

Shoeing Requirements



HISA has outlined *uniform shoeing rules* for racing & training on dirt, turf & synthetic surfaces with the goal of reducing injuries.

NOTE: Due to limited existing inventory of HISA-compliant horseshoes, the horseshoe rule will not be enforced until August 1.

Shoeing Restrictions

Dirt & synthetic surfaces:

Traction devices are prohibited from front & hind limb shoes during training & racing, with one exception:

| A full (outer) rim that is 2 mm or less in height from ground surface of shoe is permitted as long as a toe grab is not present on the shoe

| Rim must extend the entire circumference of the shoe so its ground surface is parallel to solar surface of hoof

Turf surfaces:

ALL traction devices are prohibited from front & hind limb shoes during training & racing



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Prohibited Devices

Prohibited traction devices, aside from the full rim for dirt & synthetic surfaces, include but are not limited to:

- | Toe grabs
- | Bends
- | Jar calks
- | Stickers
- | Traction (mud) nails

For example, a shoe with a flush toe insert would be compliant, but a shoe with an insert that extends below the ground surface of the shoe would not be allowed

Spotlight on Prohibition of Traction Devices

The use of toe grabs has been associated with an increased risk of fetlock injury, the major cause of racehorse fatalities due to musculoskeletal injury.

Traction devices alter normal limb conformation, which can predispose to injury.



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