

**DESCRIPTION AND INFORMATION ABOUT NEW AND AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE  
REGULATIONS FILED ON JULY 12, 2023**

The KHRC filed the following proposed amendments to its administrative regulations on July 12, 2023:

**810 KAR 2:020**

Summary of Amendment: This is a proposed amendment to Section 7. Timer. Quarter Horses shall be timed from a standing start at the time the starter dispatches the field and the starting gate opens. This type of start contrasts with Thoroughbreds, who have a running start and Standardbreds, who have a rolling start.

**810 KAR 2:070**

Summary of Amendment: The KHRC proposes the following amendments to this regulation:

- Section 6. Distance Pole Markings so that Quarter Horses have a distance pole at 1,000 yards with red and blue stripes.
- Section 33. Two (2) Year Old Races so that Quarter Horse conditions for two-year-olds shall not be offered prior to March 1 of the corresponding year.

**810 KAR 4:001**

Summary of Amendment: This is a proposed amendment to Section 1. Definitions, in order to add a definition for “flipping halter.” A “flipping halter” is a halter used in the starting gate to prevent a horse from flipping. This type of halter is only used in Quarter Horse races.

**810 KAR 4:010**

Summary of Amendment: This amendment allows Quarter Horses to use toe grab horse shoes during races.

**810 KAR 4:030**

Summary of Amendment: The KHRC proposes the following amendments to Section 3 to state that:

- The minimum acceptable published workout time for a Quarter Horse is 220 yards at 14.00 seconds.
- Quarter Horses that have never raced around the turn shall have completed at least one workout at 660 yards or farther, within 30 days prior to entry in a race.
- Quarter Horses that have previously started in a race around the turn, but have not started in such a race within 60 days, shall complete at least one workout at 660 yards or farther within 30 days prior to entry.
- Quarter Horses shall submit negative hair samples as a condition of entry, at the owners' expense. Also, all Quarter Horses shall submit to out-of-competition testing.

The KHRC also seeks to amend Section 11 to state that Quarter Horses who gain a position in the race from the AE List shall take the outside post position in the order drawn from the AE List.

## **810 KAR 4:040**

Summary of Amendment: The KHRC proposes the following amendments to Section 10:

- Permit the use of a flipping halter in Quarter Horse races only, subject to the discretion of the trainer, track management, and the starter.
- Require that the use of a flipping halter shall be noted at time of entry and in the official program.
- State that if a door at the front of the starting gate failed to open properly or timely due to a horse equipped with a flipping halter, then the Quarter Horse Stewards shall rule the horse to be a starter and eligible for race placement and purse earnings, and there shall not be a pari-mutuel refund.

**A public hearing** on these proposed amendments shall be held on September 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, 4063 Iron Works Parkway, Building B, Lexington, Kentucky 40511. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing was received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through September 30, 2023. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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