

TITLE 325. OKLAHOMA HORSE RACING COMMISSION

CHAPTER 60. RUNNING THE RACE

325:60-1-2. Definitions

In addition to the definitions provided in Section 200.1 of Title 3A, of the Oklahoma Statutes, the following words or terms, when used in this Chapter, shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"**Act**" means the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act [3A:200 et seq.].

"Assistant Trainer" means a person qualified as and licensed by the Commission as an Assistant Trainer.

"**Authorized Agent**" means a person licensed by the Commission and appointed by a written notarized affidavit by the Owner, Trainer, Parent or Guardian of a minor on whose behalf the Agent will act, and limited to the actions as specified on the affidavit. The affidavit shall be on file with the Commission.

"**Bleeder**" means a horse which during or following exercise or the race is observed to be shedding blood from one or both nostrils, or the mouth, or hemorrhaging in the lumen of the respiratory tract.

"**Commissioner**" means a member of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission.

"**Day**" means a 24-hour period ending at midnight.

"**Dangerous riding**" means a rider causes a serious infraction by:

(A) purposely interfering with another horse or rider; or

(B) riding in a way which is far below that of a competent and careful rider and where it would be obvious to a competent and careful rider that riding in that way would likely endanger the safety of another horse or rider.

"**Field**" means all horses competing in a race.

"**Foul**" means an action by any horse or Jockey that hinders or interferes with another horse or Jockey during the running of a race.

"**Horse**" means:

(A) any equine including and designated as mare, filly, stallion, colt, ridgeling, or gelding registered for racing;

(B) an intact equine male five (5) years of age and older.

"**Inquiry**" means:

(A) an investigation by the Stewards of potential interference in a contest prior to declaring the result of said contest official; or

(B) the Stewards or Commission investigation of a matter alleged to be related to the provisions of the Act or the rules of the Commission.

"**Jockey**" means a rider licensed to race.

"**Objection**" means:

(A) A written complaint made to the Stewards concerning a horse entered in a race and filed not later than two hours prior to the scheduled post time for the first race on the day which the questioned horse is entered.

(B) A verbal claim of foul in a race lodged by the horse's Jockey, Trainer, Owner, or the Owner's licensed Authorized Agent before the race is declared official.

"**Occupation license**" means a state requirement for any person acting in any capacity pursuant to the provisions of the Act.

"Official order of finish" means the order of finish of the horses in a contest as declared official by the Stewards.

"Organization license" means a state requirement for any person desiring to conduct a race meeting in Oklahoma within the minimum standards as required by the Act and the rules of the Commission.

"Owner" means any person who holds in whole or in part, any right, title or interest in a horse or an Organization Licensee or any person who is a Lessee of a horse and has been duly issued a currently-valid Owner license as a person responsible for such horse.

"Post position" means the position in the starting gate assigned to the horse for the start of the race.

"Post time" means the scheduled time set for the arrival of the horses at the starting gate for the race.

"Race" means a contest between horses.

"Race day" means a day during a race meeting when pari-mutuel wagering occurs on live races conducted at that racetrack.

"Races" mean:

(A) **Allowance.** An overnight race for which eligibility and weight to be carried is determined according to specified conditions which include age, sex, earnings, number of wins, and distance of race.

(B) **Claiming.** A race in which any horse starting may be claimed and purchased for a designated amount in conformance with the rules in this Title.

(C) **Exhibition.** A race on which no wagering is permitted.

(D) **Handicap.** A race in which the weights to be carried by the horses are assigned by the Racing Secretary.

(E) **Invitational.** A race in which the competing horses are selected by inviting their Owners to enter specific horses.

(F) **Maiden.** A race restricted for non-winners.

(G) **Match.** A race contested between two or more horses under conditions agreed to by their Owners.

(H) **Nomination.** A race in which the subscription to a payment schedule nominates and sustains the eligibility of a particular horse. Nominations must close at least seventy-two (72) hours before the first post time of the day the race is originally scheduled to be run.

(I) **Oklahoma-Bred.** A race for which entry may be restricted to accredited Oklahoma-Bred registered horses.

(J) **Overnight (Purse).** A race for which entries close at a time set by the Racing Secretary.

(K) **Progeny.** A race restricted to the offspring of a specific stallion or stallions.

(L) **Schooling.** A preparatory race for entry qualification in official races which conforms to requirements adopted by the Commission.

(M) **Stakes.** A race in which nomination, entry, or starting fees contribute to the purse.

(N) **Trial.** A race or a series of races in which horses participate for the purpose of determining eligibility for a subsequent contest.

(O) **Walkover.** A race in which only one horse starts or in which all the starters are owned by the same interest. To claim the purse, a horse must start and go the distance of the race.

"Restricted area" means any area within the enclosure where access is limited to licensees whose occupation requires access. Those areas which are restricted shall include but not be limited to the barn area, paddock, test barn, Stewards' tower, racecourse, mutuel line and money rooms, or any other area designated restricted by the Organization Licensee or the Commission, or both. Signs giving notice of restricted access shall be prominently displayed at all entry points.

"Rules" means the rules adopted by the Commission to implement the provisions of the Act.

"Starter" means a horse whose stall door of the starting gate opens in front of such horse at the time the Starter (the Official) dispatches the horses.

"Safety Steward" means a duly appointed Racing Official with powers and duties specified by statutes or rules.

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"Trainer" means a person qualified and licensed by the Commission as a Trainer.

"Weigh in" means the presentation of a Jockey to the Clerk of Scales for weighing after a race.

"Weigh out" means the presentation of a Jockey to the Clerk of Scales for weighing prior to a race.

325:60-1-20. Stewards to determine fouls interference and extent of disqualification placement

~~The Stewards shall determine the extent of interference in cases of fouls or riding infractions. They may disqualify the offending horse and place it behind such other horses as in their judgment it interfered with, or they may place it last. The Stewards may determine that a horse shall be unplaced~~ If the stewards determine a horse or its rider has caused an interference and finished in front of the horse it interfered with, and if not for the interference the horse would have finished behind the horse it interfered with, the interfering horse shall be placed immediately behind the horse with which it interfered. If the interference is a result of dangerous riding, the stewards shall place the interfering horse in last place.