe, that the
13 horse has received any medication in contravention of the
14 provisions of chapter 7890.

15 (2) The commission shall consider any positive
16 test to be prima facie evidence that the trainer is responsible
17 for such positive test unless he or she can prove by substantial
18 evidence that neither the trainer nor any employee or agent of
19 the trainer was responsible for the administration of the
20 medication.

21 (3) A trainer must guard each horse trained by
22 him or her in such a manner and for such time prior to racing
23 the horse as to prevent the administration of any medication in
24 contravention of the provisions of chapter 7890.

25 D. to S. [Unchanged.]

26 Subp. 2a. to 9. [Unchanged.]

27 7877.0175 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RACING OFFICIALS.

28 Subpart 1. to 7. [Unchanged.]

29 Subp. 8. **Commission veterinarian.** The commission
30 veterinarian shall maintain a list of the following:

31 A. horses that are scratched because of illness or
32 injury;

33 B. horses that are pulled-up because of lameness or
34 other injury during a race;

35 C. horses that are bleeders, pursuant to part

1 7890.0140, subpart 1; and

2 D. horses otherwise considered unfit to race in the
3 professional judgment of the commission veterinarian or the
4 association veterinarian.

5 The veterinarian's list shall be posted in the racing
6 secretary's office, and any horse whose name is on the list
7 shall be ineligible to enter a race for five calendar days, or
8 until the commission veterinarian or association veterinarian
9 removes it from the list, whichever is later. For purposes of
10 this subpart, the five-day period during which a horse is
11 ineligible to enter begins to run on the first day the horse is
12 placed on the list. The veterinarian's list is binding on all
13 racetracks under the jurisdiction of the commission.

14 The commission veterinarian shall conduct racing-soundness
15 examinations pursuant to part 7891.0100. If the veterinarian
16 finds that any horse is unfit to race he or she shall notify the
17 stewards immediately.

18 The commission veterinarian shall supervise the operation
19 of a barn for the detention and testing of horses after each
20 race pursuant to chapter 7890.

21 The commission veterinarian shall have the authority to
22 draw blood from any horse or pony on the grounds of an
23 association for the purpose of conducting an Agar-Gel
24 immunodiffusion (Coggins) test, and shall supervise the removal
25 from the racetrack of any horse or pony having positive Coggins
26 test results.

27 Subp. 8a. **Association veterinarian.** The association may,
28 with the prior approval of the commission, appoint an
29 association veterinarian. The responsibilities of the
30 association veterinarian may include, but are not limited to,
31 the following:

32 A. conduct racing soundness examinations pursuant to
33 part 7891.0100;

34 B. notify the stewards of any horse he or she
35 considers unfit to race;

36 C. provide the names of horses which shall be placed

1 on or removed from the veterinarian's list;

2 D. monitor horses in the paddock, post parade, and
3 starting gate for signs of illness or injury; and

4 E. tend to crippled or disabled horses pursuant to
5 part 7883.0160, subpart 14.

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

7 7883.0160 POST TO FINISH.

8 Subpart 1. to 13. [Unchanged.]

9 Subp. 14. **Horse becomes crippled or disabled.** The
10 following procedures shall apply if a horse during the running
11 of a race becomes crippled or otherwise obviously unable to
12 finish (broken bone, profuse bleeding, or other equally
13 disabling condition):

14 A. It shall be dismounted, unsaddled, and removed
15 from the course without passing the stand and may, under no
16 circumstances, be euthanized on the course or in the presence of
17 the public without the permission of the stewards.

18 B. If a bone is broken, the horse shall remain on the
19 course until the horse-ambulance arrives and the horse is
20 removed under the direction of the commission veterinarian or
21 association veterinarian.

22 C. If euthanasia of the horse is determined
23 necessary, the euthanasia shall be performed by a veterinarian
24 licensed by the commission through the use of a needle
25 preferably in a place out of vision of the public. If
26 euthanasia within view of the public is necessary, an ambulance
27 screen must be used. Removal of the horse after euthanasia
28 shall be the responsibility of the association.

29 D. If euthanasia of a horse is determined necessary,
30 the jockey will not be required to weigh in.

31 7884.0170 SCRATCHES.

32 Subpart 1. and 2. [Unchanged.]

33 Subp. 3. **On advice of veterinarian.** A horse scratched by
34 the stewards on the advice of the commission veterinarian or the
35 association veterinarian shall not be allowed to enter for a

1 minimum of five days as determined by part 7877.0175, subpart 8,
2 or until approved for entry by the commission veterinarian or
3 the association veterinarian.

4 7890.0100 DEFINITIONS.

5 Subpart 1. to 20. [Unchanged.]

6 Subp. 21. **Veterinarian's list.** "Veterinarian's list"
7 means the tabulation of horses required to be maintained by part
8 7877.0175, subpart 8.

9 7890.0140 BLEEDERS.

10 Subpart 1. to 8. [Unchanged.]

11 Subp. 9. **Administration of Lasix®.** Lasix® shall be
12 administered intravenously by a veterinarian employed by the
13 owner or trainer of the horse under the visual supervision of a
14 person employed by the commission. The practicing veterinarian
15 must deposit with the commission veterinarian at the detention
16 barn an unopened supply of Lasix® and sterile hypodermic needles
17 and syringes to be used for the administrations. The dose level
18 of Lasix® must not exceed 250 milligrams (five milliliters of a
19 50 milligrams/milliliter or five percent solution) per
20 administration.

21 Subp. 10. [Unchanged.]

22 7891.0100 RACING SOUNDNESS EXAMINATION.

23 Subpart 1. **Horses subject to examination.** Every horse
24 entered to race at a licensed racetrack under the jurisdiction
25 of the commission shall be subjected to a veterinary examination
26 for racing soundness and health on race day. The examination
27 shall be conducted by the commission veterinarian or the
28 association veterinarian in or near the stall to which the horse
29 is assigned.

30 Subp. 2. [Unchanged.]

31 7895.0100 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

32 Subpart 1. to 5. [Unchanged.]

33 Subp. 5a. **False statements.** A person who knowingly makes
34 a false statement in a document or application required to be

1 submitted to the commission under this chapter may be denied
2 participation in the breeders' fund for a period not to exceed
3 five years.

4 Subp. 6. [Unchanged.]

5 Subp. 6a. **Awards and purse supplements forfeited.** A
6 person denied participation in the breeders' fund under subpart
7 5a shall forfeit and return to the commission any awards and
8 purse supplements received based upon the submission of the
9 false statement.

10 Subp. 7. [Unchanged.]