



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3769-17-20 Breaking.

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(A) When any horse breaks from their gait, the driver shall at once, where clearance exists, take the horse to the outside and pull it to its gait. The driver may take the horse inside the pylons if clearance to the outside does not exist.

(1) The following shall be considered violations of paragraph (A) of this rule:

(a) Failure to properly attempt to pull horse to its gait;

(b) Failure to take to the outside where clearance exists or inside if clearance to the outside does not exist;

(c) Failure to continuously lose ground by the break.

(2) If there has been no failure on the part of the driver in complying with paragraph (A) of this rule, the horse shall not be set back unless a contending horse on his gait is lapped on the hind quarter of the breaking horse at the finish. The judges may or may not set back a horse who is off stride at the finish, if in their discretion, the horse was off stride due to interference.

(3) The judges may set any horse back one or more places if in their judgement any of the above violations have been committed.

(4) Any horse making a break in two successive starts on a good or fast track, excluding winning performances, shall be placed on the judges' list.

(B) Any horse making a break which causes interference to other contesting horses, may be placed behind any or all offended horses.
