

7870.0480 MEDICAL SERVICES.

Subpart 1. **Medical facilities, equipment, and personnel.** A licensed racetrack must provide at least the following medical facilities, equipment, and personnel:

- A. a fully equipped first aid room with at least two beds;
- B. a licensed physician or paramedic, who has been trained in assessing concussions, on the grounds during live racing hours; and
- C. an emergency response team of not less than two emergency medical technicians must be on the grounds and equipped with essential emergency equipment during qualifying and live racing, training, or horse exercising hours.

Subp. 2. **Concussion protocol.** Beginning April 1, 2021, a licensed racetrack shall adopt, publicly post, and implement a written protocol for the management of concussions in jockeys and drivers. The protocol and any subsequent amendments must be approved by the commission. Before a jockey or driver races at a licensed racetrack, the licensed racetrack shall obtain a written acknowledgment from the jockey or driver that the jockey or driver has been made aware of the requirements of the concussion protocol. At a minimum, the concussion protocol shall contain the following elements:

- A. each jockey or driver must provide the licensed racetrack with documentation of having completed a valid Sport Concussion Assessment Tool prior to racing at the licensed racetrack;
- B. the licensed racetrack shall establish and enforce guidelines requiring a jockey or driver who has suffered a concussion, or suspected concussion, to be cleared by a qualified medical professional before returning to racing; and
- C. the licensed racetrack shall ensure that the stewards are notified in writing when a jockey or driver is not permitted to ride and when a jockey or driver has been cleared to resume riding.

For purposes of this subpart, the term "jockey" includes a jockey and an apprentice jockey.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 240.10; 240.13; 240.15; 240.16; 240.19; 240.23; 240.24*

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