

He shall 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 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 279:

“**279.1.** A driver, trainer or groom shall 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 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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Notice of adoption

Act respecting racing
(chapter C-72.1)

Rules respecting Standardbred horse races held at an amateur race track — Amendment

Notice is hereby given that the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux, at its plenary session of 29 July 2021, made the Rules to amend the Rules respecting Standardbred horse races held at an amateur race track, appearing below.

In accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), the draft Rules were published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 2 June 2021 with a notice that they could be made by the Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux on the expiry of 45 days following that publication.

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 “of a total length of 4 ft 8 in, including the snapper which may not exceed 8 in” by “of which the butt end is a maximum length of 48 in and 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*.