

**7884.0170 SCRATCHES.**

Subpart 1. **Stewards to approve scratches.** A horse entered to race shall not be scratched from a race without permission of the stewards. When a request has been made to scratch a horse on the grounds for a veterinary reason, the horse must be examined by a commission veterinarian and the stewards must be notified prior to the scratch becoming official.

Subp. 2. **Scratches are irrevocable.** A horse that is scratched from a race shall not be reinstated in that race.

Subp. 3. **On advice of veterinarian.** A horse scratched by the stewards on the advice of the commission veterinarian shall not be allowed to race for a minimum of ten days or until approved for entry by the commission veterinarian.

Subp. 4. **Scratched as unsound.** Any horse that is scratched by the stewards as unsound during warmup for a race in which the horse is entered must compete in a qualifying race prior to reentry. Horses scratched at other times, dependent upon placement on the official veterinarian's list, may need to qualify or have an official timed workout prior to reentry.

Subp. 5. **Horse off grounds scratched.** If a horse is not on the grounds of an association and is scratched from the entries due to illness or injury, the trainer must present written documentation of the necessity of the scratch from a private veterinarian. If such documentation is not presented at the time the horse is scratched, the horse shall be placed on the veterinarian's list for a minimum of ten days from the day the documentation is provided to a commission veterinarian.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 240.03; 240.13; 240.23; 240.24; 240.29*

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