

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF RACING COMMISSIONER

GENERAL RULES

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(By authority conferred on the office of racing commissioner by section 7 of 1995 PA 279, MCL 431.307)

R 431.4205 of the Michigan Administrative Code are amended as follows:

R 431.4205 Weather-related Track conditions.

Rule 4205. (1) In case of questionable track conditions due to weather, the stewards shall call a meeting of a committee which consists of an agent of the association, an ~~appointed~~ representative of the certified horsemen's organization, and 1 steward.

(2) Upon unanimous decision by this committee that track conditions are unsafe for racing, all races shall be canceled.

(3) Upon unanimous decision by this committee that track conditions are safe for racing, only permitted withdrawals for the safety of the horse and participants shall be allowed by the stewards.

(4) Upon majority decision by this committee that track conditions are not safe for racing, only permitted withdrawals for the safety of the horse and participants shall be allowed by the stewards and the stewards shall be allowed to cancel or postpone races in the following manner:

(a) Overnight events. All remaining overnight events for the program in question may be cancelled.

(b) Stake, futurities, early-late closing, invitational and other special events. The track association, with consent of the stewards, after consultation with horsemen representative designated in subrule (1) of this rule, may cancel or postpone special events to a definite day and time not to exceed 7 calendar days from the date of the original postponement. In the event of cancellation, all nominating, sustaining, and starting fees shall be divided equally among remaining eligible entrants.