

CHAPTER 7884
MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION
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7884.0120 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTERING.

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

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

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

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

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

Statutory Authority: *MS s 240 23*

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7884.0210 CLAIMING RACES.

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

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

- (1) for mares racing against colts or geldings, add 20 percent;
- (2) for two-year-olds racing against older horses, add 100 percent,
- (3) for three-year-olds racing against older horses, add 50 percent,
- (4) for four-year-olds racing against older horses, add 25 percent, and
- (5) spayed mares shall not receive any sex allowance.

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7884.0230 RACING EQUIPMENT.

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

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

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

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7884.0260 DRIVING RULES.

[For text of subpart 1, see M R]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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History: *33 SR 8*

7884.0270 EXPANDED HOMESTRETCH RACING.

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

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

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