

491—10.6(99D) Trainers and assistant trainers.**10.6(1) *Trainer responsibility.***

a. The trainer is responsible for:

(1) The condition of horses entered in an official workout or race and, in the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, for the presence of any prohibited drug, medication or other substance, including permitted medication in excess of the maximum allowable level, in such horses, regardless of the acts of third parties. A positive test for a prohibited drug, medication, or substance, including permitted medication in excess of the maximum allowable level, as reported by a commission-approved laboratory, is prima facie evidence of a violation of this rule or Iowa Code chapter 99D.

(2) Preventing the administration of any drug, medication, or other prohibited substance that may cause a violation of these rules. An “in-today” sign must be placed by 8 a.m. on race day next to the stall of a horse that is scheduled to race on that day. For horses shipping in on race day, the sign must be placed upon the horse’s arrival.

(3) Any violation of rules regarding a claimed horse’s participation in the race in which the trainer’s horse is claimed.

(4) The condition and contents of stalls, tack rooms, feed rooms, sleeping rooms, and other areas that have been assigned to the trainer by the facility and maintaining the assigned stable area in a clean, neat, and sanitary condition at all times.

(5) Ensuring that fire prevention rules are strictly observed in the assigned stable area.

(6) Being present to witness the administration of furosemide during the administration time and sign as the witness on the affidavit form. A licensed designee of the trainer may witness the administration of the furosemide and sign as the witness on the affidavit form; however, this designee cannot be another practicing veterinarian or veterinary assistant. If the trainer or designee is not present or does not allow for the administration of furosemide to a horse to be run on furosemide, said horse will be placed on the steward’s list for a minimum of five days starting the day after the violation.

(7) The proper identity, custody, care, health, condition, and safety of horses in the trainer’s charge.

(8) Disclosure to the racing secretary of the true and entire ownership of each horse in the trainer’s care, custody, or control. Any change in ownership must be reported immediately to, and approved by, the stewards and recorded by the racing secretary or designee. The disclosure, together with all written agreements and affidavits setting out oral agreements pertaining to the ownership for or rights in and to a horse, must be attached to the registration certificate for the horse and filed with the racing secretary.

(9) Training all horses owned wholly or in part by the trainer that are participating at the race meeting.

(10) Registering with the racing secretary each horse in the trainer’s charge within 24 hours of the horse’s arrival on facility premises.

(11) Ensuring that, at the time of arrival at the facility, each horse in the trainer’s care is accompanied by a valid health certificate that is filed with the racing secretary.

(12) Having each horse in the trainer’s care that is racing or stabled on facility premises tested for equine infectious anemia (EIA) in accordance with state law and for filing evidence of such negative test results with the racing secretary. The test must have been conducted within the previous 12 months and must be repeated upon expiration. The certificate must be attached to the foal certificate or otherwise accessible by the commission or racing association.

(13) Using the services of those veterinarians licensed by the commission to attend horses that are on facility premises.

(14) Properly recording the sex of the horses in the trainer’s care with the horse identifier and the racing secretary and immediately reporting the alteration of the sex of a horse in the trainer’s care to the horse identifier and the racing secretary.

(15) Promptly reporting to the racing secretary or designee and the commission veterinarian any horse on which a posterior digital neurectomy (heel nerving) has been performed and ensuring that such fact is designated on its certificate of registration. More information can be found in Iowa Code section 99D.25(1) through 99D.25(3).

(16) Promptly reporting to the stewards and the commission veterinarian the serious illness of any horse in the trainer’s charge.

(17) Promptly reporting the death of any horse in the trainer's care on facility premises to the stewards, owner, and the commission veterinarian and complying with Iowa Code section 99D.25(5) governing postmortem examination.

(18) Maintaining a knowledge of the medication record and status of all horses in the trainer's care.

(19) Immediately reporting to the stewards and the commission veterinarian if the trainer knows, or has cause to believe, that a horse in the trainer's custody, care, or control has received any prohibited drugs or medication.

(20) Representing an owner in making entries and scratches and in all other matters pertaining to racing.

(21) Eligibility of horses entered and weight or other allowance claimed.

(22) Ensuring the fitness of a horse to perform creditably at the distance entered.

(23) Ensuring that the trainer's horses are properly shod, bandaged, and equipped.

(24) Presenting the trainer's horse in the paddock at least 20 minutes before post time or at a time otherwise appointed before the race in which the horse is entered. Any horse failing to report to the paddock will be placed on the steward's list for a minimum of five days starting the day after the violation.

(25) Personally attending to the trainer's horses in the paddock and supervising the saddling thereof, unless excused by the stewards.

(26) Instructing the jockey to give the jockey's best effort during a race and instructing the jockey that each horse must be ridden to win.

(27) Witnessing the collection of bodily substances, including but not limited to urine, blood, or hair sample, from the horse in the trainer's charge or delegating a licensed employee or the owner of the horse to do so.

(28) Notifying horse owners upon the revocation or suspension of their trainer's license. A trainer whose license has been suspended for more than 30 days, whose license has expired or been revoked, or whose license application has been denied must inform the horse owners that, until the license is restored, the trainer can no longer be involved with the training, care, custody or control of their horses, nor receive any compensation from the owners for the training, care, custody or control of their horses. Upon application by the horse owner, the stewards may approve the transfer of such horse(s) to the care of another licensed trainer, and upon such approved transfer, such horse(s) may be entered to race. Upon transfer of such horse(s), the inactive trainer must not be involved in any arrangements related to the care, custody or control of the horse(s) and must not benefit financially or in any other way from the training of the horse(s).

(29) Ensuring that all individuals in their employ are properly licensed by the commission.

b. Restrictions on wagering. A trainer with a horse(s) entered in a race may wager only on that horse(s) or that horse(s) in combination with other horses.

10.6(2) *Assistant trainers.*

a. Upon the demonstration of a valid need, a trainer may employ an assistant trainer as approved by the stewards. The assistant trainer must be licensed prior to acting in such capacity on behalf of the trainer.

b. Qualifications for obtaining an assistant trainer's license will be prescribed by the stewards and the commission and may include requirements set forth in 491—Chapter 6.

c. An assistant trainer may substitute for and assume the same duties, responsibilities and restrictions as are imposed on the licensed trainer, in which case the trainer is jointly responsible for the assistant trainer's compliance with the rules.

10.6(3) *Substitute trainers.*

a. A trainer absent for more than five days from responsibility as a licensed trainer, or on a day in which the trainer has a horse in a race, must obtain another licensed trainer to substitute.

b. A substitute trainer must accept responsibility for the horses in writing and must be approved by the stewards.

c. A substitute trainer and the absent trainer are jointly responsible as absolute insurers of the condition of their horses entered in an official workout or race.

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