

**DIRECTIVE NO. 105-2020**

**THOROUGHBRED AND QUARTER HORSE**

The Rules Governing Horse Racing in Alberta are **AMENDED** as follows:

Chapter 3: General Horse Racing Rules, Part 2 Race Meetings, Division 4  
Apprentice Jockeys, Jockeys, and Jockey's Agents

The following rule is AMENDED to read:

**Rule 209 t Riding Crop Requirements**

- 1) No **riding crop** may weigh more than ½ pound.
- 2) No **riding crop** may be used in a \*horse race unless;
  - a) A cushioned riding crop with a soft popper, no less than 6 inches
  - b) There is no stitching on the end or sides,
  - c) It is made of leather, or other material approved by the \*stewards board,
  - d) It is not less than 1 ¼ inches in width,
  - e) Unaltered from original manufacturer.
- 3) No **riding crop** may exceed **30** inches in length.
- 4) Must be approved by the Board of Stewards.

**Rule 209 t Whip Requirements previously stated**

**209 t Whip requirements**

- (1) No whip may weigh more than 1/2 pound.
- (2) No whip may be used in a \*horse race unless
  - (a) it has affixed to the end of it a looped "popper",
  - (b) there is no stitching on the end or sides,
  - (c) it is made of leather, or other material approved by the \*stewards board,
  - (d) it is not less than 1 1/4 inches in width,
  - (e) it is more than 3 inches in length, and
  - (f) it is "feathered" above the "popper" with not less than 3 rows of "feathers" made of leather, or other material approved by the stewards board, each feather being not less than 1 inch in length.
- (3) No whip may exceed 31 inches in length.
- (4) All whips are subject to inspection and approval by the stewards board.

**Commencing with the 2019 Racing Season requirements for the whip:**

- 1) A cushioned riding crop with a soft popper, no less than 6 inches.
- 2) Unaltered from original manufacturer.
- 3) Be no more than 30 inches in length
- 4) Must be approved by the Board of Stewards

Dated at the City of Edmonton  
in the Province of Alberta  
this 23 day of March 2020.

  
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Kent Verlik, Chief Executive Officer  
Horse Racing Alberta