
The purpose of the proposed amendment is to clarify timing of an objection and expand the reasons for a prior objection.

15.2.5.14 PROTESTS, OBJECTIONS AND INQUIRIES:

C. Prior objections:

(1) Objections to the participation of a horse entered in any race shall be made to the stewards in writing, signed by the objector, and filed ~~[not later than one hour prior to post time for the first race on the day which the questioned horse is entered.]~~ no later than post time for the race in which the objection was filed. Any such objections shall set forth the specific reason or grounds for the objection in such detail so as to establish probable cause for the objection. The stewards upon their own motion may consider an objection until such time as the horse becomes a starter.

(2) An objection to a horse which is entered in a race may be made on, but not limited to, the following grounds or reasons:

- (a) a misstatement, error or omission in the entry under which a horse is to run;
- (b) the horse, which is entered to run, is not the horse it is represented to be at the time of entry, or the age was erroneously given;
- (c) the horse is not qualified to enter under the conditions specified for the race, or the allowances are improperly claimed or not entitled the horse, or the weight to be carried is incorrect under the conditions of the race;
- (d) the horse is owned in whole or in part, or leased or trained by a person ineligible to participate in racing or otherwise ineligible to own a racehorse as provided in these rules;
- (e) the horse was entered without regard to a lien filed previously with the racing secretary.

(f) the horse is subject of a rule violation.

(3) The stewards may scratch ~~[from the race any horse]~~ any horse from the race, which is the subject of an objection if they have reasonable cause to believe that the objection is valid.