Scandinavian Rules for Horseracing

Chapter 6

Whip Regulations – Section 31

The whip may only be used to avert a dangerous situation. The whip must be held at a downward angle during the race. The rider must not lose contact with the reins in order to swing the whip or the arm. The rider must not direct the whip towards the horse's head. Strikes with the horse's reins, the rider's arm or hand shall be considered equivalent to strikes with the whip.

Riders may only use a whip approved by Scandinavian Galopp, known as a cushion stick (padded whip).

In the event of a breach of the first paragraph, Chapter 7, Section 7, item 6, and Chapter 8, Section 16, item 5, shall apply.

The first paragraph shall also apply during the training of a horse. Training of a horse means the physical and mental preparation of a horse intended to participate in a competition, where the purpose of the training is to prepare the horse for competition. The horse is subjected to physical or mental exertion in a manner that is not solely intended to maintain or achieve basic physical fitness and mobility, or basic mental training.

In the event of a breach of the third paragraph, Chapter 8, Section 16, item 5, shall apply.

In Norway, a whip may only be carried in races for two-year-old horses and in hurdle races.

Chapter 7

Section 7 – A horse shall be disqualified in the race if

6. the rider has used the whip or reins for urging the horse forward in breach of the provisions of Chapter 6, Section 31, and the racing stewards consider that the infringement has affected the result of the race.

Instead of disqualifying the horse, it may be relegated if the local racing stewards consider that the horse would nevertheless have finished in a prize-winning position.

Chapter 8

Section 16 – A penalty (sanction) shall be imposed on a rider who breaches

5. the provisions (...) concerning the use of the whip pursuant to Chapter 6 (...) Section 31.

Penalty Guidelines (..)

4.

A riding ban shall take effect from day 14, or the next following race day, calculated from the date of the decision by the local racing stewards. The rider shall be notified of the decision on the same day; otherwise, day 14 shall be calculated from the date on which the rider was notified of the decision.

A riding ban imposed by the Appeal Board of Racing Stewards shall take effect from day nine, or the next following race day, calculated from the date of the decision by the Appeal Board of Racing Stewards.

5.

For professional riders, race days at Bro Park, Jägersro, Göteborg, Övrevoll and Klampenborg shall be counted. Race days at other racecourses in Scandinavia may also be counted, provided that at least four races for professional riders are held on a race day.

Within Scandinavia, the riding ban shall be enforced at those racecourses where the rider has ridden on at least three race days during the preceding 12 months. For racecourses that hold races once a year, the rider must have participated in races at the racecourse on three occasions during the preceding five years.

For visiting riders who are licensed outside Scandinavia, the riding ban shall be enforced consecutively from day 14.

6.

Before each racing season, Scandinavian Galopp shall divide the race days in Denmark, Norway and Sweden into three categories, A, B and C, based on the total prize money for each race day.

If the Appeal Board of Racing Stewards upholds a riding ban appealed by the rider after having granted a suspension of the enforcement of the riding ban, the new riding ban shall be scheduled for a race day belonging to the same category as the race day to which the riding ban imposed by the local racing stewards originally applied.

Prize money	≤120 000 kr	120 001 kr–300 000 kr	301 000–600 000 kr	> 600 000 kr
Breach of whip rules 6:31				
1st time	3 days	3 days + 5% of the horse's prize money in the race*	4 days + 5% of the horse's prize money in the race*	6 days + 7.5% of the horse's prize money in the race*
2nd time	6 days + 5% of the horse's prize money in the race*	6 days + 7.5% of the horse's prize money in the race*	7 days + 7.5% of the horse's prize money in the race*	8 days + 7.5% of the horse's prize money in the race*
3rd time	10 days + 7.5% of the horse's prize money in the race*	10 days + 7.5% of the horse's prize money in the race*	12 days + 7.5% of the horse's prize money in the race*	12 days + 7.5% of the horse's prize money in the race*

A horse must be disqualified or placed lower if the gallop disciplinary committee considers that the offence affected the race result in accordance with 7:7 point 6
*Minimum 3 000 kr. For an apprentice, 50% of the fine amount; amateur riders do not pay fines.