

7884.0140 COUPLED ENTRIES.

Subpart 1. **Horses to be coupled as an entry.** Horses shall be coupled as an entry if:

- A. one person, stable, or partnership is the owner of two or more horses in a race;
- B. the spouse of a person who is the owner of one horse in a race is the owner of another horse in that race;
- C. the spouse of the driver of one of the horses in a race is the owner, trainer, or driver of another horse in that race; or
- D. the trainer of one of the horses in a race is the owner or driver of another horse in that race. When a driver participates in a purse race in which the driver has an ownership interest in one or more horses, the driver must drive one of the horses in which the driver has an ownership interest.

Subp. 2. **Stewards may designate a coupled entry.** Any two or more horses may be coupled as an entry by the stewards when they consider it in the public interest to do so.

Subp. 3. **Split races.** If a race is split into divisions or elimination heats, horses coupled as an entry shall be, insofar as possible, seeded in separate divisions or elimination heats in the following order:

- A. owners;
- B. trainers; and
- C. stables.

The divisions or elimination heats in which such horses are to compete, and their post positions, shall be determined by lot.

Subp. 4. **Program notes.** The fact that any two or more horses in a race are owned or trained by the same person shall be indicated prominently by the association in the program, whether or not those horses are racing as a coupled entry.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 240.03; 240.23; 240.29*

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