

**CHAPTER 7891**  
**MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION**  
**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF HORSES**

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

**Subp. 2. Record of examination.** The commission veterinarian shall maintain a continuing health and racing soundness record of each horse examined.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 240.23; 240.24*

**History:** *9 SR 2527; 10 SR 2161; 13 SR 38*

**7891.0110 POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION.**

**Subpart 1. Horses that must undergo postmortem examination.** Every horse which suffers a breakdown at a licensed racetrack under the jurisdiction of the commission, in training or in competition, and which is destroyed, and every horse which expires while stabled at a licensed racetrack under the jurisdiction of the commission, shall undergo a postmortem examination to be conducted by the commission veterinarian or his or her designee to determine the injury or illness which resulted in euthanasia or natural death.

**Subp. 2. Test samples to be taken for analysis.** Test samples must be obtained from every horse which undergoes a postmortem examination. The samples shall be sent for analysis to a laboratory approved by the commission and the commission may direct the laboratory to retain and preserve such samples for future analysis.

When practical, both blood and urine test samples shall be obtained prior to euthanasia.

**Subp. 3. Owner and trainer responsible.** The owner and attending trainer are responsible for reporting to the commission veterinarian the death of a horse within one hour of its death, and for having the postmortem examination performed in accordance with this part.

**Subp. 4. Report of exam.** A report of every postmortem examination shall be filed with the commission within 72 hours of the horse's death on a form prepared by the commission.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 240.23; 240.24*

**History:** *9 SR 2527*