

# Minnesota Racing Commission

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

### Possible Amendments to Rules Governing Horse Racing, *Minnesota Rules, 7869-7897*

Revisor's ID Number: R-4497

**Subject of Rules.** The Minnesota Racing Commission (MRC) requests comments on possible amendments to the rules governing horse racing, Minnesota Rules, Chapters 7869-7897. Each year the MRC reviews its rules in cooperation with interested industry participants in order to modify, update and clarify the rules. We may also seek to repeal obsolete rules. The public is welcomed and encouraged to comment and make proposals for this year's amendments.

**Persons Affected.** Any amendments to the rules would likely affect participants in horseracing in Minnesota, including horse owners, trainers, drivers, veterinarians, stewards, judges, association staff, racing officials, and the betting public.

**Statutory Authority.** *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 240.03 and 240.23 authorize the Racing Commission to amend rules which affect the integrity of racing or the public health, welfare, or safety.

**Public Comment.** Interested persons or groups may submit proposals, comments or information on the possible rules in writing or orally until further notice is published in the *State Register* that the Commission intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Commission does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules. Interested persons may also comment via the Office of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking e-Comments Website at <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/>.

**Rules Drafts.** The Commission has not yet prepared a draft of the possible rule amendments and does not anticipate a draft will be prepared prior to publication of the proposed rules.

**Agency Contact Person.** Written or oral comments, questions, rule proposals, and requests for more information on these possible rule changes should be directed to:

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TTY users may call the Commission at 800-627-3529.

**Alternative Format.** Upon request, this Request for Comments can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, Braille, or audio recording. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

**NOTE:** Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submit comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: 9/20/17

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