

Jurisdiction and Rule Web address	Rule Number	Rule Language
<p>ARCI Model Rule http://www.ua-rtip.org/industry_service/download_model_rules</p>	<p>ARCI-010-035 A. (1)</p>	<p>All riding crops are subject to inspection and approval by the stewards and the clerk of scales.</p> <p>(a) Riding crops shall have a shaft and a flap and will be allowed in flat racing including training, only as follows.</p> <p>(A) Maximum weight of eight ounces;</p> <p>(B) Maximum length, including flap of 30 inches</p> <p>(C) Minimum diameter of the shaft of three-eighths inch; and</p> <p>(D) Shaft contact area must be smooth, with no protrusions or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material that gives a compression factor of at least one-millimeter throughout its circumference.</p> <p>(b) The flap is the only allowable attachment to the shaft and must meet these specifications:</p> <p>(A) Length beyond the end of the shaft a maximum of one inch</p> <p>(B) Width a minimum of 0.8 inch and a maximum of 1.6 inches;</p> <p>(C) No reinforcements or additions beyond the end of the shaft;</p> <p>(D) No binding within seven inches of the end of the shaft; and</p> <p>(E) Shock absorbing characteristics similar to those the contact area of the shaft.</p>
United States Flat Racing		
<p>Arizona http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_19/19-02.htm</p>	<p>R19-2-109 B. 2.</p>	<p>A jockey shall use a whip in a race at least 1/4 inch in diameter but not more than one pound in weight or 29 inches in length including the popper.</p>
<p>Arkansas www.dfa.arkansas.gov/offices/racingCommission/Pages/thoroughbreds.aspx</p>	<p>2327</p>	<p>No bridle shall exceed two (2) pounds in weight, and no whip (or substitute for a whip) shall exceed one (1) pound in weight unless approved by the Stewards.</p>
<p>California http://www.chrb.ca.gov/rules_law.html</p>	<p>1685 (b) & (c)</p>	<p>(b) Whips allowed for use in flat racing shall be unaltered from the original manufacturer; shall have shaft and flap (popper); shall weigh no more than 8 ounces and shall not be more than 30 inches in length.</p> <p>(1) The minimum diameter of the shaft shall be 0.5 inches, with a smooth, padded contact area that has no protrusions or raised surface.</p> <p>(c) The only allowed attachment to the shaft is the flap (popper), which shall not extend more than 1 inch beyond the end of the shaft.</p> <p>(1) The flap (popper) shall have a width of not less than 1 inch, or more than 1.5 inches; shall have a minimum length of 7 inches; and a minimum circumference of 3 inches measured around the width. The flap (popper) shall have no reinforcements or additions beyond the end of the shaft, and no binding within 7 inches of the end of the shaft.</p> <p>(2) The flap (popper) shall be folded over and sewn down each side. It shall have an inner layer consisting of memory foam, closed cell foam, or a similar shock-absorbing material, and an outer layer that is dark in color and made of a material that does not harden over time.</p>
<p>Colorado http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/Rev-Racing/RRAC/1209030659304</p>	<p>7.604</p>	<p>Only the ordinary whip approved by the stewards may be applied to a horse at any time during the running of a race or in workouts or training.</p>
<p>Delaware http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title3/1000/1001/index.shtml#TopOfPage</p>	<p>Title 3 1001 10.9.3</p>	<p>No whip shall be used that weighs more than one pound or is longer than 30 inches with one popper; no stingers or projections extending through the hole of a popper or any metal part on a whip shall be permitted.</p>
<p>Florida www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pmw/statutes.html</p>	<p>Not found</p>	

<p>Idaho http://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/11/index.html#Racing%20</p>	<p>11.04.10 310. 03.</p>	<p>Bridles and Whips. All bridles and whips must be of racing design and in a clean serviceable condition approved by the Stewards. All whips must have a minimum of three (3) rows of feathers.</p>
<p>Illinois www.state.il.us/agency/irb/</p>	<p>Title 11: Subtitle B: Chapter I Subchapter g: § 1411.100</p>	<p>All riding crops are subject to inspection and approval by the stewards and the clerk of scales.</p> <p>1) Riding crops shall have a shaft and a flap and will be allowed in flat racing including training, only as follows.</p> <p>A) Maximum weight of eight ounces;</p> <p>B) Maximum length, including flap of 30 inches</p> <p>C) Minimum diameter of the shaft of three-eighths inch; and</p> <p>D) Shaft contact area must be smooth, with no protrusions or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material that gives a compression factor of at least one-millimeter throughout its circumference.</p> <p>2) The flap is the only allowable attachment to the shaft and must meet these specifications:</p> <p>A) Length beyond the end of the shaft a maximum of one inch</p> <p>B) Width a minimum of 0.8 inch and a maximum of 1.6 inches;</p> <p>C) No reinforcements or additions beyond the end of the shaft; and</p> <p>D) No binding within seven inches of the end of the shaft; and</p> <p>E) Shock absorbing characteristics similar to those required by subsection (a)(1)(D).</p>
<p>Indiana www.in.gov/legislative/iac/title71.html</p>	<p>71 IAC 7.5-6-1 (a)</p>	<p>All riding crops are subject to inspection and approval by the stewards and the clerk of scales.</p> <p>(1) Riding crops shall have a shaft and a flap and will be allowed in flat racing including training, only as follows.</p> <p>(A) maximum weight of eight (8) ounces;</p> <p>(B) maximum length, including flap of thirty 30 inches</p> <p>(C) minimum diameter of the shaft of one-half (1/2) inch; and</p> <p>(D) shaft contact area must be smooth, with no protrusions or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material that gives a compression factor of at least one-quarter (1/4) millimeter throughout its circumference.</p> <p>(2) The flap is the only allowable attachment to the shaft and must meet these specifications:</p> <p>(A) length beyond the end of the shaft a maximum of one (1) inch</p> <p>(B) width a minimum of 0.8 inch and a maximum of one and six-tenths (1.6) inches;</p> <p>(C) no reinforcements or additions beyond the end of the shaft; and</p> <p>(D) No binding within seven (7) inches of the end of the shaft; and</p> <p>(E) Shock absorbing characteristics similar to those of the contact area of the shaft.</p>
<p>Iowa www.state.ia.us/irgc/Content.htm#top</p>	<p>491 - 10.6(99D) 10.6 a.</p>	<p>Unless permitted by the stewards, no whip or substitute for a whip shall exceed one pound or 30 inches and no bridle shall exceed two pounds.</p>
<p>Kansas http://krgc.ks.gov/index.php?id=25</p>	<p>Not found</p>	

<p><i>Kentucky</i> http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/TITLE810.HTM</p>	<p>810 KAR 1:012 § 11 (9)</p>	<p>(a) Any riding crop may be subject to inspection and approval by the stewards or the clerk of the scales to ensure conformity with the specifications of paragraphs (c) through (e) of this subsection.</p> <p>(b) Only riding crops meeting the specifications of this subsection, including the mandatory shock absorbing characteristics, may be used in thoroughbred racing and training.</p> <p>(c) A riding crop shall have a:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximum weight of eight (8) ounces; 2. Maximum length, including flap, of thirty (30) inches; and 3. Minimum diameter of the shaft of three-eighths (3/8) inch. <p>(d)1. The only additional feature that may be attached to the riding crop is a flap that shall have a:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maximum length from the end of the shaft of one-half (1/2) inch; and b. Maximum width of one and six-tenths (1.6) inches, with a minimum width of eight-tenths (0.8) inch; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The flap from the end of the shaft shall not contain any reinforcements or additions; 3. There shall not be binding within seven (7) inches of the end of the flap; 4. The contact area of the shaft shall be smooth, with no protrusion or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material throughout its circumference; and 5. The flap shall have similar shock absorbing characteristics to that of the contact area. <p>(e) A riding crop shall not have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stingers or projections extending through the hole of a popper; and 2. Any metal parts.
<p><i>Louisiana</i> http://horseracing.la.gov/rules.html</p>	<p>§8903 A.</p>	<p>No whip shall weigh more than 1 pound, nor exceed 31 inches in length including the popper. No stingers or projections extending through the hole of a popper, nor any projections extending through the hole of a popper, nor any metal part on the whip shall be permitted. All whips shall be approved by the stewards.</p>
<p><i>Maryland</i> www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/subtitle_chapters/09_Chapters.aspx#Subtitle10</p>	<p>Not found</p>	
<p><i>Massachusetts</i> http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/government/oca-agencies/src-lp/rules-and-regs-src/</p>	<p>4.11:(6)(a)</p>	<p>1. All riding crops are subject to inspection and approval by the stewards and the clerk of scales.</p> <p>a. Riding crops shall have a shaft and a flap and will be allowed in flat racing including training, only as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Maximum weight of eight ounce. ii. Maximum length, including flap of 30 inches. iii. Minimum diameter of the shaft of three-eighths inch. iv. Shaft contact area must be smooth, with no protrusions or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material that gives a compression factor of at least one-millimeter throughout its circumference. <p>b. The flap is the only allowable attachment to the shaft and must meet these specifications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Length beyond the end of the shaft a maximum of one inch ii. Width a minimum of 0.8 inch and a maximum of 1.6 inches. iii. No reinforcements or additions beyond the end of the shaft. iv. No binding within seven inches of the end of the shaft.
<p><i>Michigan</i> http://www.michigan.gov/mgcb/0,1607,7-120-57232_57204_57205---,00.html</p>	<p>R 431.3101 (2)</p>	<p>A whip that weighs more than 1 pound or is longer than 28 inches with 1 popper shall not be used. Stingers or projections extending through the hole of a popper or any metal part on a whip are prohibited.</p>

<p>Minnesota http://www.mrc.state.mn.us/Racing/default.html</p>	<p>7883.0170 A. (2)</p>	<p>(2) All riding crops are subject to inspection and approval by the stewards and the clerk of scales. (a) Riding crops shall have a shaft and a flap and will be allowed in flat racing including training, only as follows. i. maximum weight of eight ounces; ii. maximum length, including flap, of 30 inches iii. minimum diameter of the shaft of one-half inch; and iv. shaft contact area must be smooth, with no protrusions or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material that gives a compression factor of at least one-millimeter throughout its circumference. (b) The flap is the only allowable attachment to the shaft and must meet these specifications: i. length beyond the end of the shaft a maximum of one inch ii. width a minimum of 0.8 inch and a maximum of 1.6 inches; iii. no reinforcements or additions beyond the end of the shaft; and iv. no binding within seven inches of the end of the shaft; and</p>
<p>Montana www.mtrules.org/gateway/ChapterHome.asp?Chapter=32.28</p>	<p>Not found</p>	
<p>Nebraska www.horseracing.state.ne.us/</p>	<p>4.009</p>	<p>No bridle shall exceed two (2) pounds in weight, and no whip shall exceed one (1) pound in weight nor be longer than 32 inches unless approved by the stewards.</p>
<p>Nevada http://gaming.nv.gov/index.aspx?page=51</p>	<p>30.374 1. (a)</p>	<p>No whip shall weigh more than one pound nor exceed 31 inches in length, including the popper.</p>
<p>New Jersey</p>	<p>////////////////////////////////////</p>	<p>////////////////////////////////////</p>
<p>New Mexico http://nmrc.state.nm.us/dyn/rules_reg_00.html</p>	<p>Title 15 Chpt 2 Part 5 15.2.5.13 A. (1)</p>	<p>All riding crops are subject to inspection and approval by the stewards and the clerk of scales. This rule will become effective December 10, 2010. (a) For all thoroughbred races (measured in furlongs) the riding crops shall have a shaft, a flap and will be allowed in flat racing including training. No riding crop shall weigh more than eight ounces nor exceed 30 inches in length, including the shaft. No riding crop shall be used unless the shaft is a minimum of one-half inch in diameter; and the shaft contact area must be smooth, with no protrusions or raised surface and covered by shock absorbing material that gives a compression factor of at least one-millimeter throughout its circumference. (b) The flap is the only allowable attachment to the shaft and must meet the following specifications. The length beyond the end of the shaft shall be a maximum of one inch with a minimum width of 0.08 inch and a maximum of 1.6 inches. There shall be no reinforcements or additions beyond the end of the shaft. There shall be no binding within seven inches of the end of the shaft and the flap must include shock absorbing characteristics similar to those of the contact area of the shaft. (c) For all quarter horse races (measured in yards) riding crops will be allowed in flat racing including training. No riding crop shall weigh more than one pound nor exceed 31 inches in length, including the popper. No riding crop shall be used unless it has affixed to the end a looped popper not less than one and one quarter (1 ¼) inches in width, and not over three (3) inches in length, and be feathered above the popper with no less than three (3) rows of feathers, each feather not less than one (1) inch in length. There shall be no holes in the popper.</p>

<p>New York www.racing.state.ny.us/racing/racing.home.htm</p>	<p>4035.9</p>	<p>(a) All riding crops are subject to inspection and approval by the stewards and the clerk of scales. (1) Riding crops shall have a shaft and a flap and will be allowed in flat racing including training only as follows: (A) Maximum weight of eight ounces; (B) Maximum length including flap of 30 inches; (C) Minimum diameter of the shaft of three-eighths inch; and (D) Shaft contact area must be smooth, with no protrusions or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material that gives a compression factor of at least one-millimeter throughout its circumference. (2) The flap is the only allowable attachment to the shaft and must meet these specifications: (A) Length beyond the end of the shaft a maximum of one inch; (B) Width a minimum of 0.8 inch and a maximum of 1.6 inches; (C) No reinforcements or additions beyond the end of the shaft; (D) No binding within seven inches of the end of the shaft; and (E) Shock absorbing characteristics similar to those of the contact area of the shaft.</p>
<p>North Dakota www.legis.nd.gov/information/acdata/html/Title69.5.html</p>	<p>69.5-01-07-10 1.</p>	<p>Unless permitted by the stewards, no whip or substitute for whip may exceed one pound [.45 kilogram] or thirty inches [762.00 millimeters] and no bridle may exceed two pounds [.91 kilogram].</p>
<p>Ohio http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3769</p>	<p>3769-6-60(F)</p>	<p>The use of a whip which is longer than thirty inches in length, including a looped popper of not less than one and one quarter inch in width.</p>
<p>Oklahoma www.ohrc.org/rulesonline.html</p>	<p>325:60-1-7.</p>	<p>No bridle shall weigh more than two pounds, nor shall any whip weigh more than one pound or be more than thirty-one inches (31") in length. No whip shall be used unless it shall have affixed to the end thereof a leather "popper". All whips are subject to inspection and approval by the Stewards.</p>
<p>Oregon http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OARS_400/OAR_462/462_tofc.html</p>	<p>462-150-0060 (8) (c)</p>	<p>(A) All riding crops are subject to inspection and approval by the stewards and the clerk of scales. Riding crops shall have a shaft and a flap and will be allowed in flat racing including training, only as follows: (i) Maximum weight of eight ounces; (ii) Maximum length, including flap of 30 inches; (iii) Minimum diameter of the shaft of one-half inch; and (iv) Shaft contact area must be smooth, with no protrusions or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material that gives a compression factor of at least one-millimeter throughout its circumference. (B) The flap is the only allowable attachment to the shaft and must meet these specifications: (i) Length beyond the end of the shaft a maximum of one inch; (ii) Width a minimum of 0.8 inch and a maximum of 1.6 inches; (iii) No reinforcements or additions beyond the end of the shaft; (iv) No binding within seven inches of the end of the shaft; and (v) Shock absorbing characteristics similar to those on the contact area of the shaft.</p>
<p>Pennsylvania http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/058/partIVtoc.html</p>	<p>§ 163.162 (d)</p>	<p>A bridle may not exceed 2 pounds in weight, and a whip may not exceed 1 pound in weight, unless approved by the stewards. A whip may not be longer than 30 inches.</p>
<p>South Dakota http://legis.state.sd.us/rules/DisplayRule.aspx?Rule=20:04</p>	<p>20:04:23:01.</p>	<p>No bridle may exceed two pounds in weight unless approved by the stewards. No whip or substitute for a whip may exceed eight ounces in weight and it shall be at least 26 inches but not more than 30 inches in length unless approved by the stewards.</p>
<p>Texas www.txrc.state.tx.us/laws/racing_rules.php</p>	<p>Title 16 Part 8 Chapter 313 Subchapter D Division 1 Rule §313.405 (b)</p>	<p>A whip used in races must be at least 1/4-inch in diameter and have a looped leather "popper" affixed to one end. The whip must have at least three rows of leather feathers above the popper and each feather must be at least one inch long. The popper must be at least 1 1/4 inch wide and three inches long. A whip may not exceed one pound in weight or 31 inches in length, including the popper.</p>

<p>Virginia www.vrc.virginia.gov/racingrules.shtml</p>	<p>11VAC10-100-170 5.</p>	<p>For Thoroughbreds, Quarter Horses and Arabians, an ordinary whip shall weigh one pound or less, be 30 inches long or less and have not more than one popper. No stingers or projections extending through the hole of a popper or metal part on a whip shall be permitted.</p>
<p>Washington www.whrc.wa.gov/?page=400</p>	<p>WAC 260-52-045 (1) and (2)</p>	<p>(1) Only riding crops approved by the stewards and meeting the following specifications will be allowed: (a) Maximum weight of 8 ounces; (b) Maximum length (including flap) of 30 inches; (c) Minimum diameter of the shaft of one-half inch; and (d) The contact area of the shaft must be smooth with no protrusions or raised surface. (2) The only additional feature that may be attached to the riding crop is a flap. If a flap is attached it must meet the following specifications: (a) Maximum length of the flap from the end of the shaft is one inch; (b) Maximum width of the flap is 1.6 inches, with a minimum width of 0.8 inch; (c) The flap, from the end of the shaft, may not contain any reinforcements or additions; (d) There may be no binding within 7 inches of the end of the flap; (e) The flap must be humane, cushioned with memory foam or other similar shock absorbing material, unaltered from the original manufacturer, and sewn down each side of the outer layer; (f) The flap must be dark in color and made of a material that does not harden over time; and (g) The requirement for the riding crop is waived for Class C race meets as defined in RCW 67.16.130.</p>
<p>West Virginia www.wvracingcommission.com/wvrc_010.htm</p>	<p>§178-1-45 45.1.a.</p>	<p>All riding crops are subject to approval and enforcement by the stewards and inspection by the clerk of scales and shall meet the following requirements: 45.1.a.1. Riding crops shall have a shaft and a flap and will be allowed in racing and training, only as follows: 45.1.a.1.A. Maximum weight of eight ounces; 45.1.a.1.B. Maximum length, including flap, of thirty (30) inches; 45.1.a.1.C. Minimum diameter of the shaft of one-half (½) inch; and 45.1.a.1.D. Shaft contact area must be smooth, with no protrusions or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material. 45.1.a.2. The flap is the only allowable attachment to the shaft and must meet these specifications: 45.1.a.2.A. Length beyond the end of the shaft a maximum of one (1) inch; 45.1.a.2.B. Width a minimum of eight-tenths (0.8) of an inch and a maximum of one and six-tenths (1.6) inches; 45.1.a.2.C. No reinforcement or additions beyond the end of the shaft; 45.1.a.2.D. No binding within seven (7) inches of the end of the shaft; and 45.1.a.2.E. Shock absorbing characteristics similar to those of the contact area of the shaft</p>
<p>Wyoming http://parimutuel.state.wy.us/Rules.aspx</p>	<p>CHAPTER VIII SECTION 13. (d)</p>	<p>A bridle shall not exceed two (2) pounds, a safety vest shall not exceed two (2) pounds and a whip shall not exceed one (1) pound unless approved by the Stewards.</p>
<p>Eleven jurisdictions have rules that implement the concept of "riding crops" rather than "whips". Though there are slight differences in some of the standards</p>		
<p>Three of the eleven jurisdictions have the all of the same standards as in the model rules</p>		
<p>Three of the eleven jurisdictions have all of the standards of the model rules but have 1/2" as the minimum diameter of the shaft (Model Rule = 3/8 inch)</p>		
<p>Four additional jurisdictions have the 1/2 inch minimum diameter and also have other differences with the Model Rule . The other differences of this group are:</p>		
<p>One jurisdiction (CA) has a different flap (popper) width standard (1" to 1.5") instead of the .8" to 1.6" in the Model Rule and also has standard for the construction of the flap (popper)</p>		
<p>One jurisdiction (WA) has a standard for the construction of the flap (similar to California's) and waives the rule for Class C race meets (County Fair)</p>		
<p>One jurisdiction (IN) has a different compression factor (1/4 millimeter) rather than the 1 millimeter in the Model Rule.</p>		
<p>One jurisdiction (NM) has a separate rule for quarter horse races.</p>		
<p>One jurisdiction (KY) follows all of the Model Rule standards other than the flap can only be 1/2" from the end of the shaft rather than the one inch set in the Model Rules</p>		
<p>Of the other jurisdictions most have the old "whip rule" that limits the weight of the whip to one pound or less and some length ranges any where from 28" to 32".</p>		

One jurisdiction (SD) has a rule much like the onld whip rule but the weight is eight ounces or less and the length is at least 26 inches but not more that 30 inches.
In four jurisdiction a rule regarding riding crops or whips was not found.