



ATLANTIC PROVINCES HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
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1. 313 (6) After each 300 drives within the same calendar year Atlantic Provinces Race Meet, the next offence shall be assessed as if it is the first in accordance with the penalty schedule outlined from (1) to (5) above:
2. Rule 352. The following violation(s) shall make offenders liable to penalty as a Type 1 Offence:
(3) failure to wear racing colors when warming up a horse prior to racing or in a race. \$50 Fine
3. Rule 340 (5) All drivers must wear an approved safety vest (ASTM Standard). **Drivers are required to have the vest on when they report to the paddock for post-parade or be assessed a fine of \$50.00, and will not be allowed on the track until one is worn.** A Doctor's note is required every calendar year for those who cannot medically wear a safety vest
4. Rule 330. (1) If a horse is not on its proper gait, in a race, for 25 consecutive strides or more (extended break) after the horse's nose has crossed the start line, that horse shall be placed last. **The 25 strides do not start until the driver is safely able to get his off-stride horse out of the way of all other horses.** However, the Judges may, in their discretion, determine not to set the horse back if interference caused by another driver(s) or horse(s) has caused the horse to be on a break for 25 consecutive strides or more.
5. 313-7. After a driver commits more than (5) offences in same calendar year the commission ~~may shall~~ review the matter and assess ~~in accordance with the Atlantic Provinces Harness Racing Commission Rules and Regulations.~~ **appropriate action or penalty.**
6. It is a violation of the Rules for a driver, or the person in control of the horse, to use the urging tool to hit or make contact with the horse as follows: 312.3 (A) ~~To raise their hand(s) above their head.~~
At no time shall the handholds be raised above the driver's head in an effort to further urge the horse. Handholds may only be raised above the driver's head to adjust equipment. It shall be considered unsafe. First offence \$100, subsequent offences \$150.
7. Rule 156.2 Any race where a horse makes a break in stride on anything, but a fast track, will be considered a clean line. Any horse charted with 3 consecutive breaks must qualify regardless of track condition. ~~**One year trial**~~ **2 breaks in a row on a fast track must qualify.**
8. 313.5. 5th offence: \$400.00 fine and six day driving suspension & shall be required to meet with Judges **Commission**

9. Rule 158 applies to **Section 5.3 Qualifying Races** A horse that falls to the track surface during a race must qualify unless the fall was caused by interference from another horse or driver, in which case, ~~the fallen horse must sit out 5 days and~~ present a veterinary certificate, prior to declaration (to race or qualify), declaring the horse fit to race or it must qualify in order to race. The horse that caused the fall may be required to qualify. Horses that fall to the track during warm up, post parade or when going to the gate shall be scratched from their race and required to qualify unless the fall was caused by interference from another horse(s) in which case they may be permitted to race if the judges determine the horse fit by checking with some or all of the following individuals: trainer, driver, starter, paddock judge, veterinarian. The judges ~~may~~ **will** also require the horse to score down. For purposes of this rule the word “fall” does not include “faltering or stumbling”. (Refer to Rule 298.8)

10. Rule 298.8 applies to **Section 6.1 Judges' List** ~~a horse that falls on the track or on its way to/from the track prior to a race must be scratched and must sit out 5 days and present a veterinary certificate, prior to declaration, declaring the horse fit to race or it must qualify in order to race again. A horse that falls on the track or on its way from the track after a race must present a veterinary certificate, prior to declaration, declaring the horse fit to race or it must qualify in order to race again.~~ **A horse that falls prior to a race or during a race shall be placed on the Judge's list and in order to be removed, must present a veterinary certificate, prior to declaration (to race or qualify), declaring the horse fit to race. Prior to shall include warm-up, post parade and while on its way to/from the race track** (Refer to Rule 158). Horses that fall to the track during warm up, post parade or when going to the gate shall be scratched from their race ~~and required to qualify~~ unless the fall was caused by interference from another horse(s) in which case they may be permitted to race if the judges determine the horse fit by checking with some or all of the following individuals: trainer, driver, starter, paddock judge, veterinarian. The judges ~~may~~ **will** also require the horse to score down. For purposes of this rule the word “fall” does not include “faltering or stumbling”. (Refer to Rule 158).

11. New Rule 373.2. Any horse that receives a positive test for Class 1 to 5 or for TCO2 shall be placed on the Judge's list until the horse penalty is complete (if applicable) and the purse monies have been returned.

12. New Rule 398.1. If a participant receives a 5th violation for the same infraction within the Atlantic Provinces Race Meet the matter shall be referred to the Commission for review.