



**SC WHIPPING RULES FOR NEWFOUNDLAND (trial basis)**  
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*Currently cited in the MPHRC rule book as Rules 311 - 318.*

Rule 311. Drivers' whips shall not be made of rawhide, and shall not exceed four feet and eight inches in length plus a snapper not to exceed six inches in length.

Rule 312. The use of any goading device, chain, spur or mechanical devices or electrical device other than a whip as allowed in these rules, upon any horse, shall constitute a violation.

Rule 313. The possession of any mechanical or electrical goading device on the grounds of a track facility shall constitute a violation.

Rule 314. Brutal, or indiscriminate use of a whip, flagrant use of the whip causing visible injury, or striking a horse with the butt end of the whip shall be a **TYPE II** offence, while striking a wheel disc of a sulky with a whip is a **TYPE I** offence.

Rule 315. Use of a whip shall be allowed provided that:

- (1) During a race the driver shall hold one line in each hand by the handholds until the finish line is reached and the race is complete. Handholds must be tight ensuring adequate control of the horse with the driver's elbows in front of the chest. Whipping must be restricted to wrist action only. The placing of both lines in one hand to permit the necessary adjustment of the horse's equipment such as ear plugs removal is allowed. The driver shall not raise the elbow of the arm carrying the whip above the level of his/her shoulder.
- (2) There shall be no blatant or exaggerated movements of the whipping arm.
- (3) The driver shall ensure that any contact of the whip to the horse is above the shafts of the sulky and is not used between the horse's legs.
- (4) Whipping is permitted provided the horse appears to be advancing through the field. There shall be no whipping after the finish of the race.

Rule 316. No horse shall be whipped while backing up through the field.

Rule 317. The penalty for any offence against Rules 315 and/or 316 within the same calendar year shall be assessed in accordance with the following penalty schedule:

- (1) For the first offence assess a \$50.00 fine.
- (2) For the second offence within the calendar year assess a \$100.00 fine.
- (3) For the third offence within the calendar year assess a \$200.00 fine.
- (4) For purposes of this section, after each 100 drives within the same calendar year his next offence shall be assessed as if it is the first in accordance with the above penalty schedule. Upon the expiration of the calendar year penalties shall be assessed starting with the first offence.
- (5) After any driver commits more than three (3) offences within 100 drives in the same calendar year the Association shall review the matter and an appropriate penalty may be assessed in accordance with Standardbred Canada Rules and Regulations.

Rule 318. Whipping under the arch of the sulky, is a **TYPE II** offence, for which the penalty shall be no less than 10 days suspension.