

(n) The advertisements for the public hearing shall be prepared and placed by the Commission, but shall be paid for by the applicant prior to the time of the public hearing. The applicant shall produce proof to the Commission prior to the hearing that it has paid for the advertisements.

(o) The hearing shall be recorded by a certified court reporter of the State of New Jersey, who shall be sworn by the Chairman of the Racing Commission at the beginning of the hearing.

(p) The public hearing shall be held before the Racing Commission. A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of the hearing. The Chairman of the Commission shall conduct the hearing, or may designate the counsel assigned to the Racing Commission by the office of the Attorney General to conduct the hearing.

(q) The Commission may continue such hearing from time to time if it deems it to be necessary in the public interest, or for purposes of a more thorough investigation of the application. In conducting the hearing the Commission shall not be bound by technical rules of evidence, but all evidence offered before the Commission shall be reduced to writing and shall, with the petition and exhibits, if any, and the findings of the Commission, be permanently preserved and shall constitute the record of the Commission in the manner of the pending application. Any of the parties affected by such hearings may be represented by counsel and shall have the right to introduce evidence.

(r) Each member of the Commission shall have power to administer oaths and examine witnesses and shall have the power to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of all necessary reports, books, papers, records, correspondence and evidence at the designated place of hearing. Such subpoena shall be authenticated by the seal of the Commission and any parties to a proceeding before the Commission may secure from its subpoenas without charge. Misconduct on the part of a person attending a hearing, or the failure of a witness, when duly subpoenaed, to attend, give testimony or produce any records, shall be punishable in accordance with law by the county court of the county wherein the offense is committed. The Commission shall certify such misconduct, failure to attend or produce records, to such county court.

(s) The Commission, or any member thereof, or any applicant, may in connection with any hearing before the Commission cause the deposition of witnesses within or without the State to be taken on oral or written interrogatories in the manner prescribed by statute for depositions in suits at law in the courts of record in this State.

(t) The Commission, or a majority thereof, shall determine whether a permit to hold or conduct a running race meeting or harness race meeting, as the case may be, is provisionally granted pending approval thereof by the legal voters of the county and of the municipality in which it is

proposed to hold or conduct such race meeting. The Commission shall make its determination not less than 30 days before the next ensuing general election following the date of public hearing. If the Commission acts favorably on such application, it shall in writing certify to the county clerk of the county in which it is proposed to hold or conduct such horse race meeting that such permit has been provisionally granted.

(u) The actual costs and expense of the Commission incurred in connection with any such hearing or investigation of the application shall be paid by the applicant upon the Commission's delivering to the applicant a statement thereof. The Commission in its discretion, may require the applicant, before the hearing as hereinbefore provided, to give a surety bond or other satisfactory assurance that such applicant will pay all costs of such hearing.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW NOTE: Forms R-1 (Application for Permit to Hold or Conduct Harness Race Meeting) and R-2 (Application for Permit to Hold or Conduct Horse Race Meeting) were filed as part of R.1982 d.109, effective April 5, 1982. See: 13 N.J.R. 820(a).14 N.J.R. 347(b). Copies of these forms can be obtained from:

New Jersey Racing Commission
140 East Front Street
PO Box 088
Trenton, NJ 08625-0888

or

Office of Administrative Law
Administrative Publications and Filings
PO Box 049
Trenton, NJ 08625-0049

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See: 31 N.J.R. 3050(a), 32 N.J.R. 322(a).

In Office of Administrative Law Note, changed addresses.

SUBCHAPTER 29. SULKY

13:71-29.1 Standardbred sulky standards

(a) A sulky is a dual shafted dual wheeled vehicle designed to be drawn by a horse and driven by a person.

(b) The following requirements apply to sulky wheels:

1. Each sulky shall contain two wheels.
2. The wheels shall be 26 inches to 28 inches with tire attached.
3. All wheels shall be covered by wheel disc covers constructed in such a manner so that they are lightweight and durable.

(c) Wheel discs shall be either unicolored or colorless.

(d) The following requirements apply to sulky shafts:

1. Each sulky shall be equipped with two shafts that are attached independent of one another to the horse.

2. Inside to inside measurement shall be within a range of 42 inches to 50 inches at the front of the arch.

3. The sulky must be attached to either side of the horse by an approved method with each shaft hooked separately on each side.

4. All shafts will be equipped with quick hitch fixtures or attachable by conventional tie-downs.

5. All quick hitches shall have safety straps. The forward ends of the sulky shaft shall not project beyond the shoulder of the horse.

6. The shaft shall not be higher than the withers of the horse.

(e) The following requirements apply to the sulky arch:

1. The style of arch must be no narrower than 47 inches or wider than 56 inches in distance measuring from the inside of each side of the arch at the axle nuts.

2. The front of the arch to the center line of the harness where a horse is hitched shall be no greater than 76 inches as measured along the shaft. The distance from the front of the arch to the back of the seat shall be no greater than 19 inches.

3. The distance from the ground to the bottom of the arch shall be between 28 inches and 35 inches measured with the wheels attached.

4. The arch shall be parallel to the ground and located at a minimum of one inch higher than the tire at all points.

(f) The following requirements apply to the sulky fork:

1. Inside measurements between the inside fork assemblies shall be six inches greater than the inside measurement between the shafts as measured at the front of the arch; that is, shafts 40 inches/inside forks 46 inches, shafts 46 inches/inside forks 52 inches (fork measurements taken from the inside of each side of the arch at the axle nuts).

2. There shall be a fork assembly on both sides of each wheel.

(g) The following requirements apply to sulky stirrups:

1. Each sulky shall be equipped with two stirrups. Each stirrup shall be not more than eight inches wide.

2. The stirrups shall be attached to the inside of each shaft no closer than 30 inches from stirrup to stirrup.

3. The measurement from the ground to the heel of the stirrup and ground to seat plate shall have a spread of no more than six inches as measured with the bike hitched at 54 inches.

(h) The following requirements apply to sulky seats:

1. The seat plate shall be no lower than one inch below the arch.

2. The seat shall be securely attached to the seat bracket in a fixed position.

3. The back of the seat shall be no higher than four inches. No high back (bucket type) seats shall be permitted.

4. All seats shall have adequate padding to provide comfort for the driver.

(i) The mud fenders shall be easily attached to the sulky in such a manner as to make them totally secure to the sulky.

13:71-29.2 Inspection stickers

(a) Each sulky in use must contain an inspection sticker indicating the year and month the sulky was inspected, affixed in a visible location on the arch and shaft.

1. The sticker shall be affixed to the sulky by a representative of the manufacturer. It shall represent that the sulky is free of any stress marks, broken equipment, rust or rot spots.

2. The sticker shall be color coded to indicate the life cycle of each sulky and placed on file with the New Jersey Racing Commission and a copy to the Paddock Judge.

13:71-29.3 Certification

(a) No sulky shall be used after the expiration of eight years from the year of manufacture or the recommended period for use by the manufacturer, whichever is less.

1. No sulky shall be used that does not have affixed to it in a visible location on the arch or shaft a current inspection sticker.

2. A current inspection sticker shall have been issued no more than two years prior to the date of use.

3. The sticker shall be affixed to the sulky by a representative of the manufacturer after the sulky passes a visual inspection.

4. The sulky shall fail inspection if it fails to satisfy any requirements of this subchapter.

13:71-29.4 Serial numbers

(a) Newly manufactured sulkies shall contain individual serial numbers placed on the arch and shaft by the manufacturer denoting the date of manufacturing and space made to reflect that the sulky passed a scientific testing for use by a reputable firm to be designated by the Racing Commission.