

**THIS REFLECTS THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE MODIFICATIONS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED. BY THE MID-ATLANTIC REGULATORY/INDUSTRY GROUP.**

**ARCI-010-035 Running of the Race**

- (7) Use of Riding Crop
- (a) A jockey who elects to use a riding crop during a race may, without limitation:
- (1) Show or wave the crop without touching the horse;
  - (2) Use the crop in underhand position without the wrist rising above the shoulder:
  - (3) prior to the final 1/4 mile of the race on the hind quarters or shoulder; or
  - (4) with both hands on the reins to tap the horse on the shoulder; or
  - (5) Use the crop as necessary to control the horse for the safety of the horse and rider.
- (b) A jockey who elects to use a riding crop, except as permitted above, may not:
- (1) Use the crop more than six times during the race;
  - (2) Use the crop more than two times without allowing the horse to respond by:
    - a. pausing the use of the crop before resuming again;
    - b. pushing on the horse with a rein in each hand with the crop in the up or down position;
    - c. showing the horse the crop without making contact; or
    - d. moving the crop from one hand to the other;
  - (3) Use the crop before the start or after the finish of the race;
  - (4) Use the crop on the head, flanks or other part of the horse than the shoulder and hind quarters;
  - (5) Use the crop on a horse that is clearly out of contention or has obtained its maximum placing; or
  - (6) Use the crop on a horse that is showing no response.
- (c) A jockey who elects to use a riding crop may not under any circumstance:
- (1) Use the crop in an excessive or brutal manner;
  - (2) Use the crop to the extent of causing injury to the horse;

- (3) Use the crop from an arm position with the wrist above the helmet;
- (4) Willfully strike another rider or horse with the crop.
- (d) All licensees using a riding crop shall use only a crop that has been approved by the Commission and is subject to inspection by the stewards, clerk of scales, and outriders.
- (e) Violations of this rule will be categorized as follows with the understanding that use of the crop for the safety of horse and rider will not count towards the total crop uses:
- (A) Class 1 Violation – ten or more strikes over the limit;
- (B) Class 2 Violation – Five (5) to Nine (9) strikes over the limit;
- (C) Class 3 Violation – One (1) to Four (4) strikes over the limit.
- (f) Violations of this rule must be reported to the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) which will manage and maintain a “Crop Rule Point System” to identify when multiple violations of this rule warrant additional suspensions consistent with the following schedule:
- 1) 5-9 pts - 3 days
  - 2) 10- 12pts - 7 days
  - 3) 13-15pts - 15 days
  - 4) 16 or more points - 30 days
- (g) Points assigned will expire according to the following schedule: (NOTE: Points are expunged from the date of final adjudication of the violation and not from the date of the violation. Mandatory suspensions are based on points accumulated for multiple violations and do not apply to a single violation.)
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- Class 3 Violation - 6 months
- Class 2 Violation - 9 months
- Class 1 Violation - 1 year
- (a) Unless the Stewards determine the merits of an individual case warrant consideration of an aggravating or mitigating factor, the recommended penalties for violations are as follows:

**1st Offense (365-day period) in any jurisdiction:**

Purses under \$25,000 –

Class 3 –minimum \$250 fine or 1-day suspension; 2 points

Class 2 – minimum \$500 fine or 2-day suspension; 5 points

Class 1 – minimum \$1000 fine or 3-day suspension; 10 points

Purses \$25,000 and over –

Class 3 – minimum \$500 fine or 1-day suspension; 2 points

Class 2 – minimum \$750 fine or 2-day suspension; 5 points

Class 1 – minimum \$1500 fine or 3-day suspension; 10 points

**2nd Offense (365-day period) in any jurisdiction:**

Purses under \$25,000 –

Class 3 - forfeiture of 50% of mount fee or minimum \$500 fine, whichever is greater; 2 points

Class 2 – forfeiture of 50% of mount fee or minimum \$750 fine, whichever is greater; 5 points

Class 1 – forfeiture of 50% of mount fee or minimum \$1000 fine, whichever is greater; 10 points

Purses \$25,000 and over—

Class 3 - forfeiture of 50% of mount fee or minimum \$750 fine, whichever is greater; 2 points

Class 2 –forfeiture of 50% of mount fee or minimum \$1000 fine, whichever is greater; 5 points

Class 1 –forfeiture of 50% of mount fee or minimum \$1500 fine, whichever is greater; 10 points

**3rd and Subsequent Offense (365-day period) in any jurisdiction:**

Class 3 - forfeiture of 100% of mount fee or minimum \$1000 fine, whichever is greater; 5-day suspension; 2 points

Class 2 –forfeiture of 100% of mount fee or minimum \$1500 fine, whichever is greater; 7-day suspension; 5 points

Class 1 –forfeiture of 100% of mount fee or minimum \$2500 fine, whichever is greater; 10- day suspension; 10 points

**Offense in Stakes Races with purses of \$75,000 and over (365-day period) in any jurisdiction:**

Class 3 - forfeiture of 25% of mount fee or minimum \$1000 fine, whichever is greater; 2 points

Class 2 –forfeiture of 75% of mount fee or minimum \$1500 fine, whichever is greater; 3-day suspension; 5 points

Class 1 –forfeiture of 100% of mount fee or minimum \$2500 fine, whichever is greater; 10-day suspension; 10 point

- (b) A licensee who gives instructions to a jockey to act in manner that would violate this rule, whether the jockey does so or not, shall be guilty of a violation of this rule.
- (c) After the race, horses will be subject to inspection by a racing or official veterinarian looking for cuts, welts or bruises in the skin. Any adverse findings shall be reported to the Stewards.
- (d) ~~The giving of instructions by any licensee that if obeyed would lead to a violation of this rule may result in disciplinary action also being taken against the licensee who gave such instructions.~~