462.405 Board of stewards' authority; civil penalties and other sanctions; review of actions by commission; hearing; fee. (1) The board of stewards appointed by the Oregon Racing Commission for a race meet may, after an inquiry and hearing, impose appropriate sanctions for failure to comply with the laws and rules of racing and with the authorized commission or board directives applicable to said race meet, subject to the following limitations:

(3) In lieu of the board of stewards conducting any inquiry and hearing provided for by subsection (1) of this section, the board of stewards may request the commission to appoint and designate a person to conduct such inquiry and hearing who shall be known as a hearings master. The hearings master shall have the same authority and power as the board of stewards in conducting the inquiry and hearing. Any person adversely affected by any hearings master ruling has the right to appeal to the commission as provided for in subsection (4) of this section. The hearings master need not be an administrative law judge assigned from the Office of Administrative Hearings established under ORS 183.605.

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(b) The board of stewards are granted jurisdiction for a period of 90 days after the conclusion of a small fair meet to hold hearings and take action with regard to any aspect of racing at the meet.
(c) Hearings may be conducted by a single knowledgeable person designated by the commission if it is deemed by the commission to be more practical or convenient for the parties concerned. Any person acting in lieu of the board of stewards under this rule shall have all of the authority granted to the board of stewards under OAR 462-130-0030 and 462-130-0040 or any other applicable rule. A party may appeal any action taken in the same manner as an appeal may be submitted as a result of action taken at a stewards' hearing.