

**WAC 260-52-070 Declaring race "official."** (1) The clerk of the scales will weigh in at least the first four placing jockeys after each race, and after weighing, will notify the stewards if the weights are correct. The stewards may then declare the race official. However, the commission may authorize a racing association to employ a "quick official" method of declaring a race official when a written request is received from the racing association at least 45 days prior to the opening of the race meeting. When using the "quick official," jockeys must claim foul immediately following the running of the race, while still mounted on the race track. The association will be responsible for having an outrider or other individual situated on the race track and equipped with a communication device for relaying any objections to the stewards. Owners and trainers must claim foul directly to the stewards via telephones assigned by the association for that purpose and situated throughout the facility. No claim of foul will be considered by the stewards after a race has been declared official.

(2) Nothing in these rules will prevent the stewards from correcting an error before the display of the sign "official" or from recalling the sign, "official" in case of an error.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040. WSR 08-05-088, § 260-52-070, filed 2/15/08, effective 3/17/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.040. WSR 99-05-047, § 260-52-070, filed 2/12/99, effective 3/15/99; Rules 205 and 206, filed 4/21/61.]