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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 462

OREGON RACING COMMISSION

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FILING CAPTION: Amends OAR 462-150-0010 (5)(a) minimum official workouts from 30 to 45 days.

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 08/11/2026 11:55 PM

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

A public rulemaking hearing may be requested in writing by 10 or more people, or by a group with 10 or more members, within 21 days following the publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Oregon Bulletin or 28 days from the date the Notice was sent to people on the agency mailing list, whichever is later. If sufficient hearing requests are received, the notice of the date and time of the rulemaking hearing must be published in the Oregon Bulletin at least 14 days before the hearing.

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

The time between race meets are beyond the 30 days for many horses coming to race in Oregon from other jurisdictions. That would mean that few horses would be eligible to race in Grants Pass without the ability to complete the required workouts that would ordinarily be completed at the California tracks. We have learned, since the California track closures, more time is needed to get required workouts completed and published.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

California Horse Racing Board

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE:

Does not effect racial equity

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

none

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

none

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

Small businesses were not included and are not affected.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

Not needed. The industry requested this be put in place.

AMEND: 462-150-0010

RULE SUMMARY: Amends OAR 462-150-0010 to change minimum official workouts for Thoroughbreds from 30 to 45 days.

CHANGES TO RULE:

462-150-0010

Workouts; Exercise; Schooling ¶¶

- (1) An official workout must be under the supervision of the clocker. The galloping or ponying of horses for exercise, and unofficial schooling out of the gate, are not official workouts.¶¶
- (2) Before a horse has an official workout, the trainer shall ensure that the clocker is notified and the horse is properly identified. Mandatory schooling must be under the supervision of the appropriate racing official, who must keep a record of the results of the schooling. Official workouts must be timed and recorded. Official workouts may be accepted from other training tracks if the track and clocker are approved and licensed by the commission.¶¶
- (3) Official workouts may be accepted from a race meet or licensed public training track in another state if reported by a licensed clocker of the other state to the licensed clocker in Oregon or reported in the Daily Racing Form, or other approved publications.¶¶
- (4) No devices other than authorized riding equipment may be used for any workout, and no horse shall be worked out while under the influence of a prohibited drug or an unauthorized quantity of a permitted drug. The levels of permitted medications for workouts are the same as for race days. The stewards or commission veterinarian may require any horse to be tested for drugs after a workout.¶¶
- (5)(a) A Thoroughbred horse that has never run in a recognized race must have a minimum of two official workouts within ~~30~~45 days before being eligible to start in an official race. Any Thoroughbred horse that has not run in a recognized race in the ~~30~~45 days prior to the race in which it is sought to be entered must have at least one official workout within the previous ~~30~~45 days before being eligible to race in an official race.¶¶
- (b) A Quarter Horse, Appaloosa, Paint, Arabian or mule that has never run in a recognized race must have a minimum of two official workouts within 45 days before being eligible to start in an official race. Any Quarter Horse, Appaloosa, Paint, Arabian or mule that has not run in a recognized race in the 45 days prior to the race in which it is sought to be entered must have at least one official work within the previous 45 days before being eligible to start in an official race. (c) The first time a horse or mule races around a turn it must have not less than 1 work around the turn within the past 45 days.¶¶
- (6) No horse may be worked out during pari-mutuel racing hours without prior permission from the paddock judge and the stewards.¶¶
- (7) Before accepting the entry of any horse, the stewards may require the horse to have additional official workouts. Also the stewards or the commission veterinarian may, for good cause, order a horse to be worked at a specific distance and effort.¶¶
- (8) No workout other than an official workout which has been recorded by a licensed clocker shall be submitted for

publication in the Daily Racing Form, Equibase or other approved publications.
Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 462.270(3)
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 462.270