

**CHAPTER 7875**  
**MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION**  
**FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

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**Subpart 1. Facilities.** Each association must include a receiving barn, detention facility, paddock, room for jockeys and drivers, lighting, stabling, restrooms, medical facilities, racing officials' space, viewing room, commission office and parking space, space for the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and complaint desk. The facilities must meet the needs of patrons, officials, horsepersons, other persons on the premises, and horses.

**Subp. 2. Maintenance.** Each association must maintain its facility so that it is neat and clean, painted, and in good repair with consideration for the safety, health, and comfort of persons on the premises, and safety and health of horses.

**Subp. 3. Reports.** No later than 30 days before the first day of any race meeting, the association shall submit to the commission the most recent inspection reports issued by governmental authorities regarding the condition of facilities, sanitation, and fire prevention, detection, and suppression.

**Subp. 4. Racing surfaces.** Within seven days after a race meeting commences, the association must submit to the commission evidence that the construction, elevation, and composition of racing and training surfaces have received engineering and veterinarian approval as safe and humane.

**Subp. 5. Distance poles.** Distance poles on a race course shall be the following colors:

- A. quarterpoles, red and white;
- B. eighth poles, green and white; and
- C. 16th poles, black and white.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 240.23*

**History:** *9 SR 2527*

**7875.0200 EQUIPMENT.**

**Subpart 1. Equipment.** Each association must include equipment, devices, or apparatus necessary to start, time, film or tape, and photograph the finish of every race. Equipment necessary to view photographs, films, and tapes of each race must be provided. Each association must include pari-mutuel equipment, devices, or apparatus necessary to sell and cash tickets and calculate and display odds. An association also must include adequate internal communications equipment.

**Subp. 2. Totalizator.** Totalizator equipment must be designed to calculate, at intervals of not more than 60 seconds between each complete change, the total amounts wagered on each betting interest as wagering progresses. Approximate odds on each betting interest in the win pool shall be updated on the totalizator board at intervals of not more than 60 seconds. Approximate odds or approximate payoffs on all multiple pari-mutuel pools, except the pick six, shall be displayed on television monitors at regular intervals. The totalizator equipment shall provide a record of total amount wagered and amount wagered on each betting interest.

**Subp. 3. Internal communications.** An internal communications system shall link the stewards' stand, pari-mutuel department, patrol judges, and other locations which the commission determines necessary to internal communications.

Subp. 4. **Starting gates.** At least two starting gates must be in service on each race day and shall be tested daily prior to the first race. Two tractors or teams of draught horses shall be positioned to pull any gate from a racecourse. Thoroughbred starting gates must be padded to prevent injury to jockeys, assistant starters, and horses. The arms of a standardbred starting gate shall have a screen or shield in front of each horse, and the arms shall be perpendicular to the rail when extended.

Subp. 5. **Photo-finish.** A photo-finish system must simultaneously use a backup camera in case of malfunction of the primary system.

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

Subp. 7. **Film patrol.** Color film or color videotape recordings shall show clearly the position and actions of horses, jockeys, and drivers at close range. At least three cameras shall be used for every race to provide panoramic and head-on views of the race.

Subp. 8. **Preservation.** All photo finish film or videotape records shall be preserved for at least 30 days after the close of a meeting or until legal proceedings involving a recorded race are concluded, whichever is later.

Subp. 9. **External communications.** An association may have telephone or telegraph systems on the premises during a race meeting for the benefit of the public press or for transacting ordinary business, but no information regarding the results of any race shall be transmitted out of the racetrack until 15 minutes after the results are official except for races that are broadcast or televised live. For those races the results and payoffs may be announced as soon as the race is official. Under no circumstances shall any message be sent over said wires transmitting money, or other things of value, or directing the placing of any wager on the result of a race except as permitted by part 7873.0400.

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

A telephone on a private line shall be provided in the offices of the commission. All costs of the telephone service shall be borne by the association and the service shall not be interrupted at any time.

All telephones or other instruments of communication, other than those designated for the sole use of the commission or those approved by the commission for use during racing, must be rendered inoperable between the hours starting 30 minutes before post time for the first race and the flashing of the "official" sign following the last race.

All portable telephones, transmitters, or any other instrument of communication that can be used for transmitting messages off the grounds of an association is subject to confiscation by security personnel or by the racing commission and its employees.

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