

(e) the horse has passed the finishing post at the end of the race;

(f) so as to cut the horse or leave marks on it.”

4. Section 281 is amended by replacing “strike with” in the first paragraph by “use”.

5. Section 283 is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following:

“The driver shall keep both hands on the reins during a race, except to adjust equipment.”

6. These Rules come into force on the fifteenth day following the date of their publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Rules

Act respecting racing
(chapter C-72.1)

Standardbred horse races held at an amateur race track — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Rules to amend the Rules respecting Standardbred horse races held at an amateur race track, appearing below, may be made by the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Rules amend the use of the whip during Standardbred horse races held at an amateur race track.

Study of the matter has shown no negative impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

Further information concerning the draft Rules may be obtained by contacting Andrée-Anne Garceau, Secretary, Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux, 560, boulevard Charest Est, 2^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1K 3J3; telephone: 418 528-7225, extension 23251; fax: 418 646-5204; email: andree-anne.garceau@racj.gouv.qc.ca. Any person wishing to comment on the draft Rules is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Andrée-Anne Garceau, Secretary, Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux, 560, boulevard Charest Est, 2^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1K 3J3.

MTRE. DENIS DOLBEC
President

Rules to amend the Rules respecting Standardbred horse races held at an amateur race track

Act respecting racing
(chapter C-72.1, s. 103)

1. The Rules respecting Standardbred horse races held at an amateur race track (chapter C-72.1, r. 5) are amended in section 194

(1) by replacing “4 ft 8 in, including the snapper which may not exceed 8 in” by “48 in, including a snapper measuring between 6 in and 12 in long”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“The whip must not be made of leather and its snapper must not have been altered or knotted.”

2. Section 195 is replaced by the following:

“**195.** A driver, trainer or groom may not make excessive use of a whip at a race track.

He or she may also not use a whip in any of the following ways:

- (1) by touching the horse with the butt end of the whip;
- (2) by placing the whip under the arch of the sulky;
- (3) by placing the whip between the legs of the horse.

He or she may use a whip to stimulate the horse only by making a wrist movement. In addition, the movement of the whip may be made only between the shafts of the sulky.”

3. The following is inserted after section 195:

“**195.1.** A driver, trainer or groom must not use a whip in any of the following situations:

- (a) the horse is not responding to the stimulation of the whip;
- (b) the horse can no longer improve its position in the race;
- (c) the horse is not maintaining or improving its position in the race;
- (d) the horse is winning;

(e) the horse has passed the finishing post at the end of the race;

(f) so as to cut the horse or leave marks on it.”

4. Section 197 is amended by replacing “may not strike with” by “must not use”.

5. Section 198 is amended by inserting “or another horse” after “another driver”.

6. Section 199 is amended

(1) by inserting “, except to adjust equipment” after “reins”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“The driver must not snap his or her reins during a race.”

7. These Rules come into force on the fifteenth day following the date of their publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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