

# 2010 TRACK RULES NORTHSIDE DOWNS

## QUALIFYING

AGED PACERS	2:10	AGED TROTTERS	2:15
3 Y O PACERS	2:10	3 Y O TROTTERS	2:15
2 Y O PACERS	2:12	2 Y O TROTTERS	2:17

- The above are minimum qualifying times
- The Race Secretary will establish all other qualifying times according to class. Horses not qualifying in three (3) attempts may be requested to stay out of the box for thirty (30) days
- Any horse that has not raced within a thirty (30) day period must qualify. (Reference MPHRC Rule 162)
- Any horse that is placed on the Judges List and is required to qualify, will be scratched from any subsequent race that it has drawn into.
- Any horse that causes a refund or refuses to come to the gate must qualify twice
- Any horse in a qualifying race that loses a shoe or has broken equipment that needs too much time to replace or mend will be scratched from the qualifying race
- Back to back scratches – due to sickness and/or lameness – horse must qualify


## JUDGES LIST

- 1 Breaks in two (2) consecutive races on any track
- 2 Break off a qualifier on any track
- 3 Distanced in any two (2) consecutive races on any track or distanced off a qualifier on any track
- 4 Poor performance
- 5 Two consecutive bad lines
- 6 Horses scratched off a qualifier must re-qualify

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no recalls for a breaking horse as stated by MPHRC Rule 259.


## DECLARATION

- 1 The Race Secretary must approve all declarations
- 2 Claiming race declarations will not be accepted if claiming authorization is not on file in the race office
- 3 Horses must be declared in by a responsible person for that stable
- 4 All declarations must bear the name of the owner, trainer and driver. Trainers using catch-drivers must give at least two (2) alternative drivers or the Race Secretary will assign a driver.

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GENERAL

- 1 The overnight sheet is printed for a specific purpose – any changes, errors or driver changes must be reported to the race office prior to printing of the program.
- 2 In case of inclement weather, proper rain gear showing drivers colors and white pants must be worn. Full colors must be worn by 12PM for the afternoon races.
- 3 Horses scratched for lameness or sickness must stay out of the box for five days and also *MIGHT* need a veterinarians certificate before being entered again. (Reference MPHRC Rules 301(1) and 302).
- 4 Horses must be in the paddock at least one hour (60) minutes before they are scheduled to race or they may be scratched by the Judges for cause (Reference MPHRC Rule 250). All drivers are to check in with the paddock judge one hour (60) minutes before post time or another driver may be assigned to drive their horse
- 5 If a horse draws in from the 'also eligible' list, its preference date becomes the day of the race into which it drew in
- 6 Horses are not to be moved from stall to stall or barn to barn or on and off the grounds without approval of the race office
- 7 Drivers placing objections should do so immediately upon completion of the race. Objections go directly to the Patrol Judge or the Starter
- 8 On race days, clean and tidy uniforms must be worn by drivers and trainers who are warming up and racing horses
- 9 Licensed members under 14 years of age are not permitted to warm up or parade horses on race days.
- 10 Trainers are responsible to have their horses properly equipped and shod for racing. Unnecessary delays will not be tolerated, violations will result in fines or scratches for equipment delays
- 11 Absolutely no towing of horses on the track or grounds and no jogging of horses in the parking lots
- 12 Management will only permit two (2) horses from the same stable and only one horse from the same owner in any overnight race.
- 13 Saddle Cloths and head numbers must be returned to the Paddock immediately following each race. Failure to do so may result in assessment of a Saddle Cloth and head number retrieval fee up to but not exceeding \$50.
- 14 All stall rent must be kept current. No race declarations will be accepted from those having outstanding stall rents in arrears.
- 15 All trainers are required to fill out a stable roster indicating all horses under their care. The stable roster is to be signed and dated by the trainer and shall include all owners, grooms, assistant trainers involved in this stable
- 16 Should a horse be qualified to race with or without hobbles, the trainer must decide by the second programmed start which way the horse is to race or the horse must requalify (Reference MPHRC Rules 155 & 200).
- 17 Equipment changes must be made prior to the opening of the pari-mutuel on Equipment Cards provided in the race office and/or paddock and signed by the trainer of record.
- 18 No drivers employed by or directly associated with a stable will be allowed to catch drive a horse from another stable against the stable horse (Reference MPHRC Rule 135(2)).

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- 19 A **fastened** safety helmet, meeting the Snell Foundation standards for protective helmets, shall be worn by any person involved in the driving, training or exercising of a racehorse including the getting to and from the barn, the paddock area, the winner's circle and the racetrack surface at any licensed racetrack within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (Reference MPHRC Rule 345(1))
- 20 Purse distribution percentages in overnight events are as follows: 45%, 22%, 15%, 10%, and 8%.
- 21 Purse distribution percentages in overnight events with fewer than 5 starters are the same as above with any percentages not paid out being retained by the track for future purses.
- 22 Public consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited except in licensed premises.
- 23 Smoking is prohibited within the barns and in any other public building.
- 24 Management reserves the right to refuse entries that may pose a safety concern for participants, fans, and / or other animals.

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