

HISA Rule 2281 Riding Crop Specifications

(a) Riding crops are subject to inspection by the Safety Officer, stewards, and the clerk of the scales.

(b) All riding crops must be softpadded.

(c) Riding crops shall have a shaft and a smooth foam cylinder and must conform to the following dimensions and construction:

(01) The maximum allowable weight shall be 8 ounces;

(02) The maximum allowable length, including the smooth foam cylinder attachment, shall be 30 inches;

(03) The minimum diameter of the shaft shall be three-eighths of one inch; and

(04) The shaft, beyond the grip, must be smooth, with no protrusions or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material that gives a compression factor of at least one millimeter throughout its circumference.

(05) There shall be no binding within 7 inches of the end of the shaft.

(06) The smooth foam cylinder is the only allowable attachment to the shaft and must meet the following specifications:

(i) Shall have no reinforcements;

(ii) Shall have a maximum length beyond the shaft of one inch;

(iii) Shall have a minimum diameter of 0.8 inches and a maximum width of 1.6 inches;

(iv) There shall be no other reinforcements or additions beyond the end of the shaft;

(v) Shall be made of shock absorbing material with a compression factor of at least 5 millimeters throughout its circumference;

(vi) Shall be made of a waterproof, ultraviolet, and chemical resistant foam material that is durable and preserves its shock absorption in use under all conditions; and

(vii) Shall be replaced after reasonable wear and tear is visibly evident.

(07) Riding crops shall not be altered and shall have an appropriate label or marking designating that the riding crop meets the required standards as established by the Authority.

HISA Rule 2282 Riding Crop Violations and Penalties

(a) Violations of Rule 2280 shall be categorized as follows, with the exception that use of the crop for the safety of Horse and rider shall not count toward the total crop uses:

(01) Class 3 Violation—1 to 3 strikes over the limit.

(02) Class 2 Violation—4 to 9 strikes over the limit.

(03) Class 1 Violation—10 or more strikes over the limit.

(b) Unless the stewards determine the merits of an individual case warrant consideration of an aggravating or mitigating factor, the penalties for violations are as follows:

(01) Class 3 Violation—

(i) \$250 or 10% of Jockey's portion of the purse, whichever is greater;

(ii) Minimum 1-day suspension for the Jockey; and

(iii) 3 points;

(02) Class 2 Violation—

(i) \$500 or 20% of Jockey's portion of the purse, whichever is greater;

(ii) Horse disqualified from purse earnings,

(iii) Minimum 3-day suspension for the Jockey; and

(iv) 5 points;

(03) Class 1 Violation— (i) \$750 fine or 30% of Jockey's portion of the purse, whichever is greater,

(ii) Horse disqualified from purse earnings,

(iii) Minimum 5-day suspension for the jockey.

(iv) 10 points.

HISA Rule 2293 Equipment

(a) Helmets.

(01) Any person mounted on a Horse or stable pony anywhere on racetrack grounds shall always wear a properly secured safety helmet.

(02) All starting gate personnel shall always wear a properly secured safety helmet while performing their duties or handling a Horse.

(03) The safety helmet may not be altered in any manner and the product marking shall not be removed or defaced.

(04) The stewards, or their designees, shall inspect safety helmets at the beginning of a Race Meet and randomly throughout the Race Meet.

(05) The Clerk of Scales shall report to the stewards any variances of safety helmets seen during the course of their work.

(06) The helmet must comply with one of the following minimum safety standards or later revisions:

(i) American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM 1163);

(ii) European Standards (EN-1384 or PAS-015 or VG1);

(iii) Australian/New Zealand Standards (AS/NZ 3838 or ARB HS 2012); or

(iv) Snell Equestrian Standard 2001.

(b) Vests.

(01) Any person mounted on a Horse or stable pony on the racetrack grounds must wear a properly secured safety vest at all times.

(02) All starting gate personnel must wear a properly secured safety vest at all times while performing their duties or handling a Horse.

(03) The safety vest may not be altered in any manner and the product marking shall not be removed or defaced.

(04) The stewards shall inspect safety vests at the beginning of a Race Meet and randomly throughout the Race Meet.

(05) The clerk of scales shall report to the stewards any variances of safety vests seen during their course of work.

(06) The safety vest must comply with one of the following minimum standards, as the same may be from time to time amended or revised:

(i) British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA):2000 Level 1;

(ii) iEuro Norm (EN) 13158:2000 Level 1;

(iii) American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F1781-08 or F1937;

(iv) Shoe and Allied Trade Research Association (SATRA) Jockey Vest Document M6-3; or

(v) Australian Racing all times.