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### Rule 1. Entries and Nominations

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#### 71 IAC 7.5-1-1 Entering

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 1. No horse shall be qualified to start unless it has been and continues to be properly entered. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-1-1; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2865, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 9, 1995, 10:30 a.m.: 18 IR 3406; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: 20070404-IR-071070030RFA; readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: 20131225-IR-071130345RFA; readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: 20190925-IR-071190319RFA; readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: 20230830-IR-071230428RFA*)

#### 71 IAC 7.5-1-2 Procedures

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 2. (a) Entries and nominations shall be made with the racing secretary and shall not be considered until received by the racing secretary, who shall maintain a record of time of receipt of them for a period of one (1) year.

(b) An entry shall be in the name of the horse's licensed owner and made by the owner, trainer, or a licensed designee of the owner or trainer.

(c) Races printed in the condition book shall have preference over substitute and extra races except for brought back Indiana extra races.

(d) An entry must be in writing, by telephone, or by facsimile machine to the racing secretary. The entry must be confirmed

in writing should the stewards or the racing secretary so request.

(e) The person making an entry shall clearly designate the horse so entered.

(f) No horse may be entered in more than one (1) race (with the exception of stakes races) to be run on the same day on which pari-mutuel wagering is conducted.

(g) Any permitted medication or approved change of equipment must be declared at time of entry.

(h) At the draw, a jockey is limited to being named on one (1) horse in the body of a race, except in an entry defined in 71 IAC 1.5-1-34(2), and one (1) horse on the "also eligible list", if applicable. A jockey may not ride any horse that he or she was taken off of at the draw by the jockey or his or her agent, without the approval of the stewards. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-1-2; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2865, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; emergency rule filed Jan 21, 2004, 2:30 p.m.: 27 IR 1919; emergency rule filed Aug 4, 2004, 11:10 a.m.: 27 IR 4037; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); emergency rule filed Dec 5, 2019, 1:56 p.m.: [20191211-IR-071190646ERA](#); readopted filed Jul 6, 2023, 1:50 p.m.: [20230802-IR-071230371RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

### **71 IAC 7.5-1-2.1 Eligibility for racing and ownership status (Repealed)**

Sec. 2.1. (*Repealed by Indiana Horse Racing Commission; emergency rule filed Jul 22, 1997, 10:46 a.m.: 20 IR 3385*)

### **71 IAC 7.5-1-3 Limitation as to spouses**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 3. No entry in any race shall be accepted for a horse owned wholly or in part by, or leased or trained by, a person whose husband or wife is under license suspension at the time of such entry; except that, if the license of a jockey has been suspended for a routine riding offense, the stewards may waive this rule. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-1-3; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2865, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 9, 1995, 10:30 a.m.: 18 IR 3406; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

### **71 IAC 7.5-1-4 Coupled entries**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 4. No more than two (2) horses having common ties through ownership or training, including two (2) or more horses having ties through ownership or training or spouses, may be entered in an overnight race, except in races to be divided. No owner may start two (2) or more horses in a race to the exclusion of another owner's single entry except in stakes or stakes trials. For the purpose of this rule, spouses will be considered a single owner. Preference for horses with the same trainer, but having no common ties of ownership, will be determined by the conditions of the race or preference date, or both, and may exclude a single entry. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-1-4; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2865, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 9, 1995, 10:30 a.m.: 18 IR 3406; emergency rule filed May 20, 1996, 10:00 a.m.: 19 IR 2892; emergency rule filed Jun 22, 2000, 3:05 p.m.: 23 IR 2780; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; emergency rule filed Feb 21, 2003, 4:15 p.m.: 26 IR 2383; emergency rule filed Aug 21, 2003, 4:45 p.m.: 27 IR 205; emergency rule filed Mar 20, 2007, 1:43 p.m.: [20070404-IR-071070198ERA](#), eff Mar 16, 2007 [[IC 4-22-2-37.1](#) establishes the effectiveness of an emergency rule upon filing with the Publisher. LSA Document #07-198(E) was filed with the Publisher March 20, 2007.]; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); emergency rule filed Jul 5, 2012, 2:14 p.m.: [20120718-IR-071120402ERA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); emergency rule filed Jul 3, 2014, 11:57 a.m.: [20140709-IR-071140251ERA](#); emergency rule filed Aug 29, 2017, 3:21 p.m.: [20170906-IR-071170396ERA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); emergency rule filed Dec 5, 2019, 1:56 p.m.: [20191211-IR-071190646ERA](#); emergency rule*

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#### **71 IAC 7.5-1-5 Nominations**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 5. (a) Any nominator to a stakes race may transfer or declare such nomination prior to closing.

(b) Joint nominations and entries may be made by any one (1) of the joint owners of a horse, and each joint owner shall be jointly and severally liable for all payments due.

(c) Death of a horse, or a mistake in its entry when such horse is eligible, does not release the nominator or transferee from liability for all stakes fees due. No fees paid in connection with a nomination to a stakes race that is run shall be refunded, except as otherwise stated in the conditions of a stakes race.

(d) Death of a nominator to a stakes race shall not render void any subscription, entry, or right of entry. All rights, privileges, and obligations shall be attached to the legal heirs of the decedent or the successor owner of the horse.

(e) When a horse is sold privately or at public auction or claimed, stakes engagements shall be transferred automatically to its new owner; except when the horse is transferred to a person whose license is suspended or who is otherwise unqualified to race or enter the horse, then such nomination shall be void as of the date of such transfer.

(f) All stakes fees paid toward a stakes race shall be allocated to the winner unless otherwise provided by the conditions for the race. If a stake race is not run for any reason, all such nomination fees paid shall be refunded. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-1-5; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2865, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

#### **71 IAC 7.5-1-6 Closings**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 6. (a) Entries for purse races and nominations to stakes races shall close at the time designated by the association in previously published conditions for such races. No entry, nomination, or declaration shall be accepted after such closing time; except in the event of an emergency or if an overnight race fails to fill, the racing secretary may, with the approval of a steward, extend such closing time.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in the conditions for a stakes race, the deadline for accepting nominations and declarations is midnight of the day of closing; provided the nominations are received in time for compliance with every other condition of the race. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-1-6; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2866, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

#### **71 IAC 7.5-1-7 Number of starters in a race**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 7. The maximum number of starters in any race shall be limited to the number of starting positions afforded by the association starting gate and its extensions. The number of starters may be further limited by the number of horses which, in the opinion of the stewards, can be afforded a safe, fair, and equal start. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-1-7; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2866, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-](#)*

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**71 IAC 7.5-1-8 Split or divided races**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 8. (a) In the event a race is canceled or declared off, the association may split any overnight race for which post positions have not been drawn.

(b) When an overnight race is split, forming two (2) or more separate races, the racing secretary shall give notice of not less than fifteen (15) minutes before such races are closed to grant time for making additional entries to the split races.

(c) Split races shall be considered a single race for the purpose of preference dates. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-1-8; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2866, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); emergency rule filed Dec 5, 2019, 1:56 p.m.: [20191211-IR-071190646ERA](#); readopted filed Jul 6, 2023, 1:50 p.m.: [20230802-IR-071230371RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 7.5-1-9 Post positions**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 9. Post positions for all races shall be determined by lot and shall be publicly drawn in the presence of a steward or steward designee. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-1-9; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2866, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 7.5-1-10 Also eligible list**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 10. (a) If the number of entries for a race exceeds the number of horses permitted to start, the racing secretary may create and post an also eligible list.

(b) If any horse is scratched from a race for which an also eligible list was created, a replacement horse shall be drawn from the also eligible list into the race in order of preference. If none is preferred, a horse shall be drawn into the race from the also eligible list by public lot.

(c) Any owner or trainer of a horse on the also eligible list who does not wish to start the horse in such race shall so notify the racing secretary prior to scratch time for the race, thereby forfeiting any preference to which the horse may have been entitled.

(d) A horse which draws into a straightaway race from the also eligible list shall start from the post position vacated by the scratched horse. In the event more than one (1) horse is scratched, post positions of horses drawing in from the also eligible list shall be determined by public lot.

(e) A horse which draws into a nonstraightaway race from the also eligible list shall start from the outermost post position. In the event more than one (1) horse is scratched, post positions of horses drawing in from the also eligible list shall be determined by public lot. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-1-10; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2866, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 7.5-1-11 Preferred list**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 11. The racing secretary shall maintain a list of entered horses eliminated from starting by a surplus of entries, and these horses shall constitute a preferred list and have preference. The manner in which the preferred list shall be maintained and all rules governing such list shall be the responsibility of the racing secretary. Such rules must be submitted to the commission thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of the race meeting and are subject to the approval of the commission. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-1-11; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2866, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#)*)

**71 IAC 7.5-1-12 Double jock mounts**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 12. In the event an owner or trainer elects to remove a jockey from his or her mount once the overnight is published, the stewards may require a double jock mount to be paid. The fee to be paid for the double jock mount shall be equal to that earned by the jockey who rode the horse. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-1-12; emergency rule filed May 20, 1996, 10:00 a.m.: 19 IR 2892; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 3, 2011, 11:50 a.m.: [20110309-IR-071110100ERA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#)*)

**71 IAC 7.5-1-13 Eligibility for racing and ownership status (*Repealed*)**

Sec. 13. (*Repealed by Indiana Horse Racing Commission; emergency rule filed Jun 22, 2000, 3:05 p.m.: 23 IR 2787*)

**71 IAC 7.5-1-14 Current race lines**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 14. (a) Current race lines, including last start, must be available at scratch time or the horse will be scratched.

(b) It shall be the trainer's responsibility to inform the racing office at entry time of a possible missing line. Also, the trainer shall be responsible to supply the same information to the judges at scratch time.

(c) Scratch time is established by the association.

(d) If, after scratch time, a horse drawn into race at an Indiana pari-mutuel track participates in any other race, that horse shall be scratched. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-1-14; emergency rule filed Feb 21, 2003, 4:15 p.m.: 26 IR 2384; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#)*)

**71 IAC 7.5-1-15 No change permitted**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 15. (a) The conditions for eligibility to a race may not be changed once entries are taken except that an error may be corrected with the consent of the stewards.

(b) No change in trainers of a horse, entered and drawn to start, will be permitted. In the event of such change, the horse

will be scratched and the parties responsible therefore shall be subject to fine or suspension. A change in ownership may be permitted with the approval of the stewards.

(c) No owner shall list as the trainer of a horse a person who is not in fact the trainer of such horse, and no trainer shall allow his or her name to be shown on the declaration form nor the official program as trainer of a horse which he or she does not in fact have under his or her care and supervision as trainer of the horse. The stewards may require proof that a person listed as the trainer of a horse is in fact the actual trainer of that horse. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-1-15; emergency rule filed Jan 21, 2004, 2:30 p.m.: 27 IR 1919; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#)*)

#### **71 IAC 7.5-1-16 Reporting to track**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 16. All horses shipping in to race must be in their assigned stalls where they are to race at least five (5) hours prior to the post time of their race. In the event of unavoidable delay, as determined by the stewards, the stewards may grant a reasonable grace period. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-1-16; emergency rule filed Mar 10, 2006, 11:00 a.m.: 29 IR 2217; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#)*)

## **Rule 2. Declarations and Scratches**

[71 IAC 7.5-2-1](#)

Declarations

[71 IAC 7.5-2-2](#)

Scratches

#### **71 IAC 7.5-2-1 Declarations**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 1. (a) A declaration is the act of withdrawing an entered horse from a race prior to the closing of entries.

(b) The declaration of a horse before closing shall be made by the owner, trainer, or their licensed designee in the form and manner prescribed in these rules. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-2-1; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2867, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#)*)

#### **71 IAC 7.5-2-2 Scratches**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 2. (a) A scratch is the act of withdrawing an entered horse from a contest after the closing of entries.

(b) The scratch of a horse after closing shall be made by the owner, trainer, or their licensed designee with permission from the stewards.

(c) A horse may be scratched from a stakes race for any reason at any time up until forty-five (45) minutes prior to that race.

(d) No horse may be scratched from an overnight race without approval of the stewards.

(e) In overnight races, horses that are physically disabled or sick shall be permitted to be scratched first. Should horses representing more than eight (8) betting interests in the daily double or exotic wagering races, or horses representing more than eight (8) betting interests in any other overnight race, remain in after horses with physical excuses have been scratched, then owners or trainers may be permitted at scratch time to scratch horses without physical excuses down to such respective minimum numbers for such races. This privilege shall be determined by lot if an excessive number of owners or trainers wish to scratch their horses.

(f) Entry of any horse which has been scratched or excused from starting by the stewards because of a physical disability or sickness shall not be accepted until the expiration of a minimum of five (5) calendar days after such horse was scratched or excused and the horse has been removed from the veterinarian's list by the official veterinarian.

(g) The stewards will review all cases in which a horse is drawn into the body of a race at a licensed facility under the jurisdiction of the commission, while appearing in the entries in another racing jurisdiction during the entry period in Indiana. For the purpose of this rule, the entry period begins when the horse is entered in Indiana and ends at 11:59 p.m. on the day the horse is scheduled to race in Indiana. It shall be a violation of these rules for a licensee to scratch a horse in Indiana and race that horse in another jurisdiction during the entry period and for five (5) calendar days thereafter. Violations of this subsection, absent mitigating circumstances, shall be subject to a fine by the stewards. This subsection shall not apply to handicap and stake races, nor to horses on the also eligible list. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-2-2; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2867, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 9, 1995, 10:30 a.m.: 18 IR 3407; emergency rule filed May 20, 1996, 10:00 a.m.: 19 IR 2892; errata filed Jun 20, 1996, 9:50 a.m.: 19 IR 3114; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 3, 2011, 11:50 a.m.: [20110309-IR-07110100ERA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 15, 2019, 2:42 p.m.: [20190320-IR-071190167ERA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 3, 2022, 3:55 p.m.: [20220316-IR-071220070ERA](#); emergency rule filed Apr 20, 2023, 3:09 p.m.: [20230426-IR-071230297ERA](#); readopted filed Jul 6, 2023, 1:50 p.m.: [20230802-IR-071230371RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

### Rule 3. Weights

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#### 71 IAC 7.5-3-1 Allowances

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)  
 Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 1. (a) Weight allowance must be claimed at time of entry and shall not be waived after the posting of entries, except by consent of the stewards.

(b) A horse shall start with only the allowance of weight to which it is entitled at time of starting, regardless of its allowance at time of entry.

(c) Horses not entitled to the first weight allowance in a race shall not be entitled to any subsequent allowance specified in the conditions.

(d) Claim of weight allowance to which a horse is not entitled shall not disqualify it unless an objection is made in writing and lodged with the stewards before post time for that race.

(e) A horse shall not be given a weight allowance for failure to finish second or lower in any race.

(f) No horse shall receive allowance of weight nor be relieved extra weight for having been beaten in one (1) or more races, but this rule shall not prohibit maiden allowances or allowances to horses that have not won a race within a specified period or a race of a specified value.

(g) Except in handicap races which expressly provide otherwise, two-year-old fillies shall be allowed three (3) pounds, and fillies and mares, three-years-old and upward, shall be allowed five (5) pounds before September 1 and three (3) pounds thereafter in races where competing against male horses. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-3-1; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2867, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 9, 1995, 10:30 a.m.: 18 IR 3407; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 7.5-3-2 Penalties**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 2. (a) Weight penalties are obligatory.

(b) Horses incurring weight penalties for a race shall not be entitled to any weight allowance for that race.

(c) No horse shall incur a weight penalty or be barred from any race for having been placed second or lower in any race.

(d) Penalties incurred and allowances due in steeplechase or hurdle races shall not apply to races on the flat, and penalties incurred and allowances due in flat races shall not apply to steeplechase or hurdle races.

(e) The reports, records, and statistics as published by The Daily Racing Form, Equibase, the breed registry foal certificate, or other recognized publications shall be considered official in determining eligibility, allowances, and penalties, but may be corrected. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-3-2; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2867, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 9, 1995, 10:30 a.m.: 18 IR 3407; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 7.5-3-3 Weight conversions**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 3. For the purpose of determining weight assignments or allowances for imported horses, the following weight conversions shall be used:

(1) One (1) kilogram = two and one-fourth (2¼) pounds.

(2) One (1) stone = fourteen (14) pounds.

(*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-3-3; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2868, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 7.5-3-4 Scale of weights**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 4. (a) With the exception of apprentice allowances, handicap races, Indiana bred, Indiana restricted races, and the allowance provided in subsection (b) of this section, no jockey shall be assigned a weight of less than one hundred eighteen (118) pounds.

(b) Except in handicaps, fillies two (2) years old shall be allowed three (3) pounds, and fillies and mares three (3) years old and upward shall be allowed five (5) pounds before September 1, and three (3) pounds thereafter in races where competing against horses of the opposite sex.

(c) Quarter horses, appaloosas, and paints minimum scale weights shall be one hundred twenty-four (124) pounds for two-year-olds, one hundred twenty-six (126) pounds for three-year-olds, and one hundred twenty-eight (128) pounds for four-year-olds and older.

(d) A notice shall be included in the daily program that all jockeys will carry approximately three (3) pounds more than the published weight to account for safety equipment (vest and helmet) that is not included in required weighing out procedures. Additionally, jockeys may weigh in with an additional three (3) pounds for inclement weather gear when approved by the stewards. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-3-4; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2868, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 23, 2001, 9:58 a.m.: 25 IR 119; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); emergency rule filed Jul 12, 2012, 3:31 p.m.: [20120718-IR-071120428ERA](#); filed Jul 18, 2013, 9:26 a.m.: [20130814-IR-071120549RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-](#)*

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**71 IAC 7.5-3-5 Distance conversions**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 5. For the purpose of determining eligibility, weight assignments, or allowances for imported horses, the racing secretary shall convert metric distances to English measures by reference to the following scale:

**COMPARATIVE TABLE OF DISTANCES**

- 200 Meters = 1 Furlong
- 1,000 Meters = 5 Furlongs
- 1,200 Meters = 6 Furlongs
- 1,400 Meters = 7 Furlongs
- 1,600 Meters = 1 Mile
- 1,700 Meters = 1 1/16 Miles
- 1,800 Meters = 1 1/8 Miles
- 2,000 Meters = 1 1/4 Miles
- 2,200 Meters = 1 3/8 Miles
- 2,400 Meters = 1 1/2 Miles
- 2,600 Meters = 1 5/8 Miles
- 3,000 Meters = 1 7/8 Miles
- 3,200 Meters = 2 Miles
- 3,600 Meters = 2 1/4 Miles
- 4,800 Meters = 3 Miles

*(Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-3-5; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2869, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**Rule 4. Workouts**

[71 IAC 7.5-4-1](#)

Requirements

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Restrictions

**71 IAC 7.5-4-1 Requirements**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 1. (a) A horse that has not started for a period of sixty (60) days or more prior to race day must have an official timed workout within the previous forty-five (45) days prior to race day. First time starters must have two (2) or more official timed workouts, and at least one (1) such workout must be from the starting gate. The workout must have occurred at a pari-mutuel track or commission recognized training facility. The association may impose more stringent workout requirements.

(b) A horse that has not started for a period of two hundred forty (240) days or more, or a first time starter that has reached the age of four (4) years, shall be ineligible to start until it has completed the following:

(1) Successfully completed a racing soundness examination administered by the regulatory or track veterinarian.

(2) Completed an official workout of not less than four (4) furlongs in a time of fifty-two (52) seconds, or better, under the observation of the regulatory or track veterinarian. A horse participating in an official workout is subject to placement on

the veterinarian's list and may be required to submit to a post-work biologic sample collection and testing for foreign substances in accordance with 71 IAC 8.5-1-2 and 71 IAC 8.5-1-4.2. Placement of a horse on the veterinarian's list shall be in accordance with the requirements set forth in 71 IAC 8.5-8-1. All testing as required by this section and ordered by the regulatory or track veterinarian shall be conducted in accordance with commission sample collection and testing procedures with all tests to be at the expense of the horse owner or trainer.

*(Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-4-1; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2869, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Mar 25, 1997, 10:00 a.m.: 20 IR 2156; emergency rule filed Jun 22, 2000, 3:05 p.m.: 23 IR 2780; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 23, 2010, 1:27 p.m.: [20100331-IR-071100170ERA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 3, 2011, 11:50 a.m.: [20110309-IR-071110100ERA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); emergency rule filed Dec 5, 2019, 1:56 p.m.: [20191211-IR-071190646ERA](#); emergency rule filed Jun 1, 2020, 1:57 p.m.: [20200610-IR-071200295ERA](#); emergency rule filed Dec 11, 2020, 4:14 p.m.: [20201223-IR-071200625ERA](#); readopted filed Jul 6, 2023, 1:50 p.m.: [20230802-IR-071230371RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

#### **71 IAC 7.5-4-2 Identification**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 2. (a) Unless otherwise prescribed by the stewards or the commission, the official lip tattoo must have been affixed to a horse's upper lip or a microchip or other identification method approved by the appropriate breed registry and the commission applied prior to its participation in workouts from the gate, schooling races, or workouts required for removal from the stewards' list, the starter's list, the veterinarian's list, or the bleeder/salix list.

(b) The trainer, exercise rider, or trainer's designee shall notify the clocker or the clocker's assistants of the horse's name and the trainer's name, and identify the distance the horse is to be worked and the point on the track where the workout will start. Any licensee failing to fully cooperate with the clocker or the clocker's assistants shall be reported to the stewards. *(Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-4-2; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2869, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 9, 1995, 10:30 a.m.: 18 IR 3408; emergency rule filed Mar 25, 1997, 10:00 a.m.: 20 IR 2156; emergency rule filed Aug 23, 2001, 9:58 a.m.: 25 IR 120; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); emergency rule filed Dec 5, 2019, 1:56 p.m.: [20191211-IR-071190646ERA](#); readopted filed Jul 6, 2023, 1:50 p.m.: [20230802-IR-071230371RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

#### **71 IAC 7.5-4-3 Information dissemination**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 3. Information regarding a horse's approved timed workouts shall be furnished to the public prior to the start of the race for which the horse has been entered. *(Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-4-3; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2869, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

#### **71 IAC 7.5-4-4 Restrictions**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 4. A horse shall not be taken onto the track for training or a workout except during hours designated by the association. *(Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-4-4; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2869, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#);*

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## Rule 5. Eligibility for Racing

[71 IAC 7.5-5-1](#)

Horses ineligible

[71 IAC 7.5-5-2](#)

Eligibility for racing and ownership status

### 71 IAC 7.5-5-1 Horses ineligible

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 1. (a) A horse is ineligible to start in a race when:

- (1) it is not stabled on the grounds of the association or present by the time established by the commission;
- (2) for a quarter horse, its breed registration certificate is not on file with the racing secretary or horse identifier, unless the racing secretary has submitted the certificate to the appropriate breed registry for correction, or the information contained on the registration certificate is available to the racing secretary, or the racing secretary's designee, through the electronic registration system, however:
  - (A) the stewards, for good cause, may waive this requirement if the horse is otherwise correctly identified to the satisfaction of the stewards and identifier;
  - (B) if the electronic registration system fails for any reason, the stewards may require presentation of a horse's registration certificate prior to a horse being entered or raced in Indiana;
  - (C) the stewards may at any time require presentation of a horse's registration certificate; and
  - (D) a horse may not receive a preference date prior to entry unless the horse's registration paper is on file with the racing secretary;
- (3) it is not fully identified and tattooed on the inside of the upper lip or microchipped or identified by any other method approved by the appropriate breed registry and the commission;
- (4) if a thoroughbred, it is not duly registered and named at the registry office of the Jockey Club (New York), or, if a quarter horse, it is not duly registered with the American Quarter Horse Association;
- (5) it has been fraudulently entered or raced in any jurisdiction under a different name, with an altered registration certificate, or altered lip tattoo or microchip or other identification method approved by the appropriate breed registry and the commission;
- (6) it is wholly or partially owned by a disqualified person or a horse is under the direct or indirect training or management of a disqualified person;
- (7) it is wholly or partially owned by the spouse of a disqualified person or a horse is under the direct or indirect management of the spouse of a disqualified person, in such cases, it being presumed that the disqualified person and spouse constitute a single financial entity with respect to the horse, which presumption may be rebutted;
- (8) the stakes or entrance money for the horse has not been paid, in accordance with the conditions of the race;
- (9) its name appears on the starter's list, stewards' list, or veterinarian's list;
- (10) it is a first time starter and has not been approved to start by the starter;
- (11) it is owned in whole or in part by an undisclosed person or interest;
- (12) it lacks sufficient official published workouts or past race performances;
- (13) it has been entered in a stakes race and has subsequently been transferred with its engagements unless the racing secretary has been notified of such prior to the start;
- (14) it is subject to a lien, which has not been approved by the stewards and filed with the horsemen's bookkeeper;
- (15) it is subject to a lease not filed with the stewards;
- (16) it is not in sound racing condition;
- (17) it has had a posterior digital neurectomy (heel denerving), which has not been approved by the official veterinarian;
- (18) it has been trachea tubed to artificially assist breathing;
- (19) it has been blocked with alcohol or otherwise drugged or surgically denerved to desensitize the nerves above the ankle;
- (20) it has impaired eyesight in both eyes;

- (21) it is barred or suspended in any recognized jurisdiction;
- (22) it does not meet the eligibility conditions of the race;
- (23) its owner or lessor is in arrears for any stakes fees, except with approval of the racing secretary;
- (24) its owners, lessors, lessees, or trainer have not completed the licensing procedures required by the commission;
- (25) it is by an unknown sire or out of an unknown mare;
- (26) there is no negative test certificate for equine infectious anemia issued within the preceding twelve (12) months on file with the association;
- (27) if a quarter horse, it has shoes (racing plates) that have toe grabs with a height greater than four (4) millimeters (fifteen thousand seven hundred forty-eight hundred-thousandths (0.15748) inches), or any other traction device on the front hooves while racing or training on all racing surfaces;
- (28) if a thoroughbred, it has shoes (racing plates) which have full rims with a height greater than two (2) millimeters (seven thousand eight hundred seventy-four hundred-thousandths (0.07874) inches), bends, jar caulks, stickers, or any other traction device on the front hooves while racing or training on any racing surfaces, or if it has shoes (racing plates) that have toe grabs with a height greater than four (4) millimeters (fifteen thousand seven hundred forty-eight hundred-thousandths (0.15748) inches) or any other traction device on the hind limbs while racing or training on any racing surface;
- (29) it has reached the age of twelve (12) years;
- (30) it is a maiden that has reached the age of six (6) years or older with fewer than six (6) starts;
- (31) the race date is within ten (10) days of having extracorporeal shock wave or radial pulse wave therapy; or
- (32) it has not made an official start in the previous two hundred forty (240) days, or it is a first time starter that has reached the age of four (4) years, and it has not fulfilled the requirements set forth in 71 IAC 7.5-4-1(b).

(b) The stewards may consider extenuating circumstances in determining ineligibility of a horse with respect to subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2). (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-5-1; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2870, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 9, 1995, 10:30 a.m.: 18 IR 3408; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); emergency rule filed Jul 23, 2007, 9:16 a.m.: [20070808-IR-071070461ERA](#), eff Jul 18, 2007 [[IC 4-22-2-37.1](#) establishes the effectiveness of an emergency rule upon filing with the Publisher. LSA Document #07-461(E) was filed with the Publisher July 23, 2007.]; errata filed Aug 14, 2007, 1:28 p.m.: [20070829-IR-071070461ACA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 12, 2008, 1:53 p.m.: [20080326-IR-071080191ERA](#), eff Mar 11, 2008 [[IC 4-22-2-37.1](#) establishes the effectiveness of an emergency rule upon filing with the Publisher. LSA Document #08-191(E) was filed with the Publisher March 12, 2008.]; emergency rule filed Mar 19, 2009, 11:07 a.m.: [20090401-IR-071090195ERA](#), eff Mar 12, 2009 [[IC 4-22-2-37.1](#) establishes the effectiveness of an emergency rule upon filing with the Publisher. LSA Document #09-195(E) was filed with the Publisher March 19, 2009.]; emergency rule filed Mar 23, 2010, 1:27 p.m.: [20100331-IR-071100170ERA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 8, 2012, 11:43 a.m.: [20120321-IR-071120117ERA](#); emergency rule filed Jul 5, 2012, 2:14 p.m.: [20120718-IR-071120402ERA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); emergency rule filed Dec 5, 2019, 1:56 p.m.: [20191211-IR-071190646ERA](#); emergency rule filed Jun 1, 2020, 1:57 p.m.: [20200610-IR-071200295ERA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 3, 2022, 3:55 p.m.: [20220316-IR-071220070ERA](#); emergency rule filed Oct 6, 2022, 3:34 p.m.: [20221012-IR-071220305ERA](#); readopted filed Jul 6, 2023, 1:50 p.m.: [20230802-IR-071230371RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 7.5-5-2 Eligibility for racing and ownership status**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#); [IC 4-31-11](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 2. (a) The commission, its executive director, the stewards, judges, and the commission's director of security (collectively, the "commission or the commission's designee"), shall have the right to require an entrant of a horse to verify information contained within the entry blank forms and declarations as well as other eligibility requirements for a particular race. In addition, the commission, or the commission's designee, shall have the right to make a determination of whether a certain horse is or was eligible to participate in a race. The burden of proving eligibility, by clear and convincing evidence, in such a situation, will be on the entrant.

(b) The commission, or the commission's designee, may require sufficient evidence from an entrant of ownership status, residency, or other information required for eligibility prior to allowing a horse to compete in a restricted race or in any race at the

meet.

(c) After a race, the commission, or the commission's designee, may, upon reasonable suspicion, conduct an inquiry and make a determination as to ownership status, residency, or other information required for eligibility of an entrant.

(d) In considering the matter of ownership status, the commission, or the commission's designee, may review any information which it deems relevant, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) a bill of sale;

(2) a proof of funds transfer, including, but not limited to, a canceled check, a wire transfer, or other similar form of proof; and

(3) a completed ownership transfer on the USTA or Jockey Club registration certificate, whichever is applicable.

(e) Each owner and trainer, or the authorized agent of an owner or trainer, or the nominator (collectively, the "entrant"), is required to disclose the true and entire ownership and the true and bona fide trainer of each horse with the racing secretary, and to disclose any changes in the owners or trainer of each registered horse to both the racing secretary, the stewards, or judges. A licensee or racing official, including the racing secretary, shall immediately report any questions concerning the ownership status or the identity of the true and bona fide trainer of a horse to the stewards or judges, and the stewards or judges may place such a horse on the steward's or judge's list. A horse placed on the steward's or judge's list shall be ineligible to start in a race until questions concerning the ownership status or the identity of the true and bona fide trainer of the horse are answered to the satisfaction of the commission, or the commission's designee, and the horse is removed from the steward's or judge's list.

(f) If the commission, or the commission's designee, finds a lack of sufficient evidence of ownership status, residency, or other information required for eligibility, prior to a race, the commission, or the commission's designee, may order the entrant's horse scratched from the race or ineligible to participate.

(g) After a race, the commission, or the commission's designee, may, upon reasonable suspicion, withhold purse money pending an inquiry of ownership status, residency, or other information required for eligibility. If the purse money is ultimately forfeited, because of a determination of the commission, or the commission's designee, the purse money shall be redistributed per order of the commission or the commission's designee.

(h) If the purse money has been paid prior to reasonable suspicion, the commission, or the commission's designee, may conduct an inquiry and make a determination. If the commission, or the commission's designee, determines there has been a violation of ownership status, residency, or other information required for eligibility, it shall order the purse money returned and redistributed per order of the commission or the commission's designee.

(i) Any entrant, which is found to have violated the qualification for a race, including knowingly providing false information or refusing to provide or concealing information, is also subject to sanctions by the commission. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-5-2; emergency rule filed Mar 20, 2007, 1:43 p.m.: [20070404-IR-071070198ERA](#), eff Mar 16, 2007 [[IC 4-22-2-37.1](#) establishes the effectiveness of an emergency rule upon filing with the Publisher. LSA Document #07-198(E) was filed with the Publisher March 20, 2007.]; readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

## Rule 6. Running of the Race

[71 IAC 7.5-6-1](#)

Equipment

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Jockey requirements

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Paddock to post

[71 IAC 7.5-6-5](#)

Post to finish

### 71 IAC 7.5-6-1 Equipment

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 1. (a) All riding crops are subject to inspection and approval by the stewards, their designee, and the clerk of scales.

(1) Riding crops shall be soft padded, with a shaft and a smooth foam cylinder, and will be permitted in flat racing including training, only under the following conditions:

- (A) maximum weight of eight (8) ounces;
  - (B) maximum length, including smooth foam cylinder, of thirty (30) inches;
  - (C) minimum shaft diameter of three-eighths (3/8) inch;
  - (D) shaft contact area must be smooth, with no protrusion or raised surface and covered by shock absorbing material that gives a compression factor of at least one (1) millimeter throughout its circumference; and
  - (E) no binding within seven (7) inches of the end of the shaft.
- (2) The smooth foam cylinder is the only allowable attachment to the shaft and must meet these specifications:
- (A) maximum length beyond the end of the shaft of one (1) inch;
  - (B) minimum diameter of eight-tenths (0.8) inch and a maximum diameter of one and six-tenths (1.6) inches;
  - (C) no reinforcements or additions beyond the end of the shaft or the soft foam cylinder;
  - (D) shall be made of shock absorbing material with a compression factor of at least five (5) millimeters throughout its circumference;
  - (E) shall be made of a waterproof, ultraviolet resistant, and chemical resistant foam material that is durable and preserves its shock absorption during use under all conditions; and
  - (F) shall be replaced after reasonable wear and tear is visibly evident.
- (b) No bridle shall exceed two (2) pounds.
- (c) A horse's tongue may be tied down with clean bandages, gauze, or a tongue strap.
- (d) No licensee may add blinkers to a horse's equipment or discontinue their use without the prior approval of the starter and the stewards. Any request for such a change must be stated at entry. Blinkers and cheek pieces may not be used at the same time.
- (e) The use of Gelocast or like materials, or both, as a racing bandage or the use of Gelocast or like materials, or both, in conjunction with traditional materials to form a racing bandage is prohibited.
- (f) Any nontraditional material incorporated into a racing bandage must be approved by the official veterinarian, or his or her designee. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-6-1; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2870, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Jun 22, 1998, 5:13 p.m.: 21 IR 4234; emergency rule filed Jun 22, 2000, 3:05 p.m.: 23 IR 2781; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; emergency rule filed Feb 21, 2003, 4:15 p.m.: 26 IR 2384; emergency rule filed Jan 21, 2004, 2:30 p.m.: 27 IR 1919; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 19, 2009, 11:07 a.m.: [20090401-IR-071090195ERA](#), eff Mar 12, 2009 [\[IC 4-22-2-37.1](#) establishes the effectiveness of an emergency rule upon filing with the Publisher. LSA Document #09-195(E) was filed with the Publisher March 19, 2009.]  
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#### **71 IAC 7.5-6-2 Racing numbers**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 2. Each horse shall carry a conspicuous saddle cloth number corresponding to the official number given that horse on the official program. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-6-2; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2870, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); emergency rule filed Aug 29, 2017, 3:21 p.m.: [20170906-IR-071170396ERA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

#### **71 IAC 7.5-6-3 Jockey requirements**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 3. (a) Jockeys shall report to the jockeys' quarters at the time designated by the association. Jockeys shall report their engagements and weight to the clerk of scales. Jockeys shall not leave the jockeys' quarters, except to ride in scheduled races, until all of their riding engagements of the day have been fulfilled, except as approved by the stewards.

(b) A jockey who has not fulfilled all riding engagements, who desires to leave the jockeys' quarters, must first receive the permission of the stewards and must be accompanied by an association security guard.

(c) While in the jockeys' quarters, jockeys shall have no contact or communication with any person outside the jockeys' quarters other than:

- (1) commission personnel and officials;
- (2) an owner or trainer for whom the jockey is riding;
- (3) the jockey's agent; or
- (4) a representative of the regular news media;

except with the permission of the stewards. Any communication permitted by the stewards may be conducted only in the presence of the clerk of scales or other person designated by the stewards. Such communication may include the use of personal cell phones in a restricted area approved by the commission or its designee.

(d) Jockeys shall be weighed out for their respective mounts by the clerk of scales not more than thirty (30) minutes before post time for each race.

(e) Only valets employed by the association shall assist jockeys in weighing out.

(f) A jockey must wear a safety vest when riding in any official race. The safety vest shall meet one (1) of the standards for safety vests outlined in 71 IAC 5.5-1-26.

(g) Weighing out:

- (1) A jockey's weight shall include his/her clothing, boots, saddle and its attachments, and any other equipment except the bridle, bit, blinkers, goggles, number cloth, and safety equipment including helmet, vest, over-girth, reins, and breast collar.
- (2) Upon steward's approval, jockeys may be allowed up to three (3) pounds more than published weights to account for inclement weather, clothing, and equipment.

(h) Seven (7) pounds is the limit of overweight any horse is permitted to carry. If a jockey is more than two (2) pounds overweight, an owner or trainer may replace said jockey without penalty.

(i) Once jockeys have fulfilled their riding engagements for the day and have left the jockeys' quarters, they shall not be readmitted to the jockeys' quarters until after the entire racing program for that day has been completed, except with permission of the stewards. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-6-3; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2871, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 9, 1995, 10:30 a.m.: 18 IR 3409; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; emergency rule filed Aug 21, 2003, 4:45 p.m.: 27 IR 206; emergency rule filed Feb 17, 2005, 11:48 a.m.: 28 IR 2154; emergency rule filed Jul 28, 2006, 11:17 a.m.: [20060809-IR-071060278ERA](#), eff Aug 1, 2006; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 19, 2009, 11:07 a.m.: [20090401-IR-071090195ERA](#), eff Mar 12, 2009 [[IC 4-22-2-37.1](#) establishes the effectiveness of an emergency rule upon filing with the Publisher. LSA Document #09-195(E) was filed with the Publisher March 19, 2009.]; emergency rule filed Mar 23, 2010, 1:27 p.m.: [20100331-IR-071100170ERA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); emergency rule filed Jun 10, 2016, 11:11 a.m.: [20160615-IR-071160257ERA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

#### **71 IAC 7.5-6-3.5 Jockey apparel advertising**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 3.5. (a) A jockey shall not wear advertising or promotional material of any kind on clothing within one (1) hour of or during a race, unless the following criteria are met:

(1) Comply with the following size restrictions:

- (A) A maximum of thirty-two (32) square inches on each thigh of the pants on the outer side between the hip and knee and ten (10) square inches on the rear of the pant at the waistline at the base of the spine.
- (B) A maximum of twenty-four (24) square inches on boots and leggings on the outside of each nearest the top of the boot.

(C) A maximum of six (6) square inches on the front center of the neck area (on a turtleneck or other undergarment).

(2) The jockey is in compliance with the track rules regarding apparel advertising. Such track rules are subject to the approval of the commission.

(b) The stewards may disallow any advertising that is not in compliance with track rules or they deem to be inappropriate or in poor taste.

(c) Jockeys are permitted to place their name on their apparel in accordance with subsection (a)(1)(C) and wear The Jockey Guild emblem on their riding pants. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-6-3.5; emergency rule filed Jul 28, 2006, 11:17 a.m.: [20060809-IR-071060278ERA](#), eff Aug 1, 2006; errata filed Aug 11, 2006, 11:15 a.m.: [20060830-IR-071060278ACA](#); readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

#### **71 IAC 7.5-6-4 Paddock to post**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 4. (a) Each horse shall carry the full weight assigned for that race from the paddock to the starting post and shall parade past the stewards' stand unless excused by the stewards. The post parade shall not exceed twelve (12) minutes unless otherwise ordered by the stewards. It shall be the duty of the stewards to ensure that the horses arrive at the starting gate as near to post time as possible.

(b) After the horses enter the track, no jockey may dismount or entrust the jockey's horse to the care of an attendant without the prior consent of the starter unless there is an accident involving the jockey, the horse, or the equipment. During any delay during which a jockey is permitted to dismount, all other jockeys may dismount and their horses may be attended by others. After the horses enter the track, only the jockey, an assistant starter, the official veterinarian, the racing veterinarian, or an outrider or pony rider may touch the horse before the start of the race.

(c) If a jockey is injured on the way to the post, the horse shall be returned to the paddock or any other area designated by the stewards, re-saddled with the appropriate weight, and remounted with a replacement jockey.

(d) After passing the stewards' stand in parade, the horses may break formation and proceed to the post in any manner unless otherwise directed by the stewards. Once at the post, the horses shall be started without unnecessary delay.

(e) Horses shall arrive at the starting post in post position order.

(f) In case of accident to a jockey or the jockey's mount or equipment, the stewards or the starter may permit the jockey to dismount and the horse to be cared for during the delay and may permit all jockeys to dismount and all horses to be attended to during the delay.

(g) If a horse throws its jockey on the way from the paddock to the post, the horse must be returned to the point where the jockey was thrown, where it shall be remounted and then proceed over the route of the parade to the post. The horse must carry its assigned weight from paddock to post and from post to finish.

(h) If a horse leaves the course while moving from paddock to post, the horse shall be returned to the course at the nearest practical point to that at which it left the course and shall complete its parade to the post from the point at which it left the course unless ordered scratched by the stewards.

(i) No person shall wilfully delay the arrival of a horse at the post.

(j) The starter shall load horses into the starting gate in any order deemed necessary to ensure a safe and fair start. Only the jockey, the racing veterinarian, the starter, or an assistant starter shall handle a horse at the post. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-6-4; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2871, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

#### **71 IAC 7.5-6-5 Post to finish**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 5. (a) The following shall apply to starting the race:

(1) The starter is responsible for assuring that each participant receives a fair start.

(2) If, when the starter dispatches the field, any door at the front of the starting gate stalls should not open properly due to a mechanical failure or malfunction, or should any action by any starting personnel directly cause a horse to receive an unfair start, the stewards may declare the horse a nonstarter.

(3) Should a horse, not scratched prior to the start, not be in the starting gate stall thereby causing it to be left when the field is dispatched by the starter, the horse shall be declared a nonstarter by the stewards.

(4) Should an accident or malfunction of the starting gate, or other unforeseeable event compromise the fairness of the race or the safety of race participants, the stewards may declare individual horses to be nonstarters, exclude individual horses from one (1) or more pari-mutuel pools, or declare a no contest and refund all wagers except as otherwise provided in the rules involving multi-race wagers.

(b) The following shall apply to interference, jostling, or striking during the race:

(1) A jockey shall not ride carelessly or willfully so as to permit the jockey's mount to interfere with, impede, or intimidate any other horse in the race.

(2) No jockey shall carelessly or willfully jostle, strike, or touch another jockey or another jockey's horse or equipment.

(3) No jockey shall unnecessarily cause the jockey's horse to shorten its stride so as to give the appearance of having suffered a foul.

(c) The following shall apply to maintaining a straight course during the race:

(1) When the way is clear in a race, a horse may be ridden to any part of the course, but if any horse swerves, or is ridden to either side, so as to interfere with, impede, or intimidate any other horse, it may be a foul.

(2) The offending horse may be disqualified if, in the opinion of the stewards, the foul altered the finish of the race, regardless of whether the foul was accidental, willful, or the result of careless riding.

(3) If the stewards determine the foul was intentional, or due to careless riding, the jockey may be held responsible.

(4) In a straightaway race, every horse must maintain position as nearly as possible in the lane in which it starts. If a horse is ridden, drifts, or swerves out of its lane in such a manner that it interferes with, impedes, or intimidates another horse, and it may result in the disqualification of the offending horse.

(d) The following shall apply to disqualifications during the race:

(1) When the stewards determine that a horse shall be disqualified for interference, they may place the offending horse behind such horses as in their judgment it interfered with, or they may place it last.

(2) If a horse is disqualified for a foul, any horse or horses with which it is coupled as an entry may also be disqualified.

(3) When a horse is disqualified for interference in a time trial race, for the purposes of qualifying only, it shall receive the time of the horse it is placed behind plus one one-hundredth (1/100) of one (1) second penalty, or more exact measurement if photo finish equipment permits, and shall be eligible to qualify for the finals or consolations of the race on the basis of the assigned time.

(4) Possession of any electrical or mechanical stimulating or shocking device by a jockey, horse owner, trainer, or other person authorized to handle or attend to a horse shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of these rules and is sufficient grounds for the stewards to scratch or disqualify the horse.

(5) The stewards may determine that a horse shall be unplaced for the purpose of purse distribution and time trial qualification.

(e) All horses shall be ridden out in every race. A jockey shall not ease up or coast to the finish, without reasonable cause, even if the horse has no apparent chance to win prize money. A jockey shall give a best effort during a race, and each horse shall be ridden to win.

(f) A jockey or exercise rider who uses a riding crop during a race or workout shall do so only in a professional manner consistent with maintaining focus and concentration of the horse for safety of horses and riders, or for encouragement to achieve optimal performance. No electrical or mechanical device or other expedient designed to increase or retard the speed of a horse, other than the riding crop approved by the stewards, shall be possessed by anyone or applied by anyone to a horse at any time on the grounds of the association, whether in a race or otherwise. The following shall also apply:

(1) A rider may:

(A) use the crop on the hindquarters to activate and focus the horse. When the crop is used, a rider shall allow the horse a chance to respond before using the crop again. At the beginning of each race meeting, the stewards will define

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the maximum total number of strikes permitted, the maximum number of successive strikes permitted before giving the horse a chance to respond, and the number of strides that constitute a chance to respond;

(B) tap the horse on the shoulder with the crop while both hands are holding on to the reins and both hands are touching the horse's neck;

(C) show or wave the crop to the horse without physically contacting the horse; and

(D) use the crop to preserve the safety of horses and riders.

(2) A rider may not:

(A) raise the crop with the rider's wrist above the rider's helmet when using the crop;

(B) injure the horse with the crop or leave any physical marks, such as welts, bruises, lacerations;

(C) use the crop on any part of the horse's body other than the shoulders or hindquarters;

(D) use the crop at any time from paddock to post, or after the finish of the race other than to avoid a dangerous situation or preserve the safety of horses and riders;

(E) use the crop if the horse has obtained its maximum placing;

(F) use the crop persistently even though the horse is showing no response;

(G) use a crop on a two (2) year old horse before April 1st of each year other than to avoid a dangerous situation or preserve the safety of horses and riders; and

(H) strike another horse or person with the crop.

(3) In any race in which a jockey will ride without a crop, that fact shall be declared at entry, indicated in the official program, and an announcement of that fact shall be made over the public address system.

(4) Licensees who misuse or overuse the riding crop shall be subject to a fine, suspension of their license, or both; penalties for repeat offenses during one (1) race meeting shall be progressive, up to and including license revocation.

(5) Prohibited use of the riding crop includes, but is not limited to, striking a horse:

(A) on the head, flanks, or any other part of its body other than the shoulders or hindquarters, except when necessary to control a horse;

(B) during the post parade or after the finish of the race, except when necessary to control the horse;

(C) excessively;

(D) when the horse is clearly out of the race or has obtained its maximum placing;

(E) persistently even though the horse is showing no response under the riding crop;

(F) causing whip marks, welts, or breaks in the skin; or

(G) striking another person or horse.

(g) After the race, horses will be subject to inspection by an official veterinarian looking for cuts, welts, or bruises in the skin. Any adverse findings shall be reported to the stewards.

(h) The giving of instructions by any licensee that if obeyed would lead to a violation of this rule may result in disciplinary action also being taken against the licensee who gave such instructions.

(i) If a horse leaves the racecourse during a race, it shall be disqualified.

(j) The following shall apply to the order of finish:

(1) The official order of finish shall be decided by the stewards with the aid of the photo finish camera and, in the absence of the photo finish film strip, the video replay. The photo finish and video player are only aids in the stewards' decision. The decision of the stewards shall be final in all cases.

(2) The nose of the horse shall determine the placement of the horse in relationship to other horses in the race.

(k) The following shall apply to returning after the finish:

(1) After a race has been run, the jockey shall ride promptly to the place designated by the stewards, dismount, and report to the clerk of scales to be weighed in. Jockeys shall weigh in with all pieces of equipment with which they weighed out.

(2) If a jockey is prevented from riding to the designated unsaddling area because of an accident or illness to the jockey or the horse, the jockey may walk or be transported to the scales, or may be excused from weighing in by the stewards.

(l) The following shall apply to unsaddling:

(1) Only persons authorized by the stewards may assist the jockey with unsaddling the horse after the race.

(2) No one shall place a covering over a horse before it is unsaddled.

(m) Weighing in:

(1) A jockey shall weigh in at no less than the same weight at which he/she weighed out and if under that weight, and after

consideration of mitigating circumstances by the board of stewards, his/her mount may be disqualified from any portion of the purse money.

(2) In the event of a disqualification, all monies wagered on the horse shall be refunded unless the race has been declared official.

(3) A jockey's weight shall include clothing, boots, saddle, and its attachments and any other equipment except the bridle, bit, blinkers, number cloth, and over-girth, reins, and breast collar.

(4) Upon approval of the stewards, the jockeys may be allowed up to three (3) pounds more than published weights to account for inclement weather clothing and equipment.

(5) The post-race weight of jockeys includes any sweat, dirt, and mud that have accumulated on the jockey, jockey's clothing, jockey's safety equipment, and over-girth. This accounts for additional weight, depending on specific equipment, as well as weather, track, and racing conditions.

(n) The following shall apply to dead heats:

(1) When two (2) horses run a dead heat for first place, all purses or prizes to which the first and second horses would have been entitled shall be divided equally between them. This subdivision applies in dividing all purses or prizes whatever the number of horses running a dead heat and whatever places for which the dead heat is run.

(2) In a dead heat for first place, each horse involved shall be deemed a winner and liable to penalty for the amount it shall receive.

(3) When a dead heat is run for second place and an objection is made to the winner of the race, and sustained, the horses which ran a dead heat shall be deemed to have run a dead heat for first place.

(4) If the dividing owners cannot agree as to which of them is to have a cup or other prize which cannot be divided, the question shall be determined by lot by the stewards.

(o) The following shall apply to time trials:

(1) Except in cases where the starting gate physically restricts the number of horses starting, each time trial shall consist of no more than ten (10) horses.

(2) The time trials shall be raced under the same conditions as the finals. If the time trials are conducted on the same day, the horses with the ten (10) fastest times shall qualify to participate in the finals. If the time trials are conducted on two (2) days, the horses with the first five (5) fastest times on the first day and the horses with the five (5) fastest times on the second day shall qualify to participate in the finals.

(3) If the association's starting gate has less than ten (10) stalls, then the maximum number of qualifiers will correspond to the maximum number of starting gate post positions.

(4) In the time trials, horses shall qualify on the basis of time and order of finish. The times of the horses in the time trial will be determined to the limit of the timer. The only exception is when two (2) or more horses have the same time in the same trial heat, in which case the order of finish shall also determine the preference in qualifying for the finals. Should two (2) or more horses in different time trials have the same qualifying time to the limit of the timer for the final qualifying positions, then a draw by public lot shall be conducted as directed by the stewards.

(5) Except in the case of a disqualification, under no circumstances shall a horse qualify ahead of a horse that finished ahead of that horse in the official order of finish in a time trial.

(6) Should a horse be disqualified for interference during the running of a time trial, it shall receive the time of the horse it is immediately placed behind plus one one-hundredth (1/100) of one (1) second, or the maximum accuracy of the electronic timing device. No adjustments will be made in the times recorded in the time trials to account for head-wind, tail-wind, off-track, or other conditions.

(7) Should a malfunction occur with electronic times on any time trials, finalists from that time will then be determined by official hand timing operated by three (3) official and disinterested persons. The average of the three (3) hand times will be utilized for the winning time unless one (1) of the hand times is clearly incorrect. In such cases, the average of the two (2) accurate hand times will be utilized for the winning time.

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**Rule 7. Violations**

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**71 IAC 7.5-7-1 Horse also suspended**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)  
 Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 1. (a) If a person is suspended, ruled off, or expelled, every horse owned wholly or in part or leased or trained by that licensee may also be suspended, ruled off, or expelled for the same period of time as the owner or trainer.

(b) Under unusual circumstances or for justifiable reasons, the stewards or commission may shorten the period of suspension time for a horse.

(c) With the approval of the stewards, an owner whose horses are in the care of a suspended trainer may transfer such horses to another licensed trainer. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-7-1; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2874, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 9, 1995, 10:30 a.m.: 18 IR 3411; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 7.5-7-2 Return money; prizes**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)  
 Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 2. If any person or persons is suspended, ruled off, or expelled for fraudulent practice in relation to a horse or horses, wholly or in part their property, he or she shall return all money and prizes which such horse or horses has fraudulently won. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-7-2; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2874, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 7.5-7-3 Fraudulent practices**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)  
 Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 3. (a) No person shall do any of the following:

- (1) Corruptly give or offer money or share in a bet or other benefit to any person having official duties in relation to a race or to any jockey.
- (2) Having official duties in relation to a race or any jockey, corruptly accept or offer to accept money or share in a bet or any benefit.
- (3) Willfully enter or cause to be entered or start in any race a horse which they know to be disqualified.
- (4) Fraudulently offer or receive any amount of money for scratching a horse out of a race.

(5) Without making it known to the officials, be a part owner or act as a trainer of any horse in which a jockey possesses any interest.

(6) Make any bet with or on behalf of a jockey unless the bet is on a horse the jockey is riding.

(7) Offer or give, except through his or her employer of the owner or trainer of the horse ridden, a jockey any present, money, or other reward in connection with riding in any race.

(8) Accept a ticket or make a bet on any horse other than the one he or she rides.

(b) If any person is guilty of any corrupt or fraudulent practices, in this or any other jurisdiction, then such person or persons so offending shall be suspended and referred to the commission.

(c) No jockey may accept payment of any kind, directly or indirectly, from any person other than the owner or trainer of the horse the jockey rides for in a race.

(d) If any person is approached with:

(1) any offer or promise of a bribe or a wager;

(2) a request for suggestion for a bribe;

(3) a request or suggestion for any improper, corrupt, or fraudulent act in relation to racing; or

(4) a request that a race be conducted otherwise than fairly and honestly;

he or she shall report the details thereof immediately to the presiding steward. Persons failing to report such information to the stewards shall be suspended and referred to the commission. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-7-3; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2874, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 9, 1995, 10:30 a.m.: 18 IR 3411; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

#### **71 IAC 7.5-7-4 Disqualification; purse redistribution**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 4. (a) In the event any violation of these rules is determined after a race has been completed and the purse has been distributed, the following shall apply:

(1) The permit holder shall be required to redistribute purses out of purse account within ten (10) days after the redistribution is ordered.

(2) The purse shall be redistributed according to the final placings.

(3) In the event the purse has been paid, the owner or owners and the disqualified horse or horses shall stand suspended until all money, trophies, or awards have been returned to the permit holder who shall assume the responsibility of redistributing the purse.

(4) If there are not enough nonoffending horses, the remaining part of the purse shall go to the declared winner.

(b) In the event a purse is paid in error or is ordered redistributed due to an order of the commission, the owner refusing to return the purse and the horse involved shall stand suspended until all purse monies, trophies, or awards have been returned to the permit holder who shall assume the responsibility for redistributing the purse.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the permit holder to pay the purses or distribute the trophies or awards until they have been returned.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the commission, in its discretion, from continuing any suspension or penalty made pursuant to these rules for such period of time the commission may determine.

(e) In the event any violation of these rules shall be determined after:

(1) a race has been completed;

(2) the purse has not been distributed; and

(3) an appeal has been filed staying the decision of the stewards;

the stewards shall notify the permit holder who shall distribute the portions of the purse money which were not affected by the decision or the appeal thereof. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-7-4; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2875, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 12, 2008, 1:53 p.m.: [20080326-IR-071080191ERA](#), eff Mar 11, 2008 [IC*

*4-22-2-37.1 establishes the effectiveness of an emergency rule upon filing with the Publisher. LSA Document #08-191(E) was filed with the Publisher March 12, 2008.]; readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 7.5-7-5 Designated races**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 5. (a) In the event a penalty for a riding violation is ten (10) days or less, the jockey may compete in a designated race or races provided the jockey must be named at the time of entry.

(b) For the purpose of this section, a designated race shall mean any stakes, futurity, or futurity trial in any state.

(c) Official rulings for riding infractions of ten (10) days or less shall state: "The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races."

(d) On a day in which a jockey participates in a designated race or races, this day will not count as a suspension day. *(Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-7-5; emergency rule filed May 20, 1996, 10:00 a.m.: 19 IR 2892; emergency rule filed Jun 8, 1999, 9:30 a.m.: 22 IR 3123, eff May 26, 1999 [NOTE: [IC 4-22-2-37.1](#) establishes the effectiveness of an emergency rule upon filing with the secretary of state. LSA Document #99-107(E) was filed with the secretary of state June 8, 1999.]; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; emergency rule filed Jan 21, 2004, 2:30 p.m.: 27 IR 1920; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**Rule 8. Protests, Objections, and Inquiries**

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Stewards to inquire

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Race objections

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Protests

**71 IAC 7.5-8-1 Stewards to inquire**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 1. (a) The stewards shall take cognizance of foul riding and, upon their own motion or that of any racing official or person empowered by these rules to object or complain, shall make diligent inquiry or investigation into such objection or complaint when properly received.

(b) In determining the extent of disqualification, the stewards, in their discretion, may:

(1) declare null and void a track record set or equalled by a disqualified horse, or any horses coupled with it as an entry;

(2) affirm the placing judges' order of finish and hold the jockey responsible if, in the stewards' opinion, the foul riding did not affect the order of finish; or

(3) disqualify the offending horse and hold the jockey blameless if, in the stewards' opinion, the interference of another horse in a race was not the result of an intentional foul or careless riding on the part of a jockey.

*(Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-8-1; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2875, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 7.5-8-2 Race objections**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 2. (a) An objection to an incident alleged to have occurred during the running of a race shall be received only when lodged with the outrider, the stewards, or their designees by the owner, the authorized agent of the owner, the trainer, or the jockey of a horse engaged in the same race. Any objection by a jockey must be lodged with the outrider or the steward's designee before the jockey dismounts the horse.

(b) An objection following the running of any race must be filed before the race is declared official.

(c) The stewards shall:

- (1) make all findings of fact as to all matters occurring during and incident to the running of a race;
- (2) determine all objections and inquiries; and
- (3) determine the extent of disqualification, if any, of horses in the race.

Such findings of fact and determinations shall be final.

(d) An outrider shall be equipped with a two-way radio for communication with the stewards and be stationed in the first turn. Jockeys wishing to file an objection for any reason will so communicate to the outrider. If for any reason the outrider is unable to communicate to the stewards, there will be no official for that race until jockeys have been weighed in. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-8-2; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2875, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; emergency rule filed Apr 24, 2006, 11:11 a.m.: 29 IR 3033; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

#### **71 IAC 7.5-8-3 Prior objections**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 3. (a) Objections to the participation of a horse entered in any race shall be made to the stewards in writing, signed by the objector, and filed prior to post time for the first race on the day which the questioned horse is entered. Any such objection shall set forth the specific reason or grounds for the objection in such detail so as to establish probable cause for the objection. The stewards upon their own motion may consider an objection until such time as the horse becomes a starter.

(b) An objection to a horse which is entered in a race may be made on, but not limited to, the following grounds or reasons:

- (1) A misstatement, error, or omission in the entry under which a horse is to participate.
- (2) The horse which is entered to run is not the horse it is represented to be at the time of entry or the age was erroneously given.
- (3) The horse is not qualified to enter under the conditions specified for the race.
- (4) The horse is owned in whole or in part or leased or trained by a person ineligible to participate in racing or otherwise ineligible to own a race horse as provided in these rules.
- (5) The horse was entered without regard to a lien filed previously with the racing secretary.

(c) The stewards may scratch from the race any horse which is the subject of an objection if they have reasonable cause to believe that the objection is valid. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-8-3; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2876, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 9, 1995, 10:30 a.m.: 18 IR 3412; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

#### **71 IAC 7.5-8-4 Protests**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 4. (a) A protest against any horse which has started in a race shall be made to the stewards in writing, signed by the protestor, within seventy-two (72) hours of the race exclusive of nonracing days. If the incident upon which the protest is based occurs within the last two (2) days of the meeting, such protest may be filed with the commission within seventy-two (72) hours exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, or official holidays. Any such protest shall set forth the specific reason or reasons for the protest in such detail as to establish probable cause for the protest.

(b) A protest may be made on any of the following grounds:

- (1) Any grounds for objection as set forth in section 3 of this rule.
- (2) A jockey, owner, or lessor was ineligible to participate in racing as provided in this article.
- (3) The horse carried less than the proper weight from post to finish.
- (4) An unfair advantage was gained in violation of this article.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision in this article, the time limitation on the filing of protests shall not apply in any case in which fraud or willful misconduct is alleged provided that the stewards are satisfied that the allegations are bona fide and verifiable.

(d) No person shall file any objection or protest knowing the same to be inaccurate, false, untruthful, or frivolous.

(e) The stewards shall exercise their sole discretion in making such investigation or inquiry that they deem to be appropriate relative to a timely filed protest. After the stewards have gathered the information that they determine necessary in order to render a decision on the protest, they shall make a determination as soon as reasonably possible and communicate that determination to the person lodging the protest and any other persons who may be impacted by that decision. No person has a right to have a hearing conducted on the protest, and no appeal of the stewards' decision on the protest may be taken.

(f) The stewards may order any purse, award, or prize for any race withheld from distribution pending the determination of any protest. In the event any purse, award, or prize has been distributed to an owner or for a horse which by reason of a protest or other reason is disqualified or determined to be not entitled to such purse, award, or prize, the stewards or the commission may order such purse, award, or prize returned and redistributed to the rightful owner or horse. Any person who fails to comply with an order to return any purse, award, or prize erroneously distributed shall be subject to fines and suspension. *(Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-8-4; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2876, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 9, 1995, 10:30 a.m.: 18 IR 3412; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; emergency rule filed Mar 20, 2007, 1:43 p.m.: [20070404-IR-071070198ERA](#), eff Mar 16, 2007 [IC 4-22-2-37.1 establishes the effectiveness of an emergency rule upon filing with the Publisher. LSA Document #07-198(E) was filed with the Publisher March 20, 2007.]; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

## Rule 9. Violations and Fines

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### 71 IAC 7.5-9-1 Disorderly conduct; all licensees

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 1. The following shall constitute disorderly conduct and be reason for any penalty of any license as provided by these rules:

- (1) Failure to obey the stewards' orders.
- (2) Fighting.
- (3) Assaults.
- (4) Offensive and profane language.
- (5) Disturbing the peace.

*(Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-9-1; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2876, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 7.5-9-2 Improper language**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 2. If any licensed person:

- (1) uses improper language to the racing officials or member of the racing commission or threatens such officials;
- (2) uses profane or indecent language;
- (3) carries or exhibits a deadly weapon; or
- (4) otherwise disturbs the peace of any race track enclosure;

he or she may be ejected, fined, suspended, or referred to the commission for any penalty provided by these rules. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-9-2; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2877, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 7.5-9-3 Payment of fines**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 3. All fines imposed by the stewards or the commission shall be paid to the commission. Any person failing to pay a fine within seven (7) days may be summarily suspended pending the payment of the fine and may be excluded, their license may be revoked by the commission, or both, unless an appeal has been filed with the commission and is pending. However, when a fine and suspension is imposed by the stewards or commission, the fine shall be due and payable at the time the suspension expires unless otherwise ordered. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-9-3; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2877, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed May 20, 1996, 10:00 a.m.: 19 IR 2893; emergency rule filed Feb 13, 1998 10:00 a.m.: 21 IR 2419; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 7.5-9-4 Must pay own fine**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 4. No person shall pay the fine of another. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-9-4; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2877, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 7.5-9-5 Firearms**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 5. No person, except commission security, track security, and law enforcement officials while engaged in the performance of their official duties, shall possess or discharge any firearm within any race track property. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-9-5; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2877, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**Rule 10. Quarter Horse Time Trials**

[71 IAC 7.5-10-1](#)

Time trials

**71 IAC 7.5-10-1 Time trials**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 1. Recommended rules for time trials:

- (1) Except in cases where the starting gate physically restricts the number of horses starting, each time trial shall consist of no more than ten (10) horses.
- (2) The time trials shall be raced under the same conditions as the finals. If the time trials are conducted on the same day, the horses with the ten (10) fastest times shall qualify to participate in the finals. If the time trials are conducted on two (2) days, the horses with the five (5) fastest times on the first day and the horses with the five (5) fastest times on the second day shall qualify to participate in the finals. When time trials are conducted on two (2) days, the racing office should make every attempt to split owners with more than one (1) entry into separate days so that the owner's horses have a chance at all ten (10) qualifying positions. The racing secretary shall try to separate trainers and then jockeys from having more than one (1) horse in a time trial.
- (3) If the association's starting gate has less than ten (10) stalls, then the maximum number of qualifiers will correspond to the maximum number of starting gate post positions.
- (4) If only eleven (11) or twelve (12) horses are entered to run in time trials from a gate with twelve (12) or more stalls, the association may choose to run finals only. If eleven (11) or twelve (12) horses participate in the finals, only the first ten (10) finishers will receive purse money unless the conditions of the race specify otherwise. This provision shall not apply to two (2) year old races.
- (5) In the time trials, horses shall qualify on the basis of time and order of finish. The times of the horses in the time trial will be determined to the limit of the timer. The only exception is when two (2) or more horses have the same time in the same trial heat. Then the order of finish shall also determine the preference in qualifying for the finals. Should two or more horses in different time trials have the same qualifying time to the limit of the timer for the final qualifying position(s), then a draw by public lot shall be conducted as directed by the stewards. Under no circumstances should stewards or placing judges attempt to determine horses' qualifying times in separate trials beyond the limit of the timer by comparing and/or enlarging photo-finish pictures.
- (6) Except in the case of disqualifying, under no circumstances shall a horse qualify ahead of a horse that finished ahead of that horse in the official order of finish in a time trial.
- (7) Should a horse be disqualified for interference during the running of a time trial, it shall receive the time of the horse it is immediately placed behind plus one-hundredth (.01) of a second, or the maximum accuracy of the electronic timing device. No adjustments will be made in the times recorded in the time trials to account for head-wind, tail-wind, off-track, etc. In the case where a horse is disqualified for interference with another horse causing loss of rider or the horse not to finish the race, the disqualified horse may be given no time plus one-hundredth (.01) of a second, or the maximum accuracy of the electronic timing device.
- (8) Should a malfunction occur with electronic timer on any time trial, finalists from that time trial will then be determined by official hand times operated by three (3) official and disinterested persons. The average of the three (3) hand times will be utilized for the winning time, unless one (1) of the hand times is clearly incorrect. In such cases, the average of the two (2) accurate hand times will be utilized for the winning time. The other horses in that race will be given times according to the order and margins of finish with the aid of the photo-finish strip, if available.
- (9) When there is a malfunction of the timer during the time trials, but the timer operates correctly in other time trials, under no circumstances should the accurate electronic times be discarded and the average of the hand times used for all time trials. (The only exemption may be if the conditions of the stakes race so states, or states that in the case of a malfunction of the timer in trials, finalists will be selected by order finish in the trials.)
- (10) In the case where the accuracy of the electronic timer and/or the average of the hand times are questioned, the video of a time trial may be used to estimate the winning time by counting the number video frames in the race from the moment the starting gate stall doors are fully open parallel to the racing track. This method is accurate to approximately three-

hundredths (.03) seconds [*sic., second*]. Should the case arise where the timer malfunctions and there are no hand times, the stewards should have the option to select qualifiers based on the video time.

(11) Should there be a malfunction of the starting gate, and one (1) or more stall doors not open or open after the exact moment when the starter dispatches the field, the stewards may declare the horses with malfunctioning stall doors nonstarters. The stewards should have the option, however, to allow any horse whose stall door opened late, but still ran a time fast enough to qualify to be declared a starter for qualifying purposes. In the case where a horse breaks through the stall door, or the stall door opens prior to the exact moment the starter dispatches the field, the horse must be declared a nonstarter, and all entry fees refunded. In the case where one (1) or more, but not all stall doors open at the exact moment the starter dispatches the field, these horses should be considered starters for qualifying purposes, and placed according to their electronic time. If the electronic timer malfunctions in this instance, the average of the hand times or, if not available, the video time should be utilized for the horses declared starters.

(12) There will be an also eligible list only in the case of a disqualification for a positive drug test report, ineligibility of the horse according to the conditions of the race or a disqualification by the stewards for a rule violation. Should a horse be disqualified for a positive drug test report, ineligibility of the horse according to the conditions of the race or a disqualification by the stewards for a rule violation, the next fastest qualifier shall assume the disqualified horse's position in the final.

(13) If a horse should be scratched from the time trials, the horse's owner will not be eligible for a refund of the fees paid. If a horse that qualified for the final should be unable to enter due to racing soundness, or scratched for any reason other than a positive drug test report or a rule violation, the horse shall be deemed to have earned and the owner will receive, last place purse money. If more than one (1) horse should be scratched from the final, for any reason other than a positive drug test report or a rule violation, then those purse monies shall be added together and divided equally among those owners.

*(Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 7.5-10-1; emergency rule filed Aug 20, 2002, 3:00 p.m.: 26 IR 56; readopted filed Mar 20, 2008, 2:32 p.m.: [20080416-IR-071080063RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

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