

DIRECTIVE NO. 104-2020

THOROUGHBRED AND QUARTER HORSE

The Rules Governing Horse Racing in Alberta are **AMENDED** as follows:

Chapter 3: General Horse Racing Rules, Part 2 Race Meetings, Division 4
Apprentice Jockeys, Jockeys, and Jockey's Agents

The following rule is **AMENDED** to read:

Rule 210 t use of riding crops

- (1) In a *race in which a *jockey will not ride with a **riding crop**; an announcement of that fact must be made over the public address system.
- (2) Although the use of **riding crop** is not required, any jockey who uses a **riding crop** during a race must not strike a *horse.
 - (a) On the head, flanks, or on any part of its body, other than the shoulders or hind quarters;
 - (b) During a post parade;
 - (c) Excessively or brutally, so as to cause welts or breaks in the skin;
 - (d) When the horse is clearly out of the race has obtained its maximum placing;
 - (e) Persistently, even though the horse is showing no response under the **riding crop**.
- (3) Correct uses of the **riding crops** are:
 - (a) Showing horses, the **riding crop** before urging them,
 - (b) Using the **riding crop** in rhythm with the horse's stride,
 - (c) Using the **riding crop** as an aid to maintain a horse running straight,
 - (d) **Jockey may not apply the riding crop more than three (3) times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond.**

Rule 210 t use of whips previously stated:

- (1) In a *race in which a *jockey will not ride with a whip; an announcement of that fact must be made over the public address system.
- (2) Although the use of a whip is not required, any jockey who uses a whip during a race must not whip a *horse
 - (a) on the head, flanks, or on any part of its body, other than the shoulders or hind quarters;
 - (b) during a post parade;
 - (c) excessively or brutally, so as to cause welts or breaks in the skin;

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(d) when the horse is clearly out of the race or has obtained its maximum placing;

(e) persistently, even though the horse is showing no response under the whip.

(3) Correct uses of the whip are:

(a) showing horses, the whip before hitting them,

(b) using the whip in rhythm with the horse's stride, and

(c) using the whip as an aid to maintain a horse running straight

Dated at the City of Edmonton
in the Province of Alberta
this 23 day of March 2020.



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