

## Buffalo Raceway Whipping Rule

\*Updated as of 2024

1. Drivers shall comply with the rules of the New York State Gaming Commission, in particular 9 NYRCC 4117.8 (Whips, goads and head poles); and all drivers with agreement through their horsemen's association and the track, Buffalo Raceway, that they will use the whip in compliance with these additional standards either while racing, training, or at any other time on the premises.
2. Drivers shall keep a line in each hand for the entire race, except as may be necessary to adjust equipment, pulling plugs, dropping blinkers. One hand whipping is prohibited at any time during the race.
3. Whipping shall be restricted to wrist action only, and the whipping arm shall not be raised above the driver's shoulder. Drivers shall not move their whipping arm in an exaggerated manner.
4. Use the whip above and between the shafts only. Whipping below the shaft in the stifle area will be in violation.
5. The whip cannot be used on a horse in an excessive, indiscriminate, brutal, or unnecessary manner, as determined in the discretion by the management of Buffalo Raceway, including that the driver shall:
  - a. Not cause an injury, visible or not, to the horse with the whip.
  - b. Not use the whip more than three times in succession without giving the horse time to respond to the whip.
  - c. Not continue to use the whip when a horse is not advancing its position in the race.
  - d. Not use the whip during the post parade or after the race.

