

**Updated May 2009**

**Rule 9  
Section 4 (K)**

**Fair Start Pole** - A pole erected at the point 200 feet before the start. The fair start pole shall be yellow in colour and shall protrude at least 5 feet above the ground.

**Rule 34  
Section 5**

A. For racing, all horses shall be shod with horseshoes/racing plates unless otherwise permitted by the Stewards. The racing plates shall not have toe grabs with a height greater than 2 millimetres, bends, jars, calks, stickers or any other traction device on the front hooves while racing or training.

B. If a horse races without being shod, this must be posted for the public.

**Rule 9  
Section 17**

A) Drivers will be allowed to use whips not to exceed four feet and eight inches in length plus a snapper not to exceed eight inches in length.

B) The use of any goading device, chain, spur or mechanical devices or appliances other than a whip as allowed in Section 17 of this rule upon any horse in any race shall constitute a violation of this rule.

**Rule 9  
Section 18**

Use of a whip shall be allowed provided that:

- A) During a race the driver shall hold one line in each hand by the handholds until the finish line is reached and the race is complete. Handholds must be tight, ensuring adequate control of the horse, placing of both lines in one hand to permit the necessary adjustment of the horse's equipment such as ear plugs removal is allowed. The driver shall not raise the elbow of the arm carrying the whip above the level of his/her shoulder.
- B) There shall be no blatant or exaggerated movements of the whipping arm.
- C) The driver shall ensure that any contact of the whip to the horse is above the shafts of the sulky and is not used between the horse's legs.
- D) Whipping is permitted provided that horse appears to be advancing through the field or challenging for a meaningful competitive position in the race. There shall be no whipping after the finish of the race.
- E) Brutal, excessive or indiscriminate use of a whip or striking a horse with the butt end of the whip shall be considered violations punishable by a fine or suspension or both.
- F) Whipping a horse by placing the whip underneath the arc of the sulky shall be considered a violation punishable by suspension of driving privileges not to exceed a period of ten (10) days for the first offence and not to exceed thirty (30) days for the second offence.

**UPDATED APRIL 2008**

**Rule 23**

**Section 2(A)**

The SLGA veterinarian shall:

A. be continuously available in the paddock from the time the horses enter the paddock until they leave and at the starting gate before each race, unless excused by the Stewards/Judges.

**Rule 32**

**Section 21**

A jockey's fee shall be considered earned when the jockey begins to be legged up on the horse which he has been engaged to ride. No fee shall be earned if he refuses to ride without being excused by the Stewards, at any point prior to the start of the race.

**Rule 46**

**Section 2**

Horses must parade from the paddock to starting post carrying full weight and riders subject to Rule 35, Section 7. If a jockey dismounts or is unseated on the way from the paddock to starting post, unless given permission by the Stewards otherwise, the horse shall be returned to the point where the jockey dismounted or was thrown and shall be remounted there and ridden the balance of the parade route.

**UPDATED JULY 2007**

***New Rule***

**Rule 41**

**Section 15**

In an overnight event not more than two horses under the control of a single trainer and owned by entirely different ownership can be entered in the same race, unless the body of the race does not fill, and then only three horses from the same trainer may be entered in that race.

**UPDATED MAY 10, 2001**

**Rule 1**

**Section 1**

All licensees must be licensed by the Authority.

**Rule 2**

**Section 1**

No horse shall be eligible to be declared to any race unless:

G. The horse is at least two years of age but not older than seventeen (17) years of age. The age of a horse shall be reckoned from the first day of January of the year of foaling.

**Rule 6**

**Section 20**

Restriction on Racing of Claimed Horse

A Claimed horse may race only within Saskatchewan until the end of the current meet except in an added money event.

**Rule 7**  
**Section 9**

Failure to make any payment required by the conditions or a payment made with a cheque the bank doesn't honour constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event.

**Rule 8**  
**Section 11**

Entries

- A.** Horses may be coupled as an entry where:
  - 1. One person is the owner of two or more horses in a race,
  - 2. A person who has a financial or common interest with another licensee who is the owner of one horse in a race is the owner of another horse in that race,
  - 3. The spouse of the driver of one of the horses in a race is the owner or trainer of another horse in that race, or
  - 4. The trainer of one of the horses in a race is the owner, trainer or driver of another horse in that race.
- B.** Where horses would be coupled as an entry, the association may, with the consent of the Judges race such horses as separate betting interests in the race.

**Rule 19**  
**Section 31**

No association employee shall sell a pari-mutuel ticket to any person under the Age of 19 years.

**Rule 20**  
**Section 6**

The Stewards/Judges shall have supervision over all entries and scratches.

**Rule 20**  
**Section 27**

Any person or corporation having been fined, suspended or expelled may be advised verbally by a Judge/Steward, which shall constitute proper notice. In any event written or printed notice thereof shall be posted immediately at the office of the association and notice shall be forwarded immediately to the Authority.

**Rule 23**  
**Section 9**

On each race day, the Authority Veterinarian shall familiarize himself with the physical condition of all horses entered for racing that day and if in his opinion, a horse is not fit, sound and ready for racing he shall recommend to the Stewards that it be scratched and the Stewards shall take such actions as they deem fit. Should the Authority Veterinarian place any horse on the Veterinarian's List, the horse shall remain on the list until removed by an Authority Veterinarian.

**Rule 25**

**Section 10**

No person except a registered veterinarian or a registered animal health technician licensed by the Authority shall, within the grounds of a race track or in the stable area thereof, have in his effects or in the premises occupied by him any drug, as defined in Rule 25 Section 8 hereof, or any hypodermic syringe or needles.

**Rule 25**

**Section 12**

No person, except a licensed veterinarian or registered animal health technician, shall have in or upon the premises which he occupies or has the right to occupy, or on his person, property or effects within the grounds of an association any drug, hypodermic syringe, hypodermic needle or other device which can be used for injection or other infusion into a horse of a drug.

**Rule 25**

**Section 22**

Whether a blood sample is taken before or after a race, a reading of blood bicarbonate content of 37 or more mmol/L is to be considered a high level, this constitutes prima facie evidence that the horse had been administered a foreign or prohibited substance for the purpose of altering its performance in violation of these rules.

**Rule 26**

**Section 3**

A Person shall not participate in the horse racing affairs of an association as general manager, officer, agent or employee of such association without first

receiving a license from the Authority nor shall any person participate in racing as an official (this does not include Authority Officials) owner, owner-trainer, trainer, jockey/driver, apprentice jockey, jockey's agent, valet or stable employee, tradesman or veterinarian nor shall anyone practice his profession, trade, occupation or calling including concessionaire, pari-mutuel employee, unless such persons have applied for and been issued an Authority license classified in the appropriate category. An association may admit to its ground the holder of a license to enable the licensee to have access to the area where the license is obliged to perform his/her duties. A license will not be required for the employee of a company, partnership, or person with whom the association has an agreement to supply goods or services with the permission of the Manager, Horse Racing Branch.

**Rule 28**

**Section 34**

No licensee shall employ or harbour anyone under suspension by any Racing Board, Commission or Authority.

**Rule 29**

**Section 5**

A suspension or expulsion or denial of a license of a person that has a financial or common interest with another licensee may apply in each instance to both licensees. The suspension becomes effective when notice is given unless otherwise specified. A person may be suspended, expelled, or denied a license under this rule if it is determined that such a person has a financial or common interest with another licensee who would be denied a license upon application, and

this Authority reserves the right to require such person with a financial or common interest with another licensee to complete and submit an application in order to make such determination.

**Rule 41**

**Section 47**

**Entry Rule**

- A. Horses may be coupled as an entry where:
  - (a) one person is the owner of two or more horses in a race;
  - (b) the Stewards determine that an owner of one horse in a race has a financial or common interest with the owner of another horse in that race;
  - (c) the trainer of one horse in the race is the owner of another horse in the race; or
  - (d) the owner or trainer of one horse in the race is the parent or legal guardian of a child under 18 which child is the owner of another horse in the same race.
- B. Where horses would be coupled the association may, with the consent of the Stewards, race such horses as separate betting interests in the race.

**Rule 41**

**Section 52**

Conditions required for Stakes, Futurities and Handicaps. Conditions for added money events must specify:

- A. Which horses are eligible to be nominated?
- B. The amount to be added to the purse by the sponsor, should the amount be known at the time.
- C. The dates and amounts of nomination, sustaining and entry payments.
- D. All types of preferences to the race.

No changes to the conditions shall be made by an association or sponsor after a nominating payment has been received, without written consent of all nominators, and approved by the Authority.

**Rule 44**

**Section 21**

If a horse is claimed, it shall not be sold or transferred to anyone in whole or in part, except in a claiming race, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of claim, nor shall it, unless reclaimed, remain in the same stable or under the control or management of its former owner or trainer for a like period, nor shall it race outside Saskatchewan until the end of the current meet (except in a Stake race) with the consent of the stewards.

**Rule 44**

**Section 22**

The papers of any horse that is claimed must remain in the Race Secretary's office until the end of the current race season unless the horse is racing out of province according to Section 21.

**New Rule**

**Rule 46**

**Section 21**

If, in their opinion, the Stewards are unable to properly judge the running or finish of a race because of insufficient light or weather conditions they may declare the race to be no contest. When a race has declared no contest by the Stewards, no purse distribution shall be made.

**Rule 47**

**Section 1**

Pari-mutuel quarter horse, paint and appaloosa racing shall be governed by the rules of thoroughbred racing, with the following exceptions.

**DEFINITION CHANGES –  
April 2008/May 2009**

All references to “**Extended Meets**” have been deleted from the Rules of Racing.

All references to “**Canadian Trotting Association**” have been changed to “**Standardbred Canada**”.

**Traction device:** is any modification or isolated device that extends below the ground bearing plane of the horseshoe racing plate, (eg. traction nails, toe grabs, turndowns, blocked heels, jar calks, stickers and memphis bars) or restricts the natural forward slide of the hoof upon impact.

***RULES DELETED***

**Rule 19  
Section 30** Deleted

**Rule 23  
Section 10** Deleted

**Rule 41  
Section 16** Deleted

**Rule 41  
Section 21** Deleted

**Rule 44  
Section 23** Deleted

**Rule 47  
Section 2** Deleted

**Rule 47  
Section 12** Deleted

**Rule 47  
Section 13** Deleted