



Certification Page Regular and Emergency Rules

<u>1. General Information</u>			
a. Agency/Board Name <i>See attached list for references</i> WYOMING PARI-MUTUEL COMMISSION			
b. Agency/Board Address 951 WERNER COURT, SUITE 335		c. Agency/Board City CASPER	d. Agency/Board Zip Code 82601
e. Name of Contact Person CHARLES E. MOORE		f. Contact Telephone Number 307-265-4015	
g. Contact Email Address CHARLES.MOORE@WYO.GOV		h. Adoption Date: JANUARY 27, 2012	
i. Program(s) <i>See attached list for references</i> GENERAL AGENCY, BOARD OR COMMISSION RULES			
<u>2. Rule Type and Information</u>			
a. These rules are: <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rules <i>(After completing all of Section 2, proceed to Section 5 below)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Rules			
b. Choose all that apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Rules* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended Rules <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed Rules * "New" rules means the first set of regular rules to be promulgated by the Agency after the Legislature adopted a new statutory provision or significantly amended an existing statute.			
If "New," provide the Enrolled Act number and year enacted: ENROLLED ACT#16 SENATE 2011			
c. Provide the Chapter Number, and Short Title of Each Chapter being Created/Amended/Repealed <i>(if more than 5 chapters are being created/amended/repealed, please use the Additional Rule Information form and attach it to this certification)</i>			
Chapter Number: CHAPTER 5		Short Title: OFFICIALS, SECTION 16 (h)	
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d. <input type="checkbox"/> The Statement of Reasons is attached to this certification.			
e. If applicable, describe the emergency which requires promulgation of these rules without providing notice or an opportunity for a public hearing: Legislation changed the maximum fine which a steward could impose on a licensee from \$250.00 to \$1,000.00. Current rules reflect the \$250.00 limit which was in place prior to legislation. The change to Section 16(h) would align the fining authority in rules with statute, providing clarity, avoid confusion, and prevent conflict.			
<u>3. State Government Notice of Intended Rulemaking</u>			
a. Date on which the Notice of Intent containing all of the information required by W.S. 16-3-103(a) was filed with the Secretary of State:		02/03/12	
b. Date on which the Notice of Intent and proposed rules in strike and underscore format were provided to the Legislative Service Office:		02/03/12	
c. Date on which the Notice of Intent and proposed rules in strike and underscore format were provided to the Attorney General:		02/03/12	

4. Public Notice of Intended Rulemaking

a. Notice was mailed 45 days in advance to all persons who made a timely request for advance notice. Yes No N/A

b. A public hearing was held on the proposed rules. Yes No

If "Yes:"	Date:	Time:	City:	Location:

5. Final Filing of Rules

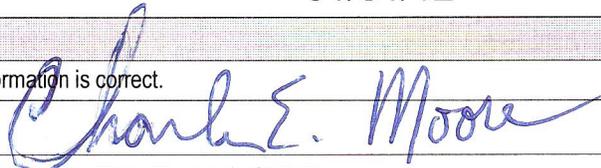
a. Date on which the Certification Page with original signatures and final rules were sent to the **Attorney General's Office** 01/31/12
for the Governor's signature:

b. Date on which final rules were sent to the **Legislative Service Office:** 01/31/12

c. Date on which a PDF of the final rules was electronically sent to the **Secretary of State:** 01/31/12

6. Agency/Board Certification

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing information is correct.

Signature of Authorized Individual	
Printed Name of Signatory	CHARLES E. MOORE
Signatory Title	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Date of Signature	01/30/12

7. Governor's Certification

I have reviewed these rules and determined that they:

1. Are within the scope of the statutory authority delegated to the adopting agency;
2. Appear to be within the scope of the legislative purpose of the statutory authority; and, if emergency rules,
3. Are necessary and that I concur in the finding that they are an emergency.

Therefore, I approve the same.

Governor's Signature	
Date of Signature	

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STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL REASONS

Pursuant to W.S. 11-25-104(e), the Wyoming Pari-Mutuel Commission proposes new rules to reflect the changes in W.S. 11-25-104 (g) (iii) created by Enrolled Act #16 Senate 2011 which became effective July 1, 2011. These rules align the maximum fine imposed by stewards on licensees with the statutory maximum and will provide clarity, avoid confusion, and prevent conflict.

This is a follow up to an emergency rule which was signed by the Governor and filed with Secretary of State August 22, 2011. This change is intended to be permanent.

Chapter 5. OFFICIALS

Section 16. Stewards.

(h) The Stewards have power to punish at their discretion any person subject to their control for violations of these Rules or regulations or for violation of the horse racing laws of Wyoming by suspension from acting or riding for up to thirty (30) calendar days or by fine not exceeding \$2001,000 or both, and if they consider necessary any further punishment or additional fine, they shall so report to the Commission. The licensee is entitled to attend an informal hearing with the Stewards before punishment is imposed.



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December 17, 2011

Re: Public Comments

Summary of Rules: Chapter 5, Section 15 (h) aligns the maximum fine imposed by the Stewards with statutory maximum. Pursuant to W.S. 16-3-103 (a) (i) public comment was taken on the above referenced rules November 1, 2011 to December 16, 2011 (45 day comment period).

No comments received.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles E. Moore".

Charles E. Moore
Executive Director

CHAPTER 5

OFFICIALS

Section 1. **Officials, Generally.**

(a) At least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of a meeting the Permittee shall submit in writing to the Commission the names of all officials engaged for the pari-mutuel event and no official shall be qualified to act until approved and licensed by the Commission. In the event of incapacitation of any approved official the Permittee may, with the approval of the Commission, appoint a substitute.

(b) Any official or any other person who accepts conditions of employment with a Permittee in this state and is licensed by the Commission, who leaves such employment while a race meeting is in progress without first obtaining permission from the Permittee and the Commission, shall be subject to suspension.

(c) The officials of a race meeting are as follows: three (3) Stewards; three (3) Placing Judges; two (2) or more Patrol Judges; Clerk of the Scales; Starter; Handicappers; Timers; Paddock Judge; Identifier; Veterinarian; Racing Secretary; Mutuel Manager; Custodian of the Jockey Room, and other officials that the Commission may prescribe.

(d) No person shall be considered for approval by the Commission as an official unless such person is a professional racing official with a reputation of good character and ability or has indicated a desire to become a professional racing official and is in possession of sufficient experience and/or has a special aptitude for such a position.

(e) The Stewards and the Official Veterinarian for each meeting shall be selected by the Commission. The Commission may require the Permittee to pay for the salary of not more than two (2) Stewards. All other officials designated shall be appointments by the Permittee, being subject to the approval of the Commission, which reserves the right to demand a change of personnel for what it deems good and sufficient reason, the successor to officials replaced to be subject to the approval of the Commission.

(f) No one interested in the result of a race or permitted event, either because of ownership of any horse entered, or of his sire or dam, or because of bets or otherwise, shall act as an official in respect to that race or permitted event.

(g) No Permittee shall employ or accept the services of any person as an official or in any other capacity who is the owner or trainer of, or who has any

interest, financial or otherwise, in horses registered for racing at their meeting or pari-mutuel event unless special permission has been granted by the Commission.

(h) No official or assistant shall wager money or any other chattel of value on the result of any pari-mutuel event.

(i) No official or assistant shall accept, directly or indirectly, any gratuity, reward or favor in connection with any permitted pari-mutuel event. This provision does not apply to salaries received from the Permittee.

(j) No official or assistant shall buy or sell any contract upon any jockey or apprentice jockey for himself or another.

(k) No official or assistant shall write or solicit horse insurance at the meeting.

(l) Each official or assistant shall report to the Stewards/Judges all observed violations of the rules.

(m) No officials other than the Stewards and the Starter shall have the right to impose a fine; only the Stewards may impose a suspension.

(n) An official imposing a fine or suspension shall report daily to the Commission, Racing Secretary and Horsemen's Bookkeeper in writing.

(o) All fines shall be paid to the State Steward within 48 hours after imposition and notice. If the meet is not in session, fines shall be mailed to the Commission office within 48 hours of receiving notice from the Stewards or the Commission. Checks shall be made payable to the State of Wyoming.

Section 2. **Barn Superintendent. (See Racing Secretary)**

Section 3. **Clerk of Scales.**

(a) The Clerk of Scales shall weigh all jockeys out and the first four place finishers in.

(b) The Clerk of Scales shall record and publish on the notice board any overweight or any change of jockey, weight or racing colors as compared with those stated on the official program and shall promptly supply the racing officials with all pertinent changes.

(c) The Clerk of Scales shall promptly report to the Stewards any infraction of the Rules with respect to weight, weighing or riding equipment.

(d) The Clerk of Scales shall maintain and deliver to the Racing Secretary and the Horsemen's Bookkeeper at the end of each race day, a record of the weights carried by each horse in each race together with the name of each horse's jockey and the overweight carried by each jockey.

(e) All jockeys taking part in a race must be weighed out by the Clerk of Scales not less than twenty (20) minutes before the time fixed for the race (the horse in each instance being specified), and the number of the horse shall be exhibited officially as soon as possible, and the first four-place finishers shall be weighed in at the conclusion of the race.

(f) If the overweight is more than two (2) pounds in excess of the weight the horse is to carry (the owner or trainer consenting), the jockey shall declare the amount of overweight to the Clerk of Scales at least forty-five (45) minutes before the time appointed for the race and the Clerk shall have the overweight posted immediately on the Notice Board or announced publicly. Failure on the part of any jockey to comply with this rule shall be reported to the Stewards.

(g) Seven (7) pounds is the limit of the overweight any horse is allowed to carry, unless approved by the Stewards. Public announcement of the overweight must be made.

Section 4. **Handicapper.**

(a) The Handicapper, who may be the Racing Secretary, shall assign the weights to be carried by each horse in a Handicap.

(b) The Handicapper shall append to the weights for every Handicap the day and hour for which winners will be liable to weight penalty.

(c) If there are no penalties, that fact shall be appended to the weights. No alteration of weights shall be made after publication.

(d) In case of omission, through error, of the name or weight to be carried of a horse duly entered, the omission shall be rectified by the Handicapper, with permission of the Stewards.

Section 5. **Horsemen's Bookkeeper.**

(a) Each Permittee shall have a Bookkeeper, approved by the Commission, whose duty it is to keep and preserve books which will reflect the deposits or other credits and withdrawals or other charges that may be made by an owner or other licensee. The Bookkeeper shall have an office at the track and the office shall be open on each racing day during the hours specified by the

Commission. He must also furnish reports and information as may be required by the Commission or its representative.

(b) The Bookkeeper shall maintain a record which includes the information obtained from the Clerk of the Scales per Section 3(d), the "post time" of each race, running time of the race, the amount of the purse and its division, the placing of the first five horses as reported by the placing judges and the amounts of fees collected or charged. All rulings made by the Stewards and the original signed claims shall be attached to and become a part of the Bookkeeper's record.

(c) The Bookkeeper shall keep a complete record of all races and submit the record to the Racing Secretary and the Commission.

(i) Total purses paid for the event including added money in stakes.

(ii) List of all stakes races.

(A) Total added money.

(B) Total amount contributed by horsemen.

(C) Total purses plus added money.

(iii) Total number of two-year-old races.

(A) Total purses paid.

(B) Total amount contributed by horsemen.

(iv) Total number of three-year-old races.

(A) Total purses paid.

(B) Total amount contributed by horsemen.

(v) Total number of "Wyoming Bred" races run.

(A) Total purses paid for "Wyoming Bred" races.

(B) Total amount contributed by horsemen.

(vi) Total number of "Wyoming Bred" races offered but unable to fill.

(vii) Complete list of all claimed horses including price and date of claim.

(d) The Bookkeeper may receive all stakes, forfeits, fines, entrance monies, fees (including jockey's fees), purchase money in claiming races and all other money that can properly come into his possession as agent for the Permittee for which he is acting.

(e) The Bookkeeper's office must be open at least one (1) hour immediately prior to post time of the first race of the day for receiving jockey mount money.

(f) The Horsemen's Bookkeeper shall pay over, when due, all monies collected by him to persons entitled to receive payment.

Section 6. **Identifier.**

(a) No horse shall be permitted to start that has not been fully identified by the Official identifier. The trainer is responsible for the identification.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Official Identifier to check all contestants for each and every race and to have all horses properly identified, keeping a record on solid colored horses and horses starting for the first time according to the published record of the "Chart Books" of the Daily Racing Form. This record is to be retained by the Racing Secretary.

Section 7. **Jockey Room Custodian.**

(a) It shall be the duty of the Jockey Room Custodian to see to it that order, decorum and cleanliness are maintained in the jockey and scale rooms.

(b) The Custodian shall assist the Clerk of Scales in the performance of his duties.

(c) The Custodian shall see to it that no person, other than racing officials, the Commission or its representatives, and the necessary Jockey Room Attendants, is admitted to the jockey room on a day of racing without express permission of the Stewards for each time of entry.

(d) The Custodian may permit the assistant starters to use the jockey room for the purpose of changing clothes prior to post time and following the running of the last race. However, they shall not be in the jockey room between forty-five (45) minutes before post time for the first race, and the finish of the last race.

(e) The Custodian shall oversee the care and storage of all racing colors.

(f) The Custodian shall oversee the jockey attendants and arrange their rotation among jockeys in the matter of weighing out.

(g) The Custodian shall see to it that no jockey attendant not approved by the Stewards and licensed by the Commission is permitted to assist any jockey at any time.

(h) The Custodian shall report to the Stewards any irregularities that occur in his province.

(i) The Custodian shall see to it that jockeys are neat in appearance and attired in keeping with the rules when they leave the rooms to ride in a race.

Section 8. **Mutuel Manager.**

(a) The Mutuel Manager of the pari-mutuel department shall deliver to the Commission at the end of each event day a record showing the amount wagered in each pool, including but not limited to "win", "place", and "show", the commissions, and the breakage for each race or go-round and the totals of each for the day.

(b) The manager of the pari-mutuel department shall deliver to the Commission at the conclusion of the meet or at any time requested prior to that time, a copy of all take-out and calculating sheets.

(c) The mutuel manager is held responsible for the conduct of his employees. He shall not be responsible for their "shorts" or "longs".

(d) Each seller or cashier shall be responsible to the mutuel manager for his "shorts" or "longs"; the "shorts" or "longs" shall be recorded and reported to the Commission daily.

(e) The Mutuel Manager shall employ only those licensed by the Commission.

(f) The Mutuel Manager shall allow no one to enter the mutuel department other than those entitled to do so by virtue of these rules.

(g) The Mutuel Manager shall countersign (or approve) all licenses granted by the Commission to the employees of the mutuel department if requested to do so by the Commission.

(h) The Mutuel Manager shall report in detail to the Commission his reasons for discharging an employee.

(i) The Mutuel Manager shall be responsible for the "odds board" and the information it reflects.

Section 9. **Outrider.**

(a) There shall be at least one Outrider. The Outriders shall be neat in appearance and must wear an approved helmet with chin strap securely fastened while on the track. The Outriders shall be approved by and work under the direction of the Stewards.

(b) The Leading Outrider shall:

(i) Be in charge of the post parade.

(ii) See to it that all jockeys and pony riders conduct themselves in a manner in conformity with the best interests of racing.

(iii) Not permit any rider to dismount unless an emergency exists.

(iv) Take special notice of all pony riders and jockeys to see that no illegal equipment is exchanged and that all conversation during the post parade is held to a minimum.

(v) Report to the Stewards any unusual conduct that occurs during the parade.

(vi) Report to the Stewards any participant in the parade who is not neatly attired.

Section 10. **Paddock Judge.**

(a) In the interest of public safety, the Paddock Judge shall exclude from the paddock all persons who have no immediate business with the horses entered. The members of the Commission, its staff and special representatives and those having special permission from the Stewards are excepted.

(b) The Paddock Judge shall keep a record of all equipment carried by all horses in all races under his jurisdiction, permitting no change in equipment not authorized by the Stewards.

(c) The Paddock Judge shall see that all horses are properly shod in every race.

(i) A horse starting in a race shall not be shod with ordinary or training shoes nor shall he run without shoes unless by permission of the Stewards.

(ii) Bar plates may be used only with consent of the Stewards and discontinuance of their use must be approved by the Stewards.

(d) The Paddock Judge shall report any irregularities to the Stewards.

(e) The Paddock Judge may permit a horse to be led to the post with a privately owned pony if the rider is properly licensed by the Commission.

Section 11. **Patrol Judge.**

(a) When deemed necessary by the Stewards the Permittee shall appoint patrol judges who shall be capable men of experience and integrity. The Patrol Judges must be approved by the Commission before appointment.

(b) The Stewards shall determine the number of Patrol Judges needed and shall direct the placing of the Patrol Judges at points of vantage about the racetrack.

Section 12. **Photographer.**

(a) On all tracks the operator of the camera taking pictures approaching the finish line and in the winner's circle after each race, shall be approved by the Commission.

(b) Photographers other than the official licensed photographer, shall not be permitted on the track or arena unless special permission is granted by the Stewards or the Commission, and then only for pictures that are specifically mentioned and in places indicated by the Stewards or the Commission.

Section 13. **Placing Judges.**

(a) The Placing Judges shall occupy the Placing Judges' stand at the time the horses pass the winning post in each race, and their duty shall be to place and record five horses or as many more as they think proper in the order of their finish in each race.

(b) The Placing Judges shall announce their decisions without delay and display the number of the first four horses in the order of their finish, and their decisions shall be final unless objection to the winner or any horse placed within the purse is made and sustained. This rule shall not prevent the judges

from correcting any mistake, such correction being subject to confirmation by the Stewards.

(c) When the Placing Judges differ, the majority shall govern, but first a photograph of the finish shall be inspected as an aid in the decision and at all times when the winning range is less than half a length and in other cases where the horses are widely spaced across the track, the photograph, if available, shall be inspected and an identical copy shall be posted for public observation.

(d) If it is considered advisable to consult a picture from the finish camera, the placing judges shall post, without waiting for a picture, placements as are in their opinion unquestionable, and after consulting the picture, make the other placements.

(e) The Placing Judges shall consider only the relative position of the respective noses of the horses in determining the places of the horses at the finish of a race.

(f) Nothing in these rules shall be construed to prevent the Placing Judges, with the approval of the Stewards, from correcting an error before the display of the "Official" sign in case it has been displayed through error.

(g) It shall be the duty of the Placing Judges to advise the Clerk of Scales of the finish of each race as it is declared "Official".

Section 14. **Racing Secretary.**

(a) The Racing Secretary shall discharge all duties of his office, expressed or implied, as required by the Rules.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Racing Secretary or the Barn Superintendent to assign to applicants such stabling as he may deem proper. He and the Stewards shall settle any and all conflicting claims for stable privileges.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Racing Secretary to maintain an accurate record of all races won and to attach the record to the turf authority registration papers.

(d) The Racing Secretary shall compile an official program for each racing day which shall state the time fixed for the first race and give the names of the horses which are to run in each of the races of the day.

(e) The program shall indicate the order in which each race is to be run; the purse, conditions, distance of each race; the owner, trainer, and jockey for each horse; each owner's racing colors, the weight assigned to each horse;

his number and post position, color, sex, age and breeding. The program may show other pertinent data subject to the approval of the Commission.

(f) The Racing Secretary shall receive all entries and declarations.

(g) The Racing Secretary shall be charged with the responsibility of maintaining exact records of the licenses of trainers and jockeys, partnership papers, contracts between a jockey and his employers, appointment of authorized agents and jockey agents, the adoption of colors, and the adoption of assumed names. The Racing Secretary shall include appropriate information in the programs.

(h) Each morning as soon as the entries have been closed and compiled, the declarations made and approved by the Stewards the Racing Secretary shall post the overnight list in a conspicuous place in his office. Any newspaper desiring the overnight list shall be furnished a copy.

Section 15. **Starter.**

(a) Only the Starter, or a deputy approved by the Starter, the Stewards and the Commission, may start a race.

(i) In case of emergency a Starter may be appointed by the Stewards.

(ii) Such emergency shall not exist for more than three racing days without Commission approval.

(b) The Starter shall give all orders and take all measures necessary to insure a fair start.

(c) The Starter's decision as to the validity of a start shall be final; likewise, his decision as to whether or not a horse was locked in the gate shall be final.

(d) The Starter may appoint his assistants subject to the approval of the Stewards and the Commission; however, no assistant starter shall be a person owning or having any interest in any horse eligible to race at the meeting nor any person having any interest in the result of any race or be or have been the employee of any such person during the progress of the event, unless approved by the Stewards and/or the Commission.

(e) No person shall give to any Starter or Assistant Starter, nor shall any Starter or Assistant Starter receive money, anything of value, or other compensation for their services in connection with the running of any race. No

Starter or Assistant Starter shall bet on any race or engage in any betting transaction. This rule has no application to salaries received from Permittee.

(f) In case the alignment of the horses at the post is delayed, the Starter may permit the jockeys to dismount and their mounts to be attended.

(g) If after reaching the starting post, a horse is so badly injured as to make it impractical or impossible for him to run in a race, the Starter or official veterinarian, may with the approval of the Stewards excuse that horse. If a horse is excused, the "Start" must be delayed until the mutuel department is notified and a change of "Odds" is made.

(h) The Starter is required to load horses into the starting gate in order of post position except in cases of emergency or by prior permission of the Stewards.

(i) If the Starter or his assistants are unable after reasonable efforts to place a horse in the gate for a satisfactory start or if the horse is mean or unruly, the Starter may order that horse placed outside the gate, one full length behind the starting line. The horse shall be denied the right of future entry until reinstated by the Starter or Stewards.

(j) The Starter shall maintain a schooling list and all horses shall be schooled at or in the starting gate, if and when required, under the personal supervision of the starter.

(k) Only the Starter or Stewards shall have the authority to designate the horses which shall be placed on the schooling list.

(l) A horse will not be eligible to start until the Starter orders the name stricken from the schooling list.

(m) The Starter shall file a copy of the schooling list with the Racing Secretary. The list must be prominently displayed.

(n) The Starter may fine a jockey for disobedience of orders or for attempting an unfair advantage or for creating a disturbance before the "Start", but the fine shall not exceed \$200.00.

(o) The Starter's authority to fine begins when horses arrive at the gate and ends at "Off-Time". All infractions noted by the starter after "Off-Time" shall be reported immediately to the Stewards.

(p) The Starter shall report in writing to the Stewards and to the Racing Secretary all fines which he has imposed and no fines reported shall be modified other than by the authority of the Commission.

(q) Neither the Starter nor his assistants shall mistreat or use abusive language to a jockey. Violators are subject to disciplinary action by the Stewards.

(r) The Starter's approval of the starting ability of all two-year olds must be obtained before they are permitted to start. He must state whether whip and/or blinkers were used in schooling.

(s) The Starter's approval must be obtained for all older horses that have never started at a recognized meeting.

(t) A false start is void and the horses shall be started again as soon as practical. Any horse running the course from a false start may be excused from the true race by the Stewards.

(u) If a horse is locked in the gate, the Starter shall immediately notify the Stewards who, in turn, shall immediately notify the Manager of the mutuel department. The Starter shall be the sole judge of what horse or horses are prevented from starting in a race through failure of gates to open.

Section 16. **Stewards.**

(a) The Stewards shall have the power to interpret and enforce these Rules and determine all questions pertaining to a racing or pari-mutuel event matter not specifically covered by these Rules in conformity with justice and customs of the turf or pari-mutuel events, being subject to the powers and duties of the Commission.

(b) In matters pertaining to racing or pari-mutuel events, the order of the Stewards supersedes the orders of the officers and directors of the Permittee.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Stewards to regulate and govern the conduct of all officials and of all owners, trainers, ropers, jockeys, grooms, and other persons attending horses during, before and after events, unless the power and the duty is vested only in the Commission.

(d) The Stewards shall have unrestricted access to all stands, weighing rooms and jockey rooms, enclosures and other places in use for the event.

(e) All entries and declarations shall be under the supervision of the Stewards or Judges and no declaration shall be made without their permission.

(f) All questions within their authority shall be determined by a majority vote of the Stewards or Judges.

(g) In the interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of Wyoming, the Stewards may summarily declare a horse scratched and may suspend a license pending a Stewards hearing and/or hearing before the Commission.

(h) The Stewards have power to punish at their discretion any person subject to their control for violations of these Rules or regulations or for violation of the horse racing laws of Wyoming by suspension from acting or riding for up to thirty (30) calendar days or by fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both, and if they consider necessary any further punishment or additional fine, they shall so report to the Commission. The licensee is entitled to attend an informal hearing with the Stewards before punishment is imposed.

(i) Informal Stewards Hearing, see Chapter 3, Section 4.

(ii) Formal Stewards Hearing, see Chapter 3, Section 5.

(i) The Stewards are vested with the power to determine the extent of disqualification in case of fouls. They may place the offending horse behind the horses they judged it interfered with, or they may place it last.

(j) The Steward/Judges are vested with the power in roping events to determine the extent of an infraction. They may assess a time penalty, or disqualify the individual contestant.

(k) The Stewards may demand proof that a horse neither is disqualified in any particular; nor entered or owned, in whole or in part, by a disqualified person, or trained in whole or in part by a disqualified person. In absence of proof satisfactory to them, the Stewards may declare the horse disqualified.

(l) The Stewards/Judges may postpone a race, event, or performance from race day to race day or performance to performance.

(m) The Stewards shall have the power to examine or cause to be examined at any time any horse stabled on the Permittee grounds or in stabling approved by the Permittee.

(n) The three Stewards must be on duty during race time, which shall mean from one hour before post time for the first race of the day and until after the last race of the day has been made official.

(o) At least one of the Stewards or his deputy shall be on duty thirty (30) minutes prior to scratch time each morning until after the drawing of post positions.

(p) A Steward may appoint his own deputy at any time.

(q) If there is only one Steward present at race time that Steward shall appoint two other qualified persons to act with him as Stewards pro tem.

(r) If only two Stewards are present at race time, they shall, by agreement, appoint a deputy for the absent Steward, providing the absent Steward has not already appointed his own deputy.

(s) If none of the Stewards are present at race time, the Executive Director shall appoint three qualified persons to act as Stewards pro tem. If the Director is absent the Racing Secretary shall make the appointments.

(t) Appointments of any deputy for a Steward shall be reported immediately to the Commission.

(u) There shall be three Stewards (no more, no less) acting during the running of each race.

(v) When a vacancy occurs among the racing officials, other than the Stewards prior to post time of the first race of the day or when a vacancy occurs after the racing of the day has been started, the Stewards shall immediately fill the vacancy. The appointment shall be effective only for the day unless the Permittee fails to fill the vacancy on the following day and notifies the Stewards of its action not less than one hour before the post time of the first race of the day. Such appointments shall be reported immediately to the Commission.

(w) The Stewards shall take notice of any questionable conduct with or without complaint thereof.

(x) The Stewards may substitute a jockey of their selection on any horse.

(y) The Stewards may place any horse in the temporary charge of a trainer of their selection.

(z) It shall be the duty of the Stewards to see to it that horses arrive at the starting post as nearly as practicable at the advertised time.

(aa) The State Steward shall sound the bell closing the pari-mutuel wagering no later than the opening of the starting gate.

(bb) In case of accident or casualty to a horse before "Off-Time", the Stewards may excuse the horse.

(cc) The Stewards must investigate promptly and render a decision in every protest and in every complaint properly made to them.

(dd) The Stewards shall report all protests and complaints to the Commission daily and shall make prompt report to the Commission of their decision.

(ee) The Stewards shall file with the Commission a signed report of any and all infractions of the rules coming under their observance before the close of each day and shall file with the Commission daily any and all rulings made that day.

Stewards for roping events additional information refer to Chapter 12, Section 7

Section 17. **Timers.**

(a) There shall be one or more Timers. They shall determine the official time of each race, go-round, or contestant.

(b) When an electric timing device is used, the races shall also be timed in the usual manner by the Timers. Any electrical timing device must be approved by the Commission.

(c) The time shall be announced and/or displayed immediately following each race or after each roper.

(d) Every Commission licensee exercising a race horse shall, upon request of an official timer, correctly state the distance over which the horse is to be worked and the point on the race track where it is intended to start the workout. He must identify the horse if requested to do so.

Timers for roping events additional information refer to Chapter 12, Section 8

Section 18. **Commission Veterinarian.**

(a) The Commission shall employ a graduate veterinarian surgeon in good standing and licensed to practice under the laws of the State of Wyoming.

(b) He shall be present in the paddock to inspect all horses and shall perform other duties as shall be prescribed by the Stewards or the Commission. Adequate transportation for him shall be provided by the Permittee.

(c) He shall be responsible for securing specimens of urine and blood or any other specimens from any horse designated by the Stewards or by the Commission and shall maintain records for identification of specimens as required by the Commission.

(i) He shall be responsible for securing the proper signatures of witnesses to the taking of specimens and the ultimate sealing for delivery to the official chemist.

(ii) He shall be responsible for delivery or shipment of all specimens to the official chemist.

(d) He shall be responsible for properly instructing his assistants in the performance of their duties.

(e) The Commission Veterinarian shall be considered an official of the Commission.

(f) The Commission Veterinarian must be present at the office of the Racing Secretary and/or Stewards' office prior to scratch time each racing day at a time designated by the Stewards to inspect any horses and report on their condition as may be requested by the Racing Secretary or Stewards.

(g) The Commission Veterinarian does not have the authority to scratch a horse but shall report to the Stewards his opinion of a horse's condition and his recommendations relative to scratching.

(h) No veterinarian employed by the Commission shall be permitted during the period of his employment to treat or prescribe for any horse participating in a pari-mutuel event, for compensation or otherwise, except in case of emergency in which case a full and complete report shall be made to the Stewards. No owner or trainer shall employ or pay compensation to the veterinarian during the period for which he is employed by the Commission.

(i) Veterinarians practicing at a race track or at any permitted event shall use one time disposable needles and shall dispose of them in an approved manner as directed by the Commission.

(j) No horse shall be destroyed on the grounds of a Permittee until it has been observed by the Official Veterinarian.

(k) The Commission Veterinarian and his assistants shall not wager on the outcome of any race at the event at which they are employed.

(l) The Commission Veterinarian shall be responsible for the posting of current medication guidelines as prescribed by the Commission.

CHAPTER 5

OFFICIALS

Section 1. **Officials, Generally.**

(a) At least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of a meeting the Permittee shall submit in writing to the Commission the names of all officials engaged for the pari-mutuel event and no official shall be qualified to act until approved and licensed by the Commission. In the event of incapacitation of any approved official the Permittee may, with the approval of the Commission, appoint a substitute.

(b) Any official or any other person who accepts conditions of employment with a Permittee in this state and is licensed by the Commission, who leaves such employment while a race meeting is in progress without first obtaining permission from the Permittee and the Commission, shall be subject to suspension.

(c) The officials of a race meeting are as follows: three (3) Stewards; three (3) Placing Judges; two (2) or more Patrol Judges; Clerk of the Scales; Starter; Handicappers; Timers; Paddock Judge; Identifier; Veterinarian; Racing Secretary; Mutuel Manager; Custodian of the Jockey Room, and other officials that the Commission may prescribe.

(d) No person shall be considered for approval by the Commission as an official unless such person is a professional racing official with a reputation of good character and ability or has indicated a desire to become a professional racing official and is in possession of sufficient experience and/or has a special aptitude for such a position.

(e) The Stewards and the Official Veterinarian for each meeting shall be selected by the Commission. The Commission may require the Permittee to pay for the salary of not more than two (2) Stewards. All other officials designated shall be appointments by the Permittee, being subject to the approval of the Commission, which reserves the right to demand a change of personnel for what it deems good and sufficient reason, the successor to officials replaced to be subject to the approval of the Commission.

(f) No one interested in the result of a race or permitted event, either because of ownership of any horse entered, or of his sire or dam, or because of bets or otherwise, shall act as an official in respect to that race or permitted event.

(g) No Permittee shall employ or accept the services of any person as an official or in any other capacity who is the owner or trainer of, or who has any

interest, financial or otherwise, in horses registered for racing at their meeting or pari-mutuel event unless special permission has been granted by the Commission.

(h) No official or assistant shall wager money or any other chattel of value on the result of any pari-mutuel event.

(i) No official or assistant shall accept, directly or indirectly, any gratuity, reward or favor in connection with any permitted pari-mutuel event. This provision does not apply to salaries received from the Permittee.

(j) No official or assistant shall buy or sell any contract upon any jockey or apprentice jockey for himself or another.

(k) No official or assistant shall write or solicit horse insurance at the meeting.

(l) Each official or assistant shall report to the Stewards/Judges all observed violations of the rules.

(m) No officials other than the Stewards and the Starter shall have the right to impose a fine; only the Stewards may impose a suspension.

(n) An official imposing a fine or suspension shall report daily to the Commission, Racing Secretary and Horsemen's Bookkeeper in writing.

(o) All fines shall be paid to the State Steward within 48 hours after imposition and notice. If the meet is not in session, fines shall be mailed to the Commission office within 48 hours of receiving notice from the Stewards or the Commission. Checks shall be made payable to the State of Wyoming.

Section 2. Barn Superintendent. (See Racing Secretary)

Section 3. Clerk of Scales.

(a) The Clerk of Scales shall weigh all jockeys out and the first four place finishers in.

(b) The Clerk of Scales shall record and publish on the notice board any overweight or any change of jockey, weight or racing colors as compared with those stated on the official program and shall promptly supply the racing officials with all pertinent changes.

(c) The Clerk of Scales shall promptly report to the Stewards any infraction of the Rules with respect to weight, weighing or riding equipment.

(d) The Clerk of Scales shall maintain and deliver to the Racing Secretary and the Horsemen's Bookkeeper at the end of each race day, a record of the weights carried by each horse in each race together with the name of each horse's jockey and the overweight carried by each jockey.

(e) All jockeys taking part in a race must be weighed out by the Clerk of Scales not less than twenty (20) minutes before the time fixed for the race (the horse in each instance being specified), and the number of the horse shall be exhibited officially as soon as possible, and the first four-place finishers shall be weighed in at the conclusion of the race.

(f) If the overweight is more than two (2) pounds in excess of the weight the horse is to carry (the owner or trainer consenting), the jockey shall declare the amount of overweight to the Clerk of Scales at least forty-five (45) minutes before the time appointed for the race and the Clerk shall have the overweight posted immediately on the Notice Board or announced publicly. Failure on the part of any jockey to comply with this rule shall be reported to the Stewards.

(g) Seven (7) pounds is the limit of the overweight any horse is allowed to carry, unless approved by the Stewards. Public announcement of the overweight must be made.

Section 4. **Handicapper.**

(a) The Handicapper, who may be the Racing Secretary, shall assign the weights to be carried by each horse in a Handicap.

(b) The Handicapper shall append to the weights for every Handicap the day and hour for which winners will be liable to weight penalty.

(c) If there are no penalties, that fact shall be appended to the weights. No alteration of weights shall be made after publication.

(d) In case of omission, through error, of the name or weight to be carried of a horse duly entered, the omission shall be rectified by the Handicapper, with permission of the Stewards.

Section 5. **Horsemen's Bookkeeper.**

(a) Each Permittee shall have a Bookkeeper, approved by the Commission, whose duty it is to keep and preserve books which will reflect the deposits or other credits and withdrawals or other charges that may be made by an owner or other licensee. The Bookkeeper shall have an office at the track and the office shall be open on each racing day during the hours specified by the

Commission. He must also furnish reports and information as may be required by the Commission or its representative.

(b) The Bookkeeper shall maintain a record which includes the information obtained from the Clerk of the Scales per Section 3(d), the "post time" of each race, running time of the race, the amount of the purse and its division, the placing of the first five horses as reported by the placing judges and the amounts of fees collected or charged. All rulings made by the Stewards and the original signed claims shall be attached to and become a part of the Bookkeeper's record.

(c) The Bookkeeper shall keep a complete record of all races and submit the record to the Racing Secretary and the Commission.

(i) Total purses paid for the event including added money in stakes.

(ii) List of all stakes races.

(A) Total added money.

(B) Total amount contributed by horsemen.

(C) Total purses plus added money.

(iii) Total number of two-year-old races.

(A) Total purses paid.

(B) Total amount contributed by horsemen.

(iv) Total number of three-year-old races.

(A) Total purses paid.

(B) Total amount contributed by horsemen.

(v) Total number of "Wyoming Bred" races run.

(A) Total purses paid for "Wyoming Bred" races.

(B) Total amount contributed by horsemen.

(vi) Total number of "Wyoming Bred" races offered but unable to fill.

(vii) Complete list of all claimed horses including price and date of claim.

(d) The Bookkeeper may receive all stakes, forfeits, fines, entrance monies, fees (including jockey's fees), purchase money in claiming races and all other money that can properly come into his possession as agent for the Permittee for which he is acting.

(e) The Bookkeeper's office must be open at least one (1) hour immediately prior to post time of the first race of the day for receiving jockey mount money.

(f) The Horsemen's Bookkeeper shall pay over, when due, all monies collected by him to persons entitled to receive payment.

Section 6. **Identifier.**

(a) No horse shall be permitted to start that has not been fully identified by the Official identifier. The trainer is responsible for the identification.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Official Identifier to check all contestants for each and every race and to have all horses properly identified, keeping a record on solid colored horses and horses starting for the first time according to the published record of the "Chart Books" of the Daily Racing Form. This record is to be retained by the Racing Secretary.

Section 7. **Jockey Room Custodian.**

(a) It shall be the duty of the Jockey Room Custodian to see to it that order, decorum and cleanliness are maintained in the jockey and scale rooms.

(b) The Custodian shall assist the Clerk of Scales in the performance of his duties.

(c) The Custodian shall see to it that no person, other than racing officials, the Commission or its representatives, and the necessary Jockey Room Attendants, is admitted to the jockey room on a day of racing without express permission of the Stewards for each time of entry.

(d) The Custodian may permit the assistant starters to use the jockey room for the purpose of changing clothes prior to post time and following the running of the last race. However, they shall not be in the jockey room between forty-five (45) minutes before post time for the first race, and the finish of the last race.

(e) The Custodian shall oversee the care and storage of all racing colors.

(f) The Custodian shall oversee the jockey attendants and arrange their rotation among jockeys in the matter of weighing out.

(g) The Custodian shall see to it that no jockey attendant not approved by the Stewards and licensed by the Commission is permitted to assist any jockey at any time.

(h) The Custodian shall report to the Stewards any irregularities that occur in his province.

(i) The Custodian shall see to it that jockeys are neat in appearance and attired in keeping with the rules when they leave the rooms to ride in a race.

Section 8. **Mutuel Manager.**

(a) The Mutuel Manager of the pari-mutuel department shall deliver to the Commission at the end of each event day a record showing the amount wagered in each pool, including but not limited to "win", "place", and "show", the commissions, and the breakage for each race or go-round and the totals of each for the day.

(b) The manager of the pari-mutuel department shall deliver to the Commission at the conclusion of the meet or at any time requested prior to that time, a copy of all take-out and calculating sheets.

(c) The mutuel manager is held responsible for the conduct of his employees. He shall not be responsible for their "shorts" or "longs".

(d) Each seller or cashier shall be responsible to the mutuel manager for his "shorts" or "longs"; the "shorts" or "longs" shall be recorded and reported to the Commission daily.

(e) The Mutuel Manager shall employ only those licensed by the Commission.

(f) The Mutuel Manager shall allow no one to enter the mutuel department other than those entitled to do so by virtue of these rules.

(g) The Mutuel Manager shall countersign (or approve) all licenses granted by the Commission to the employees of the mutuel department if requested to do so by the Commission.

(h) The Mutuel Manager shall report in detail to the Commission his reasons for discharging an employee.

(i) The Mutuel Manager shall be responsible for the "odds board" and the information it reflects.

Section 9. **Outrider.**

(a) There shall be at least one Outrider. The Outriders shall be neat in appearance and must wear an approved helmet with chin strap securely fastened while on the track. The Outriders shall be approved by and work under the direction of the Stewards.

(b) The Leading Outrider shall:

(i) Be in charge of the post parade.

(ii) See to it that all jockeys and pony riders conduct themselves in a manner in conformity with the best interests of racing.

(iii) Not permit any rider to dismount unless an emergency exists.

(iv) Take special notice of all pony riders and jockeys to see that no illegal equipment is exchanged and that all conversation during the post parade is held to a minimum.

(v) Report to the Stewards any unusual conduct that occurs during the parade.

(vi) Report to the Stewards any participant in the parade who is not neatly attired.

Section 10. **Paddock Judge.**

(a) In the interest of public safety, the Paddock Judge shall exclude from the paddock all persons who have no immediate business with the horses entered. The members of the Commission, its staff and special representatives and those having special permission from the Stewards are excepted.

(b) The Paddock Judge shall keep a record of all equipment carried by all horses in all races under his jurisdiction, permitting no change in equipment not authorized by the Stewards.

(c) The Paddock Judge shall see that all horses are properly shod in every race.

(i) A horse starting in a race shall not be shod with ordinary or training shoes nor shall he run without shoes unless by permission of the Stewards.

(ii) Bar plates may be used only with consent of the Stewards and discontinuance of their use must be approved by the Stewards.

(d) The Paddock Judge shall report any irregularities to the Stewards.

(e) The Paddock Judge may permit a horse to be led to the post with a privately owned pony if the rider is properly licensed by the Commission.

Section 11. **Patrol Judge.**

(a) When deemed necessary by the Stewards the Permittee shall appoint patrol judges who shall be capable men of experience and integrity. The Patrol Judges must be approved by the Commission before appointment.

(b) The Stewards shall determine the number of Patrol Judges needed and shall direct the placing of the Patrol Judges at points of vantage about the racetrack.

Section 12. **Photographer.**

(a) On all tracks the operator of the camera taking pictures approaching the finish line and in the winner's circle after each race, shall be approved by the Commission.

(b) Photographers other than the official licensed photographer, shall not be permitted on the track or arena unless special permission is granted by the Stewards or the Commission, and then only for pictures that are specifically mentioned and in places indicated by the Stewards or the Commission.

Section 13. **Placing Judges.**

(a) The Placing Judges shall occupy the Placing Judges' stand at the time the horses pass the winning post in each race, and their duty shall be to place and record five horses or as many more as they think proper in the order of their finish in each race.

(b) The Placing Judges shall announce their decisions without delay and display the number of the first four horses in the order of their finish, and their decisions shall be final unless objection to the winner or any horse placed within the purse is made and sustained. This rule shall not prevent the judges

from correcting any mistake, such correction being subject to confirmation by the Stewards.

(c) When the Placing Judges differ, the majority shall govern, but first a photograph of the finish shall be inspected as an aid in the decision and at all times when the winning range is less than half a length and in other cases where the horses are widely spaced across the track, the photograph, if available, shall be inspected and an identical copy shall be posted for public observation.

(d) If it is considered advisable to consult a picture from the finish camera, the placing judges shall post, without waiting for a picture, placements as are in their opinion unquestionable, and after consulting the picture, make the other placements.

(e) The Placing Judges shall consider only the relative position of the respective noses of the horses in determining the places of the horses at the finish of a race.

(f) Nothing in these rules shall be construed to prevent the Placing Judges, with the approval of the Stewards, from correcting an error before the display of the "Official" sign in case it has been displayed through error.

(g) It shall be the duty of the Placing Judges to advise the Clerk of Scales of the finish of each race as it is declared "Official".

Section 14. **Racing Secretary.**

(a) The Racing Secretary shall discharge all duties of his office, expressed or implied, as required by the Rules.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Racing Secretary or the Barn Superintendent to assign to applicants such stabling as he may deem proper. He and the Stewards shall settle any and all conflicting claims for stable privileges.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Racing Secretary to maintain an accurate record of all races won and to attach the record to the turf authority registration papers.

(d) The Racing Secretary shall compile an official program for each racing day which shall state the time fixed for the first race and give the names of the horses which are to run in each of the races of the day.

(e) The program shall indicate the order in which each race is to be run; the purse, conditions, distance of each race; the owner, trainer, and jockey for each horse; each owner's racing colors, the weight assigned to each horse;

his number and post position, color, sex, age and breeding. The program may show other pertinent data subject to the approval of the Commission.

(f) The Racing Secretary shall receive all entries and declarations.

(g) The Racing Secretary shall be charged with the responsibility of maintaining exact records of the licenses of trainers and jockeys, partnership papers, contracts between a jockey and his employers, appointment of authorized agents and jockey agents, the adoption of colors, and the adoption of assumed names. The Racing Secretary shall include appropriate information in the programs.

(h) Each morning as soon as the entries have been closed and compiled, the declarations made and approved by the Stewards the Racing Secretary shall post the overnight list in a conspicuous place in his office. Any newspaper desiring the overnight list shall be furnished a copy.

Section 15. **Starter.**

(a) Only the Starter, or a deputy approved by the Starter, the Stewards and the Commission, may start a race.

(i) In case of emergency a Starter may be appointed by the Stewards.

(ii) Such emergency shall not exist for more than three racing days without Commission approval.

(b) The Starter shall give all orders and take all measures necessary to insure a fair start.

(c) The Starter's decision as to the validity of a start shall be final; likewise, his decision as to whether or not a horse was locked in the gate shall be final.

(d) The Starter may appoint his assistants subject to the approval of the Stewards and the Commission; however, no assistant starter shall be a person owning or having any interest in any horse eligible to race at the meeting nor any person having any interest in the result of any race or be or have been the employee of any such person during the progress of the event, unless approved by the Stewards and/or the Commission.

(e) No person shall give to any Starter or Assistant Starter, nor shall any Starter or Assistant Starter receive money, anything of value, or other compensation for their services in connection with the running of any race. No

Starter or Assistant Starter shall bet on any race or engage in any betting transaction. This rule has no application to salaries received from Permittee.

(f) In case the alignment of the horses at the post is delayed, the Starter may permit the jockeys to dismount and their mounts to be attended.

(g) If after reaching the starting post, a horse is so badly injured as to make it impractical or impossible for him to run in a race, the Starter or official veterinarian, may with the approval of the Stewards excuse that horse. If a horse is excused, the "Start" must be delayed until the mutuel department is notified and a change of "Odds" is made.

(h) The Starter is required to load horses into the starting gate in order of post position except in cases of emergency or by prior permission of the Stewards.

(i) If the Starter or his assistants are unable after reasonable efforts to place a horse in the gate for a satisfactory start or if the horse is mean or unruly, the Starter may order that horse placed outside the gate, one full length behind the starting line. The horse shall be denied the right of future entry until reinstated by the Starter or Stewards.

(j) The Starter shall maintain a schooling list and all horses shall be schooled at or in the starting gate, if and when required, under the personal supervision of the starter.

(k) Only the Starter or Stewards shall have the authority to designate the horses which shall be placed on the schooling list.

(l) A horse will not be eligible to start until the Starter orders the name stricken from the schooling list.

(m) The Starter shall file a copy of the schooling list with the Racing Secretary. The list must be prominently displayed.

(n) The Starter may fine a jockey for disobedience of orders or for attempting an unfair advantage or for creating a disturbance before the "Start", but the fine shall not exceed \$200.00.

(o) The Starter's authority to fine begins when horses arrive at the gate and ends at "Off-Time". All infractions noted by the starter after "Off-Time" shall be reported immediately to the Stewards.

(p) The Starter shall report in writing to the Stewards and to the Racing Secretary all fines which he has imposed and no fines reported shall be modified other than by the authority of the Commission.

(q) Neither the Starter nor his assistants shall mistreat or use abusive language to a jockey. Violators are subject to disciplinary action by the Stewards.

(r) The Starter's approval of the starting ability of all two-year olds must be obtained before they are permitted to start. He must state whether whip and/or blinkers were used in schooling.

(s) The Starter's approval must be obtained for all older horses that have never started at a recognized meeting.

(t) A false start is void and the horses shall be started again as soon as practical. Any horse running the course from a false start may be excused from the true race by the Stewards.

(u) If a horse is locked in the gate, the Starter shall immediately notify the Stewards who, in turn, shall immediately notify the Manager of the mutuel department. The Starter shall be the sole judge of what horse or horses are prevented from starting in a race through failure of gates to open.

Section 16. **Stewards.**

(a) The Stewards shall have the power to interpret and enforce these Rules and determine all questions pertaining to a racing or pari-mutuel event matter not specifically covered by these Rules in conformity with justice and customs of the turf or pari-mutuel events, being subject to the powers and duties of the Commission.

(b) In matters pertaining to racing or pari-mutuel events, the order of the Stewards supersedes the orders of the officers and directors of the Permittee.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Stewards to regulate and govern the conduct of all officials and of all owners, trainers, ropers, jockeys, grooms, and other persons attending horses during, before and after events, unless the power and the duty is vested only in the Commission.

(d) The Stewards shall have unrestricted access to all stands, weighing rooms and jockey rooms, enclosures and other places in use for the event.

(e) All entries and declarations shall be under the supervision of the Stewards or Judges and no declaration shall be made without their permission.

(f) All questions within their authority shall be determined by a majority vote of the Stewards or Judges.

(g) In the interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of Wyoming, the Stewards may summarily declare a horse scratched and may suspend a license pending a Stewards hearing and/or hearing before the Commission.

(h) The Stewards have power to punish at their discretion any person subject to their control for violations of these Rules or regulations or for violation of the horse racing laws of Wyoming by suspension from acting or riding for up to thirty (30) calendar days or by fine not exceeding \$~~200~~1,000 or both, and if they consider necessary any further punishment or additional fine, they shall so report to the Commission. The licensee is entitled to attend an informal hearing with the Stewards before punishment is imposed.

(i) Informal Stewards Hearing, see Chapter 3, Section 4.

(ii) Formal Stewards Hearing, see Chapter 3, Section 5.

(i) The Stewards are vested with the power to determine the extent of disqualification in case of fouls. They may place the offending horse behind the horses they judged it interfered with, or they may place it last.

(j) The Steward/Judges are vested with the power in roping events to determine the extent of an infraction. They may assess a time penalty, or disqualify the individual contestant.

(k) The Stewards may demand proof that a horse neither is disqualified in any particular; nor entered or owned, in whole or in part, by a disqualified person, or trained in whole or in part by a disqualified person. In absence of proof satisfactory to them, the Stewards may declare the horse disqualified.

(l) The Stewards/Judges may postpone a race, event, or performance from race day to race day or performance to performance.

(m) The Stewards shall have the power to examine or cause to be examined at any time any horse stabled on the Permittee grounds or in stabling approved by the Permittee.

(n) The three Stewards must be on duty during race time, which shall mean from one hour before post time for the first race of the day and until after the last race of the day has been made official.

(o) At least one of the Stewards or his deputy shall be on duty thirty (30) minutes prior to scratch time each morning until after the drawing of post positions.

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(q) If there is only one Steward present at race time that Steward shall appoint two other qualified persons to act with him as Stewards pro tem.

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Stewards for roping events additional information refer to Chapter 12, Section 7

Section 17. **Timers.**

(a) There shall be one or more Timers. They shall determine the official time of each race, go-round, or contestant.

(b) When an electric timing device is used, the races shall also be timed in the usual manner by the Timers. Any electrical timing device must be approved by the Commission.

(c) The time shall be announced and/or displayed immediately following each race or after each roper.

(d) Every Commission licensee exercising a race horse shall, upon request of an official timer, correctly state the distance over which the horse is to be worked and the point on the race track where it is intended to start the workout. He must identify the horse if requested to do so.

Timers for roping events additional information refer to Chapter 12, Section 8

Section 18. **Commission Veterinarian.**

(a) The Commission shall employ a graduate veterinarian surgeon in good standing and licensed to practice under the laws of the State of Wyoming.

(b) He shall be present in the paddock to inspect all horses and shall perform other duties as shall be prescribed by the Stewards or the Commission. Adequate transportation for him shall be provided by the Permittee.

(c) He shall be responsible for securing specimens of urine and blood or any other specimens from any horse designated by the Stewards or by the Commission and shall maintain records for identification of specimens as required by the Commission.

(i) He shall be responsible for securing the proper signatures of witnesses to the taking of specimens and the ultimate sealing for delivery to the official chemist.

(ii) He shall be responsible for delivery or shipment of all specimens to the official chemist.

(d) He shall be responsible for properly instructing his assistants in the performance of their duties.

(e) The Commission Veterinarian shall be considered an official of the Commission.

(f) The Commission Veterinarian must be present at the office of the Racing Secretary and/or Stewards' office prior to scratch time each racing day at a time designated by the Stewards to inspect any horses and report on their condition as may be requested by the Racing Secretary or Stewards.

(g) The Commission Veterinarian does not have the authority to scratch a horse but shall report to the Stewards his opinion of a horse's condition and his recommendations relative to scratching.

(h) No veterinarian employed by the Commission shall be permitted during the period of his employment to treat or prescribe for any horse participating in a pari-mutuel event, for compensation or otherwise, except in case of emergency in which case a full and complete report shall be made to the Stewards. No owner or trainer shall employ or pay compensation to the veterinarian during the period for which he is employed by the Commission.

(i) Veterinarians practicing at a race track or at any permitted event shall use one time disposable needles and shall dispose of them in an approved manner as directed by the Commission.

(j) No horse shall be destroyed on the grounds of a Permittee until it has been observed by the Official Veterinarian.

(k) The Commission Veterinarian and his assistants shall not wager on the outcome of any race at the event at which they are employed.

(l) The Commission Veterinarian shall be responsible for the posting of current medication guidelines as prescribed by the Commission.