

**WAC 260-40-120 Identification prerequisite to start.** (1) No horse may start that has not been properly identified.

(2) All horses must be properly tattooed, or microchipped with the corresponding digital number recorded on the registration papers in the case of thoroughbred horses foaled in 2018 or after, by the thoroughbred racing protective bureau or an approved breeding association, or freeze marked in a manner that meets the standards of the National Crime Information Center.

A horse will not be allowed to start if the tattoo is not applied at least twenty-four hours prior to scheduled post time.

(3) No horse may start unless ownership is first established.

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