

**Minnesota Racing Commission****Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Horse Racing****7869.0100 DEFINITIONS.**

*[For text of subparts 1 to 49, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 49a. **Pylons.** "Pylons" means poles marking the inner surface of the racetrack. The poles are often colored white with the top four inches a darker color.

*[For text of subparts 50 and 51, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 51a. **Racing day.** "Racing day" for Thoroughbred horses and Quarter Horses means a day assigned by the commission on which racing is conducted and shall include no fewer than ~~eight~~ seven live races. "Racing day" for Standardbred horses means a day assigned by commission on which racing is conducted and shall include no fewer than eight live races. If environmental conditions, a power or technology failure, or a shortage of horses forces the cancellation of races to the extent that fewer than seven races for Thoroughbred horses and Quarter Horses can be held in a single day or fewer than eight races for Standardbred horses can be held in a single day, the day is still considered a racing day as long as the canceled races are added to one or more subsequent racing cards held within 30 days of the cancellation. For purposes of this subpart, "shortage of horses" means that one or more proposed races for the day were unable to generate at least a five-horse field and therefore could not be carded. No more than 14 live races shall be conducted in a single day unless approved by the stewards and the executive director.

*[For text of subparts 52 to 69, see Minnesota Rules]*

**7873.0188 SUPERFECTA.**

*[For text of subparts 1 to 6, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 7. **Restrictions on superfecta races.** In no event shall superfecta wagering be allowed with fewer than ~~six~~ five betting interests. If for any reason superfecta wagering is canceled, all superfecta wagers must be refunded.

Subp. 8. [Repealed, 41 SR 1322]

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

*[For text of subparts 1 to 8a, see Minnesota Rules]*

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

*[For text of items A to K, see Minnesota Rules]*

L. The commission shall report any rulings or violations involving a veterinarian to the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine and initiate a complaint with the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine against a veterinarian that has been: (1) provisionally suspended by the Horseracing Integrity Welfare Unit after all the appeals have been exhausted; or (2) determined to have acquired or administered a Class 1 substance contained in the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances and Recommended Penalty Rule or the Horseracing Integrity Welfare Unit list of prohibited substances.

*[For text of items M and N, see Minnesota Rules]*

O. Veterinarians and veterinary assistants must sign in and out on a form prescribed by the commission at the stable gate each time the veterinarian or veterinary assistant enters or leaves the grounds of the racetrack.

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

*[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]*

B. Veterinary assistants shall not:

*[For text of subitems (1) to (8), see Minnesota Rules]*

(9) administer injectable medications including rabies vaccine; ~~or~~

(10) sign the veterinarian's daily log; or

(11) have contact with an entered horse within 24 hours of the race in which the horse was entered.

*[For text of items C and D, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 9b. **Equine masseuse.** The following shall apply to an equine masseuse licensed by the commission.

A. An individual licensed as an equine masseuse shall not:

*[For text of subitems (1) to (7), see Minnesota Rules]*

(8) apply splints, slings, or tourniquets; ~~or~~

(9) administer injectable medications; or

(10) have contact with an entered horse within 24 hours of the race in which the horse was entered.

*[For text of item B, see Minnesota Rules]*

*[For text of subparts 9c to 11, see Minnesota Rules]*

#### **7877.0175 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RACING OFFICIALS.**

*[For text of subparts 1 to 8a, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 8b. **Veterinarian's list.**

A. A commission veterinarian shall maintain a list of horses that:

[For text of subitems (1) to (5), see Minnesota Rules]

(6) are Thoroughbred horses that have received an intraarticular injection pursuant to HISA rule 2240;

~~(6)~~ (7) are barred from racing for the life of the horse;

~~(7)~~ (8) have been treated with shock wave therapy; and

~~(8)~~ (9) are otherwise considered unfit to race in the professional judgment of a commission veterinarian.

[For text of items B to E, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 8c to 8j, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 8k. **Commission veterinarian.** Commission veterinarians must be licensed and in good standing with the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine.

[For text of subparts 9 to 15, see Minnesota Rules]

## **7883.0100 ENTRIES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

[For text of subparts 1 to 5, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 6. **Prohibited entries.** No person shall:

[For text of items A to I, see Minnesota Rules]

J. enter a horse that has been treated with any bisphosphonate drug within the past six months; ~~or~~

K. enter a horse that, as of January 1 of the calendar year, is a six-year-old or older maiden or a horse that has not started in ~~three~~ two or more years; or

L. enter a horse where all requirements to compete in the entered race are not completed. This includes HISA registration for Thoroughbreds.

[For text of subparts 7 and 8, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 8a. **Cancellation and postponement.** In the case of questionable racetrack or racing conditions due to weather, the HISA safety director shall call a meeting of the chief commission veterinarian, chief steward, agent of the racetrack, and horseperson's representative to determine if cancellation or postponement of races is necessary. The HISA safety director has the final authority to cancel or postpone races.

Subp. 9. **Closing of entries.** When an hour for closing is designated, entries and declarations for sweepstakes may not be considered if received afterwards. If an hour is not designated, entries and declarations may be mailed or ~~telegraphed~~ sent by fax transmission up to midnight of the day of closing, provided they are received in time for compliance with every other condition of the race.

Subp. 10. **Loss of entries.** A person who alleges loss of an entry or declaration in a stakes race must provide satisfactory proof that it was mailed or ~~telegraphed~~ sent by fax transmission within a reasonable time before the designated time for closing or it shall not be considered received.

Subp. 11. **Drawing of entries.** The drawing of entries for post positions shall be governed by the following procedures.

A. When entries exceed the permitted number of starters, the number of starters shall be reduced to the proper number by ~~lot. Lots may be drawn~~ using the association's established preference date system. The number of starters shall be reduced to the proper number for the entire race or for each division of the race at the option of the association.

[For text of items B and C, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 12 to 15a, see Minnesota Rules]

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

[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]

C. A first-time starter less than four years of age must have gate approval and a minimum of two timed workouts, one of which must be out of the gate, no more than 60 days prior to and no less than 48 hours before the race in which it is entered.

D. A first-time starter four years of age or older must have gate approval no more than 60 days prior to the race in which it is entered, and a minimum of three timed workouts, at least one of which must be out of the gate no more than 60 days prior to the race in which it is entered, and one of which must be an official timed workout observed and approved by a commission veterinarian, no more than 45 days prior to the race for which the horse is entered, and no less than 48 hours before the race in which it is entered.

[For text of items E to I, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 17. **Refused entries.** The nominations and entries of any person or transfer of any nomination or entry may be refused by the association ~~for reasonable cause~~.

[For text of subparts 18 and 19, see Minnesota Rules]

#### **7883.0110 PREFERENCE SYSTEM.**

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **In-today horses.** When a horse is entered on one day and has an opportunity to start other than in a stakes race or as a main-track-only entry and is also entered for the following race day, the second entry will be an "in-today" and will not be considered unless the race underfills, nor will such horse be considered on the preferred list.

[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]

#### **7883.0120 SCRATCHES AND NONSTARTERS.**

Subpart 1. [Repealed, 46 SR 1210]

Subp. 1a. **Stewards must approve scratching horses.**

A. No horse may be scratched from a race without permission of the stewards.

*[For text of item B, see Minnesota Rules]*

*[For text of subpart 1b, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 1c. **Drawing horses into a race from also-eligible list.**

*[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]*

B. ~~For a race with turns, the horse~~ Horses drawing into the race from the also-eligible list must start in the outermost post position.

*[For text of subparts 1d to 7, see Minnesota Rules]*

**7883.0140 CLAIMING RACES.**

*[For text of subparts 1 to 6, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 7. **Invalid claims.** A claim is invalid if:

*[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]*

B. the claimant does not have at least the amount of the claim and any applicable tax or fee on deposit or credited with the horsepersons' bookkeeper;

*[For text of items C and D, see Minnesota Rules]*

*[For text of subparts 8 to 32, see Minnesota Rules]*

**7883.0160 POST TO FINISH.**

*[For text of subparts 1 to 13, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 14. **Horse becomes disabled or otherwise unable to finish.** Items A to E apply if a horse during the running of a race becomes disabled or otherwise obviously unable to finish.

[For text of items A to D, see Minnesota Rules]

E. The ~~steward~~ stewards shall be notified after euthanasia has been performed.

#### **7884.0125 ENTERING AND DRAWING OF HORSES AT CLASS D FACILITIES.**

The entering and drawing of horses at Class D licensed facilities shall be governed by the following:

[For text of items A to J, see Minnesota Rules]

K. At the time of entry all requirements to compete in the entered race must be completed.

#### **7884.0190 QUALIFYING RACES.**

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Horses required to compete in qualifying races for race meets longer than two weeks.** If the meet extends longer than two weeks, the following horses shall not be eligible to enter any race until they have competed in qualifying races:

[For text of items A to E, see Minnesota Rules]

~~F. A horse adding or removing hobbles regardless of gait. However, if a horse that previously qualified with hobbles fails to qualify without hobbles, the horse shall remain qualified to race with hobbles. If a horse previously qualified without hobbles and fails to qualify with hobbles, the horse shall remain qualified to race without hobbles.~~

[For text of subparts 2a to 8, see Minnesota Rules]

#### **7884.0240 POST TIME AND STARTING.**

[For text of subparts 1 to 7, see Minnesota Rules]



Subp. 8. **Determination of a fair start.**

A. A fair start pole shall be erected at a point before the start that is clearly identifiable. The pole shall be distinctive in color in relation to existing pylons and at least two feet above the existing pylons.

B. If a horse has not reached the fair start pole when the horses are released at the starting point by the starter, the judges shall cause the inquiry sign to be displayed immediately and request that any money wagered on that horse be refunded.

C. The determination of a fair start is signified by the word "go" announced by the starter at the starting point. The starting point is a point that shall be marked on the inside rail at a distance of not less than 200 feet from the first turn.

*[For text of subpart 9, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 10. **Helmets and safety vest to be worn.** No person shall ride or drive a horse on the racing track surface without a properly fastened protective riding helmet and safety vest.

**7884.0260 DRIVING RULES.**

*[For text of subparts 1 to 6, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 7. **Use of stirrups.** After the word "go" is given, barring mishap, both of the driver's feet must be kept in or in contact with the stirrups, posts, or pegs until the race has been completed. At no time during the race should the driver's foot or feet contact any part of the horse's body. Notwithstanding this provision, a driver may use his or her feet as necessary to remove a horse's earplugs.

*[For text of subparts 8 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 11. **Pylon rule for horses racing without interference violations.**

~~A. Any horse gaining an unfair advantage by going inside, over, or between one or more pylons in order to pass another competitor may be disqualified at the discretion of the stewards, whose determination is final.~~

~~B. Any horse going inside two pylons shall be disqualified and placed behind any lapped on horse in the official order of finish.~~

~~C. Any horse going inside three or more consecutive pylons shall be disqualified and placed last.~~

A. A horse while on stride, or part of the horse's sulky, that leaves the race course by going inside the pylons which constitutes the inside limits of the course, when not forced to do so as a result of the actions of another driver or horse, shall be in violation of this subpart. In addition, when an act of interference causes a horse, or part of the horse's sulky, to cross inside the pylons and the horse is placed by the judges, the offending horse shall be placed behind the horse with which it interfered.

B. For purposes of placing, the following apply:

(1) if a horse while on stride, or part of the horse's sulky, goes inside two consecutive pylons, the offending horse shall be placed behind all horses that are lapped on to the offending horse at the wire;

(2) if a horse while on stride, or any part of the horse's sulky, goes inside three or more consecutive pylons, the offending horse shall be placed last; or

(3) if in the opinion of the judges a horse while on stride, or part of the horse's sulky, goes inside a pylon or pylons and that action gave the horse an unfair advantage over other horses in the race or the action helped improve its position in the race, the horse may be placed at the discretion of the judges.

*[For text of subpart 12, see Minnesota Rules]*

#### **7891.0120 MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE.**

Subpart 1. **Committee.** The ~~chief steward or designee~~ HISA safety director shall convene and chair a mortality review committee for the purpose of gathering data surrounding the death of each racehorse occurring during racing or training at a licensed racetrack. The committee shall consist of the following:

- A. the chief steward or a designee;
- B. the chief commission veterinarian or a designee;
- C. the on-track commission veterinarian;
- ~~€~~ D. the trainer or assistant trainer of the deceased horse;
- ~~Đ~~ E. the jockey, exercise rider, or driver of the deceased horse;
- ~~£~~ F. the attending veterinarian;
- ~~Ƒ~~ G. the racetrack's director of racing or a designee;
- ~~Ⓔ~~ H. the track superintendent; ~~and~~
- I. the horseperson's representative; and

~~H~~ J. any other person the ~~chief steward or designee~~ HISA safety director determines is necessary to adequately examine the death.

*[For text of subparts 2 and 3, see Minnesota Rules]*

#### **7897.0100 PROHIBITED ACTS.**

*[For text of subparts 1 to 24, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 25. **Thyroid supplementation.** Unless prescribed for a specific horse with documented hypothyroidism under part 7890.0110, subpart 7b, and approved by the chief

commission veterinarian, the possession of thyroid powder, tablets, or any other form of thyroid supplementation on the grounds of the racetrack is prohibited.