

1.1 **Minnesota Racing Commission**

1.2 **Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Horse Racing**

1.3 **7869.0100 DEFINITIONS.**

1.4 [For text of subps 1 to 24, see M.R.]

1.5 Subp. 25. **Equipment.**"Equipment," as applied to a horse, means whips, blinkers,
1.6 tongue straps, muzzles, hoods, nasal strips, nose bands, shadow rolls, martingales, breast
1.7 plates, bandages, boots, plates or toe grabs (shoes), sulkies, head poles, safety reins,
1.8 cornell collars, and all other paraphernalia that is or might be used on or attached to a
1.9 horse while racing.

1.10 [For text of subps 26 to 69, see M.R.]

1.11 **7871.0070 INFORMATION WINDOW.**

1.12 Each association shall provide at least one information or complaint window where
1.13 complaints may be made by members of the public. Complaint forms must include the
1.14 name, address, and telephone number of the complainant, the date and nature of the
1.15 complaint, and the department or persons with whom the complaint was made. When a
1.16 patron makes a complaint, the association shall forward a copy of the complaint along
1.17 with the action or proposed action taken, if any, to the commission staff within 48 hours
1.18 of the complaint. A current set of all Minnesota commission rules ~~and all administrative~~
1.19 ~~rules of the state in which the host racetrack is located~~ regarding pari-mutuel wagering
1.20 shall be available for public inspection during racing hours at every such window.

1.21 **7871.0080 TIP SHEETS.**

1.22 Subpart 1. **Number of tip sheets.**Should the licensee elect to allow the availability
1.23 of tip sheets, ~~not less than two~~ at least one independently handicapped tip sheets shall be
1.24 available at a racetrack. Each handicapper must sign and deliver the sheet at least one
1.25 hour before post time for the first race to the presiding official at the licensee's racetrack.

2.1 [For text of subps 2 and 3, see M.R.]

2.2 **7872.0100 APPLICATION FOR RACING DAYS.**

2.3 Subpart 1. **Submission of live racing days requests.** On or before ~~December 31~~
2.4 November 15 of any year, a Class B or Class D licensee may apply for an assignment of
2.5 live racing days for up to the next three calendar years by submitting an original and 15
2.6 copies of the following:

2.7 [For text of items A to D, see M.R.]

2.8 [For text of subps 2 to 7, see M.R.]

2.9 **7873.0185 TRIFECTA.**

2.10 [For text of subps 2 to 6, see M.R.]

2.11 Subp. 7. **Restrictions on trifecta races.** Trifecta wagering must not be scheduled on
2.12 a race with fewer than ~~six~~ five betting interests in the original daily racing program.

2.13 Trifecta wagering must not be allowed on a race with fewer than ~~six~~ five betting
2.14 interests. If, for any reason, trifecta wagering is canceled, all trifecta wagers must be
2.15 refunded. If time permits, the association may schedule exacta wagering in place of
2.16 trifecta wagering.

2.17 [For text of subp 8, see M.R.]

2.18 **7873.0240 TIP SHEETS.**

2.19 Subpart 1. **Number of tip sheets.** ~~Not less than two~~ At least one independently
2.20 handicapped tip sheets shall be available at a racetrack. Each handicapper must sign and
2.21 deliver the sheet at least one hour before post time for the first race to a commission
2.22 representative at the racetrack.

2.23 [For text of subps 2 and 3, see M.R.]

3.1 **7875.0100 FACILITIES.**

3.2 [For text of subps 1 to 5, see M.R.]

3.3 Subp. 6. **Jockey's room.**

3.4 A. ~~Cellular telephone use~~ The use of electronic communications devices,
3.5 including but not limited to cellular telephones, is prohibited in the jockey's and driver's
3.6 room for one-half hour prior to the first post and until the last race is official.

3.7 B. The association will establish and post the hours that the jockey's or driver's
3.8 room will be open. The association will be responsible to secure the jockey's or driver's
3.9 room when open.

3.10 **7875.0200 EQUIPMENT.**

3.11 [For text of subps 1 to 5, see M.R.]

3.12 Subp. 6. **Timing.** An association must use an electric timing system. An official
3.13 shall be designated to use a ~~hand-held~~ handheld stopwatch to record the time should the
3.14 electric timing system fail.

3.15 [For text of subps 7 and 8, see M.R.]

3.16 Subp. 9. **External communications.** An association may have telephone ~~or~~
3.17 ~~telegraph~~ systems on the premises during a race meeting for the benefit of the public, the
3.18 press, or for transacting ordinary business.

3.19 No information regarding the results of any race shall be transmitted out of the
3.20 racetrack until the results are official except for races that are broadcast or televised live.
3.21 Under no circumstances shall any message be sent over said wires transmitting money, or
3.22 other things of value, or directing the placing of any wager on the result of a race.

3.23 The use of public or portable telephones, transmitters, electronic communications
3.24 devices, or any other instrument that can be used for transmitting or receiving messages off
3.25 the grounds to transmit wagering information of any kind is strictly prohibited. Anyone

4.1 deemed to have used such an instrument to transmit or receive wagering information is
4.2 subject to ejection and the equipment is subject to confiscation.

4.3 No telephone calls, ~~telegrams~~, or messages of any kind for any person attending or
4.4 participating in the conduct of a race meeting shall be accepted, nor shall any notice
4.5 be given pertaining to such message or telephone call during the hours indicated
4.6 unless permission is first given by the stewards or the authorized representative of the
4.7 commission.

4.8 A telephone on a private line shall be provided in the offices of the commission.
4.9 All costs of the telephone service shall be borne by the association and the service shall
4.10 not be interrupted at any time. At the request of the commission, TDD devices shall be
4.11 installed on all commission telephones at the track, and costs associated with the devices
4.12 shall be borne by the association.

4.13 At least one of the public telephones allowed at an association shall be equipped
4.14 with a TDD device.

4.15 **7876.0110 OFF-TRACK STABLING.**

4.16 [For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

4.17 Subp. 2. **Requirements of commission must be met at racetrack.** All workout,
4.18 tattooing, freeze branding, approval from the starting gate, and eligibility requirements
4.19 of the commission or stewards must be secured at a licensed racetrack at which racing
4.20 is being conducted. However, workouts may be obtained at sites approved by the
4.21 commission and which are staffed by a clocker or clockers licensed by the commission.

4.22 Subp. 3. **Horses must be at racetrack for race day inspection.** All horses shipped
4.23 from another racetrack or off-track stabling facility to a racetrack for a race must be
4.24 at the racetrack no later than 9:00 a.m. or later if approved by the stewards on the day
4.25 on which the horse is scheduled to race.

5.1 **7877.0130 STANDARDS REQUIRED OF APPLICANTS FOR SPECIFIC**
5.2 **LICENSES.**

5.3 [For text of subps 1 to 8, see M.R.]

5.4 Subp. 9. **Veterinarians.** An applicant for a veterinarian's license must:

5.5 A. ~~provide proof of current validation~~ be currently licensed by the Minnesota
5.6 Board of Veterinary Medicine to practice veterinary medicine in Minnesota;

5.7 [For text of items B to D, see M.R.]

5.8 [For text of subps 10 to 13, see M.R.]

5.9 Subp. 14. **Authorized agents.** To be appointed an authorized agent, the appointee
5.10 must be licensed as ~~either an individual owner or as~~ a trainer, or an assistant trainer. A
5.11 written agency appointment authorizing ~~him or her~~ the authorized agent to act on behalf of
5.12 a licensed individual owner or licensed multiple owner, or licensed trainer in racing matters
5.13 not directly related to the care and training of horses must accompany the appointment.
5.14 The authorization shall be on a form provided by the commission and shall define the
5.15 powers, limits, and terms of the agency agreement. The authorization must be signed by
5.16 the individual principals or the multiple owner designated representative and notarized.

5.17 A separate notarized agency appointment is required for each principal an authorized
5.18 agent intends to represent. All such agencies shall remain in effect for the duration of the
5.19 current race meeting unless written notice of revocation is submitted to the stewards at
5.20 the meeting where the principal is racing.

5.21 [For text of subps 15 and 16, see M.R.]

5.22 **7877.0170 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLASS C LICENSEES.**

5.23 [For text of subps 1 to 2a, see M.R.]

5.24 Subp. 3. **Jockeys and apprentice jockeys.** Jockeys and apprentice jockeys shall
5.25 have the following responsibilities.

6.1 A. An apprentice jockey must ride with a five-pound weight allowance
6.2 beginning with his or her first mount and for one full year thereafter, unless the jockey
6.3 is riding in stakes races, handicap races, or substituting for a journeyman jockey who is
6.4 unable to fulfill a riding engagement. If after one full year from the date of his or her fifth
6.5 winning mount the apprentice jockey has failed to ride 40 winners, he or she shall continue
6.6 to ride with a five-pound weight allowance for up to two years from the date of his or her
6.7 fifth winning mount or until he or she has ridden a total of 40 winners, whichever comes
6.8 first. If an apprentice jockey is unable to ride for a period of 14 consecutive days or more
6.9 after the date of the jockey's fifth winning mount because of service in the United States
6.10 armed forces, enrollment in an institution of secondary or ~~post-secondary~~ postsecondary
6.11 education, or because of physical disability, the commission may extend the time during
6.12 which the apprentice weight allowance may be claimed for a period not to exceed the
6.13 period the apprentice jockey was unable to ride.

6.14 [For text of items B to E, see M.R.]

6.15 F. Each jockey engaged to ride in a race must report to the clerk of scales for
6.16 ~~weighing-out~~ weighing out not more than 30 minutes before post time for the first race, if
6.17 he or she is riding in that race, nor sooner than the running of the preceding race, if he
6.18 or she is riding in any other race.

6.19 [For text of items G to O, see M.R.]

6.20 P. A jockey must unsaddle his or her own horse before ~~weighing-in~~ weighing in,
6.21 and shall ~~weigh-in~~ weigh in with the equipment with which he or she weighed out.

6.22 [For text of items Q to U, see M.R.]

6.23 V. A jockey mount fee shall be considered earned by a jockey when he or she is
6.24 weighed out by the clerk of scales, except in the following cases:

7.1 (1) When the jockey does not ~~weigh-out~~ weigh out and ride in a race for
7.2 which engaged because an owner or trainer engaged more than one jockey for the same
7.3 race. In such a case, the owner or trainer shall pay the appropriate fee to each jockey
7.4 engaged for the race.

7.5 (2) When a jockey elects to take himself or herself off a mount without
7.6 proper cause.

7.7 (3) When the stewards replace the jockey with a substitute jockey for
7.8 reasons other than the jockey suffering an injury during the time between ~~weighing-out~~
7.9 weighing out and the start of the race.

7.10 [For text of items W and X, see M.R.]

7.11 Subp. 4. **Drivers.**In every race a driver shall drive so as to win or to finish as near
7.12 as possible to first. The driver shall not ease a horse without adequate cause, even if the
7.13 horse has no apparent chance to earn a portion of the purse.

7.14 Each driver shall make a best effort to control and guide the horse in such a way so as
7.15 not to endanger other drivers or horses, and so as not to cause a foul.

7.16 A driver shall fulfill a commitment to drive, unless excused by the stewards. A
7.17 driver unable to fulfill a commitment because of illness or injury must pass a physical
7.18 examination before resuming race driving.

7.19 Each driver shall wear the traditional driver's costume in any prerace ~~warmup~~
7.20 warm-up, post parade, race, or time trial. The costume shall consist of racing colors, white
7.21 pants, and a fully padded fiberglass helmet buckled whenever the driver is in a sulky.

7.22 A driver reporting to the driver's room must remain there until the driver has fulfilled
7.23 all of that day's driving engagements. While in the performance of the driver's duties, the
7.24 driver must have no contact or communication with any person outside the driver's room,
7.25 without the permission of the stewards, other than with an owner or trainer for whom the
7.26 driver is driving that day, or other commission officials.

8.1 [For text of subps 5 and 6, see M.R.]

8.2 Subp. 7. **Jockey's agent.**A jockey's agent shall keep a written record of all
8.3 engagements made for jockeys he or she represents. The record shall be accurate and
8.4 up-to-date, and shall be available at all times for inspection by the stewards.

8.5 No jockey agent shall be permitted to contract riding engagements for more than
8.6 two jockeys and one apprentice jockey. No agent may arrange more than two calls for
8.7 a jockey in any race and shall designate one of the engagements as a first call and the
8.8 other as a second call.

8.9 A jockey's agent shall be in the racing secretary's office, or shall ~~check-in~~ check in
8.10 with the racing secretary's office, at scratch time to confirm a jockey's commitments for
8.11 the day's program.

8.12 A jockey's agent shall notify the stewards in writing if he or she no longer intends
8.13 to serve as agent for any jockey. When so notifying the stewards, the agent also shall
8.14 turn over to the stewards a list of any unfulfilled engagements that he or she has made
8.15 for the jockey.

8.16 [For text of subp 8, see M.R.]

8.17 Subp. 9. **Veterinarians.**The following shall apply to veterinarians licensed by
8.18 the commission:

8.19 [For text of items A and B, see M.R.]

8.20 C. All drugs administered, dispensed, or carried by a veterinarian on the grounds
8.21 of an association must be FDA approved. A veterinarian may possess substances that
8.22 are FDA approved, but not specifically for use on the horse, only by providing prior
8.23 notice to the commission's veterinarian and the Board of Stewards. Veterinarians shall not
8.24 possess medications or substances without a specific manufacturer's name, lot number,
8.25 and expiration date.

8.26 [For text of items D to H, see M.R.]

9.1 Subp. 9a. **Veterinary assistants.**The following apply to veterinary assistants
9.2 licensed by the commission:

9.3 A. **Veterinary assistants must work under the direct supervision of a veterinarian**
9.4 who is currently licensed by the commission. For purposes of this item, "direct
9.5 supervision" means that the licensed veterinarian is in the stable area of the grounds of the
9.6 association at all times when veterinary assistants employed by the licensed veterinarians
9.7 are engaged in their duties in the stable area of the grounds of the association, and that
9.8 the animal patient under the care of the veterinary assistant has been examined by the
9.9 licensed veterinarian. When the veterinarian has delegated certain animal care tasks to a
9.10 veterinary assistant, the licensed veterinarian is at all times quickly and easily available
9.11 to the veterinary assistant to render veterinary care consistent with the delegated animal
9.12 health care task. Veterinary assistants are held to the same standard of care as the licensed
9.13 veterinarian.

9.14 B. **Veterinary assistants shall not:**

9.15 (1) **diagnose disease, lameness, or illness;**

9.16 (2) **provide a prognosis;**

9.17 (3) **prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;**

9.18 (4) **dispense, compound, or mix drugs or medications;**

9.19 (5) **perform surgery;**

9.20 (6) **draw blood;**

9.21 (7) **place catheters, needles, swabs, or tubes of any kind in any body part of**
9.22 **the horse;**

9.23 (8) **apply splints, slings, or tourniquets;**

9.24 (9) **administer injectable medications including rabies vaccine; or**

10.1 (10) sign the veterinarian's daily log.

10.2 C. Veterinary assistants may assist licensed veterinarians with the following
10.3 procedures, but may not perform the procedures themselves:

10.4 (1) radiology;

10.5 (2) ultrasound;

10.6 (3) extracorporeal shock wave treatment; or

10.7 (4) endoscopic assistance.

10.8 D. Veterinary assistants may perform the following tasks:

10.9 (1) maintain the veterinarian's medication inventory;

10.10 (2) draw up injectable medications;

10.11 (3) deliver prescription medications to the appropriate trainer;

10.12 (4) maintain the veterinarian's daily log;

10.13 (5) dispose of biohazardous materials, including needles, syringes, and used
10.14 medication vials in the appropriate containers in the detention barn; and

10.15 (6) perform equine dentistry and equine massage therapy.

10.16 [For text of subp 10, see M.R.]

10.17 **7877.0180 CONFLICTS.**

10.18 Subpart 1. **Racing officials.**No racing official, other than a general manager, shall
10.19 own any interest in a privately held Minnesota racetrack at which the person is serving
10.20 as an official. In the case of a publicly held corporation, no racing official, other than a
10.21 general manager, shall own more than five percent of the outstanding shares of stock.

10.22 No racing official shall:

11.1 A. No racing official shall own any interest in a horse eligible to race at a
11.2 meeting at which the person racing official serves as an official;

11.3 B. No racing official shall buy or sell on the official's own behalf for the racing
11.4 official, or as an agent for anyone else, any horse eligible to race at a meeting at which the
11.5 person racing official serves as an official;

11.6 C. No racing official shall hold any interest in the contract of a jockey or,
11.7 apprentice jockey riding, or, in the case of standardbred racing, as a driver at a meeting at
11.8 which the official serves;

11.9 D. No racing official shall buy or sell for another person any right to a contract
11.10 of any jockey or, apprentice jockey, or, in the case of standardbred racing, as a driver
11.11 riding or driving at a meeting at which the racing official serves;

11.12 E. be permitted to compete as a jockey or, in the case of standardbred racing, as
11.13 a driver, in any race at a licensed racetrack in Minnesota during the term of the racing
11.14 official's employment;

11.15 F. No racing official shall wager money or anything of value on any race in
11.16 Minnesota during the person's term of the racing official's employment; or

11.17 G. No racing official, detention barn employee, commission staff, assistant
11.18 starter, claims clerk, outrider, association veterinarian, or track superintendent shall
11.19 request or accept any remuneration or honorarium in payment or kind from any owner,
11.20 trainer, or other person licensed by the commission.

11.21 Subp. 1a. **Other employees.**No detention barn employee, commission staff,
11.22 assistant starter, claims clerk, outrider, association veterinarian, or track superintendent
11.23 shall request or accept any remuneration or honorarium in payment or kind from any
11.24 owner, trainer, or other person licensed by the commission.

11.25 [For text of subps 2 and 3, see M.R.]

12.1 **7879.0200 AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF STEWARDS.**12.2 [For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

12.3 Subp. 2. **Specific duties and responsibilities of stewards.**In addition to the duties
12.4 and responsibilities necessary and pertinent to general supervision, control, and regulation
12.5 of race meetings, and without limiting the authority of the stewards to perform those and
12.6 all other duties listed in this part, the stewards shall have the following specific duties
12.7 and responsibilities:

12.8 [For text of items A to C, see M.R.]

12.9 D. To review applications for Class C licenses and administer, or cause to be
12.10 administered by technically qualified persons, standard examinations to all first-time
12.11 applicants for a trainer, jockey, apprentice jockey, driver, or farrier license, and to make
12.12 recommendations to the commission as to the qualifications of all applicants for Class C
12.13 licenses. The stewards shall not administer, or cause to be administered, examinations for
12.14 first-time applicants for a trainer's license after the midpoint of any race meeting is reached.

12.15 [For text of items E to K, see M.R.]

12.16 L. To review the video tapes of each day's races before commencement of
12.17 the successive day's races and to draw up and post a list of jockeys (including ~~all~~ any
12.18 apprentice jockeys) or drivers whom the stewards feel should review such films for
12.19 instructional purposes.

12.20 [For text of items M to P, see M.R.]12.21 [For text of subp 3, see M.R.]12.22 **7883.0100 ENTRIES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.**12.23 [For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

13.1 Subp. 2. **Horse must be registered and eligible.**No horse shall be permitted to
13.2 start unless:

13.3 [For text of item A, see M.R.]

13.4 B. its registration certificate and Arabian ID Supplement or any supplement
13.5 relative to other breeds as required showing the tattoo number or freeze branded
13.6 registration number of the horse is filed with the racing secretary by scratch time for
13.7 that race. In stakes races only, a horse shall be allowed to start without the registration
13.8 certificate on file, if a photocopy or telefacsimile copy of both sides of the foal certificate
13.9 is on file with the racing secretary. This copy must have been forwarded to the secretary
13.10 along with a photocopy or a telefacsimile copy of the horse's equine infectious anemia
13.11 certificate and, if applicable, a certificate of bleeding from the race office of a licensed race
13.12 track which has the original registration certificate on file;

13.13 [For text of items C to E, see M.R.]

13.14 [For text of subps 3 to 6, see M.R.]

13.15 Subp. 7. **Coupled entries.**Except in stakes races and races which are conditioned
13.16 for horses eligible for specified stakes, not more than two horses of the same licensed
13.17 ownership or interest shall be entered and started in a race.

13.18 A. No trainer shall enter more than two horses in an overnight event except
13.19 in split races.

13.20 ~~B. Horses trained by a public stable trainer shall not be coupled with horses~~
13.21 ~~trained by another public stable trainer unless the horses in question are owned by the~~
13.22 ~~same person or are coupled as a field for wagering purposes.~~

13.23 ~~C. All horses owned wholly or in part by the same person, or his or her spouse,~~
13.24 ~~shall be coupled and run as an entry.~~ The association may uncouple entries in races where

14.1 ~~the estimated purse is \$25,000 or more and is listed in the condition book as a stakes race~~
14.2 on any race with the permission of the stewards.

14.3 ~~D. Notwithstanding items A to D, where two or more horses are coupled as an~~
14.4 ~~entry only for the reason that the horses are trained by the same trainer, the association~~
14.5 ~~may run those horses as separate interests.~~

14.6 [For text of subps 8 to 15, see M.R.]

14.7 Subp. 15a. **Approval for blinkers.** ~~No horse, to which blinkers or nasal strips will~~
14.8 ~~be added or removed, may be entered in any race without the prior written authorization of~~
14.9 ~~the starter. This authorization must accompany~~ be noted on the entry. Approval of the
14.10 stewards must be obtained for any horse to which blinkers will be added or removed, prior
14.11 to entry in a race. Once approved by the stewards, no changes may be made in the use of
14.12 blinkers without approval of the stewards. Error in this procedure may be corrected only
14.13 ~~with the permission of the stewards at no later than scratch time. Horses that are racing~~
14.14 ~~with a nasal strip must be so identified in the daily racing program.~~

14.15 Subp. 16. **Workout requirements.** ~~In order to be eligible:~~

14.16 [For text of items A to C, see M.R.]

14.17 D. A horse, other than a first-time starter, which has not started for a period of
14.18 one year or more shall not be eligible to start until it has completed three timed workouts,
14.19 at least one of which must be before ~~the~~ a ~~commission veterinarian not less than 48~~
14.20 ~~hours prior to the race in which it is entered. The timed workout before a commission~~
14.21 veterinarian must occur within 30 days prior to the day of the race for which the horse
14.22 is entered.

14.23 [For text of item E, see M.R.]

14.24 [For text of subps 17 and 18, see M.R.]

14.25 **7883.0140 CLAIMING RACES.**15.1 [For text of subps 1 to 15, see M.R.]

15.2 Subp. 16. **Title to claimed horse.** Title to a horse which is claimed shall be vested
15.3 in the successful claimant from the time the horse has ~~become a starter~~ entered the race
15.4 course for the race in which the horse is scheduled to run, unless the race is canceled or
15.5 the horse is excused by the stewards. The claimant shall then become the owner of the
15.6 horse whether it be alive or dead, sound or unsound, or injured during the race or after it.

15.7 [For text of subps 17 to 19, see M.R.]15.8 Subp. 20. [See repealer.]15.9 [For text of subps 21 to 28, see M.R.]15.10 Subp. 29. [See repealer.]

15.11 Subp. 30. **Claiming races may be conditioned.** Races strictly for ~~two-year-olds~~
15.12 two-year-olds or ~~three-year-olds~~ three-year-olds may be conditioned. Races for the lowest
15.13 claiming price at a meeting may be conditioned.

15.14 **7883.0150 PADDOCK TO POST.**15.15 [For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

15.16 Subp. 3. **Bandages and blankets.** Immediately ~~after saddling~~ upon arrival in the
15.17 paddock, all blankets and bandages, except those bandages that will be worn during a
15.18 race, must be removed. Should weather conditions so dictate, blankets may be worn after
15.19 saddling with permission of the paddock judge. After saddling, all horses must be walked
15.20 to allow a satisfactory examination. Bandages that will be worn during a race must not be
15.21 fastened with safety pins or metal/plastic binders of any kind.

15.22 [For text of subps 4 and 5, see M.R.]

15.23 Subp. 6. **Duration of ~~post-parade~~ post parade.**After entering the course not
15.24 more than 14 minutes shall be consumed in the parade of the horses to the post except
16.1 in cases of unavoidable delay. After passing the steward's stand once, horses will be
16.2 allowed to break formation and canter, warm up, or go as they please to the post unless
16.3 otherwise directed by the stewards. When the horses have reached the post, they will be
16.4 started without unnecessary delay.

16.5 [For text of subps 7 to 13, see M.R.]

16.6 **7883.0160 POST TO FINISH.**

16.7 [For text of subps 1 to 5, see M.R.]

16.8 Subp. 6. **Interference and willful fouling.**The following rules shall apply with
16.9 respect to the running of a race.

16.10 [For text of items A and B, see M.R.]

16.11 C. During a race no jockey shall willfully or carelessly strike or touch another
16.12 jockey or another jockey's horse or equipment ~~for the purpose~~ with the effect of interfering
16.13 with that horse or jockey, nor shall a jockey strike ~~his or her~~ the jockey's horse on or
16.14 about the head area. A jockey shall use a whip in a manner consistent with using ~~his or~~
16.15 her the jockey's best efforts to win. ~~This does not mean that a jockey must use the whip~~
16.16 ~~indiscriminately. A jockey must not use the whip indiscriminately.~~ Jockeys are prohibited
16.17 from whipping a horse:

16.18 [For text of subitems (1) to (6), see M.R.]

16.19 [For text of items D and E, see M.R.]

16.20 [For text of subps 7 to 14, see M.R.]

16.21 **7883.0170 RACING EQUIPMENT.**

16.22 A. No bridle shall weigh more than two pounds, and no whip shall weigh more
16.23 than one pound. No whip shall be used unless it has affixed to its end a leather popper
16.24 not less than 1-1/4 inches in width, and not over three inches in length, and be feathered
17.1 above the popper with not less than three rows of leather feathers, each feather not less
17.2 than one inch in length. No whip shall exceed 31 inches in length. All whips are subject
17.3 to inspection and approval by the stewards. Toe grabs with a height greater than four
17.4 millimeters (0.15748 inches) worn on the front shoes of horses while flat racing on any
17.5 track surface or condition are prohibited.

17.6 B. Once inspected and approved by the stewards, no changes may be made in
17.7 the equipment covered by this part, without subsequent approval of the stewards.

17.8 **7884.0120 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTERING.**

17.9 [For text of subps 1 to 5, see M.R.]

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

17.12 A. For overnight events, the maximum number of horses shall be ten on a
17.13 ~~one-mile~~ five-eighth mile track.

17.14 B. For stakes races, the maximum number of horses shall be ~~14~~ ten on a
17.15 ~~one-mile~~ five-eighth mile track. If the number of horses declared to start exceeds ~~14~~ ten
17.16 on a ~~one-mile~~ five-eighth mile track, unless a lesser number of horses is specified in the
17.17 conditions of the race, the race shall be run in two divisions or elimination heats.

17.18 [For text of subps 7 to 15, see M.R.]

17.19 **7884.0210 CLAIMING RACES.**

17.20 A. Claiming shall be conducted according to Rule 10 from the current United
17.21 States Trotting Association (USTA) Charter, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

17.22 B. For claiming prices for harness race horses in standardbred racing, the
17.23 following allowances shall be applicable with respect to claiming price:

17.24 (1) for mares racing against colts or geldings, add 20 percent;

18.1 (2) for two-year-olds racing against older horses, add 100 percent;

18.2 (3) for three-year-olds racing against older horses, add 50 percent;

18.3 (4) for four-year-olds racing against older horses, add 25 percent; and

18.4 (5) spayed mares shall not receive any sex allowance.

18.5 **7884.0230 RACING EQUIPMENT.**

18.6 [For text of subps 1 to 5, see M.R.]

18.7 Subp. 6. ~~Warmup~~ **Warm-up equipment.** All persons driving a horse must wear
18.8 silks and white pants when ~~warming-up~~ warming up a horse prior to a race. Such horse
18.9 shall have the proper head number and saddle cloth for the race in which it will be racing.

18.10 Subp. 7. **Drivers' colors.** Drivers must wear distinguishing colors ~~and~~ that include
18.11 white pants. These colors must be registered with the USTA, Standardbred Canada, or
18.12 equivalent associations in foreign countries. Drivers shall not be permitted to drive in a
18.13 race or other public performances unless they are properly dressed, their driving outfits
18.14 are clean, and they are well-groomed. During inclement weather conditions, drivers
18.15 must wear rain suits or winter suits either of distinguishing colors or made of transparent
18.16 material through which their colors may be distinguished.

18.17 **7884.0260 DRIVING RULES.**

18.18 [For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

18.19 Subp. 2. **Conduct after word "go" is given.** After the word "go" is given no driver
18.20 shall:

18.21 [For text of items A to J, see M.R.]

18.22 K. drive in a careless, reckless, or unsatisfactory manner or fail to maintain
18.23 reasonable control of the horse at all times during the race;

18.24 [For text of items L to S, see M.R.]

19.1 T. use a whip exceeding four feet in length or a snapper longer than ~~eight~~ six
19.2 inches in length, or use a whip in a brutal manner, or use the butt end of the whip, or whip
19.3 under the arch or shaft of the sulky, or strike a wheel disc with ~~his or her~~ the whip, or use a
19.4 whip to interfere with or cause disturbance to any other horse or driver in a race;

19.5 [For text of items U and V, see M.R.]

19.6 [For text of subps 3 to 10, see M.R.]

19.7 **7884.0270 EXPANDED HOMESTRETCH RACING.**

19.8 Subpart 1. **Authority.** With the approval of the commission, a Class B or D licensee
19.9 may expand the width of its homestretch by no less than ten feet nor more than 14 feet
19.10 inward in relation to the width of the remainder of the racetrack.

19.11 [For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

19.12 **7890.0100 DEFINITIONS.**

19.13 [For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

19.14 Subp. 1a. **Alkalinizing agents.** "Alkalinizing agents" means substances, including
19.15 bicarbonate of soda (sodium bicarbonate or baking soda), that are used to increase the
19.16 plasma or serum pH, bicarbonate level, or TCO₂ level of a horse.

19.17 [For text of subps 2 to 12, see M.R.]

19.18 Subp. 13. **Medication.** "Medication" is a substance, compound, or element, or
19.19 combination thereof, which is or can be administered to a horse for the purpose of
19.20 preventing, curing, or alleviating the effects of any disease, condition, ailment, or infirmity,
19.21 or symptom thereof, or for altering in any way the behavior, attitude, temperament, or

19.22 performance of a horse, including athletic performance. The term medication includes
19.23 all analgesics, anesthetics, depressants, narcotics, stimulants, tranquilizers, and other
19.24 classifications of medications. Nothing herein shall be deemed to include:

20.1 A. The following NSAIDs:

20.2 (1) Bute, provided that the test sample does not contain more than the
20.3 micrograms of the substance or metabolites thereof per milliliter of blood plasma
20.4 permitted in Minnesota Statutes, section 240.24, subdivision 3 2;

20.5 [For text of subitems (2) and (3), see M.R.]

20.6 B. Furosemide, provided, however, that it is administered pursuant to the
20.7 provisions of part 7890.0140, subpart 7a, and further provided that: the specific gravity of
20.8 the ~~post-race~~ postrace urine sample is not below 1.010 or, if the specific gravity is below
20.9 1.010 or a urine sample is unavailable for testing, the concentration of Furosemide must
20.10 not exceed 100 nanograms per milliliter of serum or plasma in the ~~post-race~~ postrace
20.11 blood sample.

20.12 [For text of items C and D, see M.R.]

20.13 [For text of subp 13a, see M.R.]

20.14 Subp. 13b. **Milkshaking.**"Milkshaking" (or bicarbonate loading) means the use
20.15 of an alkalinizing agent administered through a nasogastric tube or by any other means
20.16 that changes the normal physiological state of a horse through elevation of plasma or
20.17 serum TCO₂.

20.18 [For text of subps 14 to 16, see M.R.]

20.19 Subp. 16a. TCO₂."TCO₂" means total dissolved carbon dioxide.

20.20 [For text of subps 17 to 19, see M.R.]

20.21 Subp. 19a. **Venom.**"Venom" means toxic or poisonous secretions of an animal such
 20.22 as the snake, snail, scorpion, spider, and others.

20.23 [For text of subps 20 and 21, see M.R.]

20.24 **7890.0110 MEDICATIONS AND PRACTICES PROHIBITED.**

21.1 Subpart 1. **Administration.**No person shall administer or cause to be administered
 21.2 to a horse within 48 hours of a race in which it is scheduled to run any medication (except
 21.3 as permitted by part 7890.0100, subpart 13, items A to D) by injection, oral or topical
 21.4 administration, rectal infusion or suppository, or by inhalation and no horse participating in
 21.5 a race shall carry in its body any substance foreign to the natural horse, except as permitted
 21.6 by part 7890.0100, subpart 13, items A to D. ~~Post-race~~ Postrace samples of plasma,
 21.7 serum, or urine must not contain any substances, drugs, medications, or metabolites of
 21.8 substances, drugs, or medications not specifically permitted by commission rule or law.

21.9 Subp. 2. **Nasogastric tube.**The use of a nasogastric tube (a tube longer than
 21.10 six inches, inserted in a horse's nostril) for the administration of any substance to an
 21.11 entered horse within the ~~24-hour~~ 48-hour period prior to post time shall not be permitted
 21.12 without prior permission of the commission veterinarian. No licensee other than a
 21.13 veterinarian shall possess a nasogastric tube as described in this subpart on the grounds of
 21.14 an association under the jurisdiction of the commission.

21.15 [For text of subps 3 and 4, see M.R.]

21.16 Subp. 5. **Presence.**The presence of more than one of the three approved NSAIDs
 21.17 or any unapproved NSAID in the ~~post-race~~ postrace serum, plasma, or urine sample is
 21.18 not permitted.

21.19 Subp. 6. **Possession.**The possession or use of a drug, substance, ~~or~~ venom,
 21.20 medication, or blood doping agent for which a recognized analytical method to detect and

21.21 confirm the administration of such substance has not been developed; on the premises of a
21.22 facility under the jurisdiction of the commission is prohibited.

21.23 Subp. 7. **Use.** The use of agents that elevate the horse's bicarbonate level, TCO₂,
21.24 or pH level above those existing naturally in the untreated horse at normal physiological
21.25 concentrations is prohibited. The following also apply to TCO₂:

22.1 A. A commission veterinarian may draw serum or plasma samples from a horse
22.2 for the purpose of obtaining a TCO₂ level.

22.3 B. Blood samples for TCO₂ may be drawn prior to or after the race. Samples
22.4 drawn prior to a race shall be drawn before the official post time. For the purpose of
22.5 harness racing, blood samples shall be drawn prior to warm-up. Samples drawn after the
22.6 race shall be drawn no sooner than 90 minutes following official post time for that race.

22.7 C. The prerace or postrace TCO₂ level in the blood shall not exceed 37
22.8 millimoles per liter of blood.

22.9 D. The provisions of part 7892.0120, subpart 5, pertaining to split samples, shall
22.10 not apply to blood samples drawn for the purpose of TCO₂ testing.

22.11 E. Provisions for split sample testing for TCO₂ analysis shall be arranged by
22.12 the trainer or designee at the time of sampling. The trainer shall be responsible for the
22.13 cost of split sample testing. The trainer or designee shall make arrangements for payment
22.14 prior to or at the time of sampling. The split sample shall be sent to the commission
22.15 contract laboratory as a separate blind sample. No other provisions for split sample testing
22.16 shall be available.

22.17 Subp. 8. **Prohibition.** The possession or use of venom or blood doping agents by
22.18 any person on the grounds under the jurisdiction of the commission is not permitted.

22.19 **7890.0130 FINDINGS OF CHEMIST.**

22.20 Subpart 1. **Prima facie evidence.** A finding by a chemist of any medication or
22.21 metabolite, substance foreign to the natural horse, or NSAIDs or furosemide exceeding the
22.22 allowable test levels provided in part 7890.0100, subpart 13, item A, in the test sample of
22.23 a horse shall be considered prima facie evidence that the medication, substance, NSAIDs
22.24 or furosemide was administered to the horse prior to the race and carried in the body of the
22.25 horse while participating in a race. Horses racing on NSAIDs or furosemide must show
23.1 a detectable concentration of the drug or metabolites in the ~~post-race~~ postrace serum,
23.2 plasma, or urine sample. A finding by a chemist of any venom or blood doping agent in
23.3 the test sample of a horse shall be considered prima facie evidence that the venom or blood
23.4 doping agent was administered to the horse prior to the race and carried in the body of the
23.5 horse while participating in a race. A finding by a chemist of a level of TCO₂ greater than
23.6 37 millimoles per liter of blood in the test sample of a horse shall be considered prima
23.7 facie evidence that an alkalinizing agent was administered to the horse prior to the race.

23.8 [For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

23.9 **7890.0140 BLEEDERS.**

23.10 [For text of subps 1 to 7, see M.R.]

23.11 Subp. 7a. **Conditions required for furosemide administration.** Furosemide
23.12 shall be administered intravenously by a veterinarian employed by the owner or trainer
23.13 of the horse. The furosemide must be administered a minimum of four hours before
23.14 scheduled post time for any bleeder entered to race and the dose level of furosemide must
23.15 be no less than 150 milligrams and must not exceed 250 milligrams (no less than three
23.16 nor more than five milliliters of a 50 milligram/milliliter or five percent solution) per
23.17 administration, except in cases where the horse has been determined by the commission
23.18 veterinarian and the treating veterinarian to be a severe bleeder. In these cases, doses of

23.19 up to 500 milligrams (no more than ten milliliters of a 50 milligram/milliliter or five
23.20 percent solution) may be permitted.

23.21 The practicing veterinarian must deposit with the commission veterinarian an
23.22 unopened supply of furosemide and sterile hypodermic needles and syringes to be used
23.23 for the administration. The furosemide must be administered under the supervision of a
23.24 person employed by the commission.

23.25 A horse on the official furosemide list must show a detectable concentration of the
23.26 drug in the ~~post-race~~ postrace serum, plasma, or urine sample.

24.1 Subp. 8. [Repealed, 14 SR 332]

24.2 Subp. 9. [Repealed, 14 SR 332]

24.3 Subp. 10. **Responsibility of trainer.** The trainer is responsible for ensuring that the
24.4 horse is available at the appropriate time for its treatment. ~~At the time of treatment, the~~
24.5 ~~trainer must provide to the commission employee observing the treatment a statement~~
24.6 ~~signed by the trainer or assistant trainer that indicates the barn number and stall number~~
24.7 ~~where the horse will be detained following treatment and the names of all employees~~
24.8 ~~permitted by the trainer to be in contact with the horse during that time. The statements~~
24.9 ~~shall be on a form prescribed by the commission.~~ After having been administered
24.10 furosemide, the horse shall at all times be in the care, custody, and under the supervision
24.11 of the trainer or a licensed person assigned by the trainer. The horse must remain in its
24.12 own stall until it is taken to the paddock to be saddled or harnessed for a race. It shall
24.13 not be handled by anyone other than the trainer, the owner, or the employees listed on
24.14 the trainer's signed statement. If emergency veterinary attention becomes necessary,
24.15 the trainer is responsible for immediately notifying the commission veterinarian of the
24.16 nature of the need and of the identity of the responding veterinarian. The trainer shall be
24.17 responsible for the guarding, condition, care, and handling of the horse at all times.

24.18 **7890.0160 RESPONSIBILITY OF VETERINARIAN.**

24.19 No veterinarian may administer a medication, alkalinizing agent, blood doping agent,
24.20 venom, or substance foreign to the natural horse to any horse that is scheduled to race
24.21 ~~within 48 hours, except for a nasogastric tube~~ or as permitted in part 7890.0100, subpart
24.22 13, or in the case of a medical emergency requiring immediate treatment, without the prior
24.23 permission of the commission veterinarian. No veterinarian may place a nasogastric tube
24.24 in a horse that is scheduled to race within ~~24~~ 48 hours, except in the case of a medical
24.25 emergency requiring immediate treatment. No veterinarian may enter the stall of or
24.26 otherwise handle a horse that is scheduled to race within four hours, except in the case
25.1 of a medical emergency requiring immediate treatment without the prior permission of
25.2 the commission veterinarian. In emergency cases it is the responsibility of the attending
25.3 veterinarian to notify the commission veterinarian of the nature of the emergency and the
25.4 exact treatment provided. The notification must be made as soon as practical (within
25.5 one-half hour of an emergency that occurs during training or racing hours or by 8:00
25.6 a.m. on the morning following an emergency which occurred during evening or night
25.7 hours) and on a form prescribed by the commission. At the request of the commission
25.8 veterinarian, the veterinarian must provide radiographs, laboratory tests, and results of
25.9 other diagnostic procedures within 24 hours.

25.10 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 7883.0100, subparts 20 and 29, are repealed.