

**Chapter 260-44 WAC  
WEIGHTS AND EQUIPMENT**

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**DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER**

260-44-060	Weighing out—Equipment not included. [Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.040. WSR 93-23-011, § 260-44-060, filed 11/5/93, effective 12/6/93; Rules of racing, § 302, filed 4/21/61.] Repealed by WSR 06-07-063, filed 3/10/06, effective 4/10/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040.
260-44-070	Weighing out—Bridle, whip, maximum weights and measurements. [Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.040. WSR 00-06-071, § 260-44-070, filed 3/1/00, effective 4/1/00; Rules of racing, § 303, filed 4/21/61.] Repealed by WSR 06-07-063, filed 3/10/06, effective 4/10/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040.

**WAC 260-44-010 Equipment changes.** (1) Permission to change any equipment from that which a horse carried in its previous race must be obtained from the stewards.

(2) Permission for a horse to add or remove blinkers or cheek pieces must be approved by the starter before being granted by the stewards.

(3) A trainer may tie down a horse's tongue but only with materials that are not dangerous or likely to cause injury to the horse. An official veterinarian will decide any question about the appropriateness of the material used for a tongue-tie. The stewards may monitor the use of tongue-ties.

(4) Riding crops will be considered standard equipment in all horse races, unless declared at time of entry.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020. WSR 19-03-078, § 260-44-010, filed 1/14/19, effective 2/14/19; WSR 13-03-060, § 260-44-010, filed 1/11/13, effective 2/11/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040. WSR 07-07-035, § 260-44-010, filed 3/12/07, effective 4/12/07; WSR 06-07-063, § 260-44-010, filed 3/10/06, effective 4/10/06; Order 73.1, § 260-44-010, filed 5/18/73. Rules of racing, § 132, filed 4/21/61.]

**WAC 260-44-020 Minimum weights.** (1) In all overnight races, except handicaps, the minimum weight, subject to sex and apprentice allowances, will be 111 pounds for two- and three-year-old thoroughbreds, 115 pounds for four-year-old and older thoroughbreds. For all other breeds, 116 pounds for two- and three-year-olds, 120 pounds for four-year-old and older.

(2) In all races, except handicap races and races where the conditions expressly state otherwise, the individual authorized to enter a horse may declare the following weight allowances: Two-year-old fillies 3 lbs., and three-year-old and older fillies and mares 5 lbs., before the 1st of September, and 3 lbs., thereafter.

(3) The racing secretary will establish the maximum weight for age in all races in the condition book. Weight allowances are optional and must be declared at time of entry.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040. WSR 08-07-040, § 260-44-020, filed 3/13/08, effective 4/13/08; WSR 07-07-035, § 260-44-020, filed 3/12/07, effective 4/12/07; WSR 06-07-063, § 260-44-020, filed 3/10/06, effective 4/10/06. Rules of racing, § 296, filed 4/21/61; Subsec. (4) amended, filed 3/11/65.]

**WAC 260-44-030 Penalties and allowances.** (1) A horse may not carry extra weight or be barred from a race for having run second or lower in a previous race.

(2) Penalty weights and weight allowances are not cumulative, unless provided by the conditions of the race.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040. WSR 07-07-035, § 260-44-030, filed 3/12/07, effective 4/12/07; WSR 06-07-063, § 260-44-030, filed 3/10/06, effective 4/10/06. Rules of racing, §§ 297, 298, 299, filed 4/21/61.]

**WAC 260-44-040 Weighing out—Time for.** Every jockey must be weighed for a specified horse not more than thirty minutes before the time fixed for the race.

[Rules of racing, § 300, filed 4/21/61.]

**WAC 260-44-050 Weighing out—Equipment included in jockey's weight.** (1) The jockey's weight must also include their clothing and boots, and the saddle and its attachments.

(2) The following items may not be included in a jockey's weight: Riding crop, head number or numbered armband, bridle, bit, reins, number cloth, blinker, over girth, protective helmet or safety vest.

(3) Upon approval by the board of stewards or their designee, jockeys may be allowed up to two pounds more than published weights to account for inclement weather clothing and equipment.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020. WSR 19-03-079, § 260-44-050, filed 1/14/19, effective 2/14/19; WSR 10-07-049, § 260-44-050, filed 3/11/10, effective 4/11/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040. WSR 07-07-035, § 260-44-050, filed 3/12/07, effective 4/12/07; WSR 06-07-063, § 260-44-050, filed 3/10/06, effective 4/10/06. Rules of racing, § 30, filed 4/21/61.]

**WAC 260-44-080 Weighing out—Overweight.** (1) If a jockey intends to carry overweight, he/she must declare the amount at the time of weighing out.

(2) If a jockey reports an overweight exceeding two pounds, the owner or trainer has the option to replace the jockey without being assessed a double-jock mount fee. Failure on the part of a jockey to comply with this rule will be reported to the stewards by the clerk of scales.

(3) At Class A or B race meets a horse may not carry more than seven pounds overweight.

(4) Horses at Class C race meets may carry more than seven pounds overweight, up to a maximum weight of one hundred thirty-five pounds.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040. WSR 08-05-092, § 260-44-080, filed 2/15/08, effective 3/17/08; WSR 07-07-035, § 260-44-080, filed 3/12/07, effective 4/12/07; WSR 06-07-063, § 260-44-080, filed 3/10/06, effective 4/10/06; WSR 87-15-019 (Resolution No. 87-02), § 260-44-080, filed 7/8/87; Order 75-1, § 260-44-080, filed 2/18/75. Rules of racing, §§ 304, 305, 306, filed 4/21/61.]

**WAC 260-44-090 Weighing out—Trainer responsible for weight.**

The trainer is responsible for the weight carried by his/her horse.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040. WSR 07-07-035, § 260-44-090, filed 3/12/07, effective 4/12/07; Rules of racing, § 307, filed 4/21/61.]

**WAC 260-44-100 Weighing out—Attendants.**

Only attendants provided by the association will be permitted to assist jockeys in weighing out.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040. WSR 06-07-063, § 260-44-100, filed 3/10/06, effective 4/10/06. Rules of racing, § 308, filed 4/21/61.]

**WAC 260-44-110 Weighing in—Procedure.**

(1) After a race has been run and after the jockey has pulled up the horse, the jockey must ride promptly to the designated unsaddling area and dismount. The jockey will proceed to the clerk of the scales to be weighed in. If a jockey is prevented from riding his/her mount to the designated unsaddling area because of an accident or of illness to either the jockey or the horse, the jockey may walk or be carried to the scales, or the stewards may excuse the jockey from weighing.

(2) Except by permission of the stewards, every jockey, upon arrival at the designated unsaddling area after a race, must unsaddle the horse he/she has ridden. No person may touch the jockey or the horse except by the horse's bridle, or cover the horse in any manner until the jockey has removed the equipment to be weighed.

(3) No person may assist a jockey in removing from his/her horse the equipment that is to be included in the jockey weight, except by permission of the stewards.

(4) Each jockey must carry over to the scales all pieces of equipment with which he/she weighed out.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040. WSR 07-07-035, § 260-44-110, filed 3/12/07, effective 4/12/07; WSR 06-07-063, § 260-44-110, filed 3/10/06, effective 4/10/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.040. WSR 99-05-049, § 260-44-110, filed 2/12/99, effective 3/15/99. Rules of racing, §§ 309 through 312, filed 4/21/61.]

**WAC 260-44-120 Weighing in—Weigh in/weigh out—Tolerances—Penalties.** (1) Each jockey will weigh in at no less than the same weight he/she weighed out. If a jockey is under the weight that is assigned, and after consideration of mitigating circumstances by the board of stewards, his/her mount may be disqualified. If a weight discrepancy arises after a race has been declared official, a change in the order of finish will not affect the parimutuel payoffs.

(2) The post race weighing in of jockeys includes safety vest, helmet, sweat, dirt and mud that have accumulated on the jockey, jockey's clothing, and jockey's safety equipment. This may account for additional weight, depending on specific equipment as well as weather and track condition.

(3) A notice shall be included in the official program that all jockeys will carry approximately three pounds more than published weight to account for safety equipment (vest and helmet), that is not included in weighing out procedures. Additionally, upon approval jockeys may weigh an additional two pounds for inclement weather gear.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020. WSR 10-07-051, § 260-44-120, filed 3/11/10, effective 4/11/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040. WSR 07-07-035, § 260-44-120, filed 3/12/07, effective 4/12/07; WSR 06-07-063, § 260-44-120, filed 3/10/06, effective 4/10/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.040. WSR 99-05-049, § 260-44-120, filed 2/12/99, effective 3/15/99. Rules of racing, §§ 313, 314, filed 4/21/61.]

**WAC 260-44-150 Horseshoes.** (1) A horse starting in a race must be fully shod with racing plates, unless approval, as described in this subsection, is obtained to allow for any other condition relating to horseshoes. Horses racing partially, or completely unshod, must be approved by the official veterinarian, declared at time of entry and noted in the official program with the following exception:

The board of stewards, in consultation with the official veterinarian and the trainer, may allow a horse to race when it has been discovered the horse has loosened or lost a shoe in the receiving barn or paddock and a repair cannot be done. If the stewards allow a horse to run unshod, the public must be notified immediately.

(2) During off-track conditions the trainer is required to report any additional traction devices to the board of stewards or designee.

(3) For turf racing, horses must be shod with racing plates approved by the association.

(4) Toe grabs with a height greater than two millimeters, worn on the front shoes of thoroughbred horses while racing or training on any surface or conditions are prohibited.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020. WSR 19-03-080, § 260-44-150, filed 1/14/19, effective 2/14/19; WSR 11-09-042, § 260-44-150, filed 4/15/11, effective 5/16/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040. WSR 09-03-011, § 260-44-150, filed 1/8/09, effective 2/8/09; WSR 08-01-053, § 260-44-150, filed 12/13/07, effective 1/13/08; WSR 07-07-035, § 260-44-150, filed 3/12/07, effective 4/12/07; WSR 06-07-063, § 260-44-150, filed 3/10/06, effective 4/10/06.]