**Section 1312.250 Qualifying Races**

At all extended pari-mutuel meetings, declarations for overnight events shall be governed by the following:

a) A horse that has not raced previously at the gait chosen must go a qualifying race under the supervision of a presiding judge or associate judge and acquire at least one charted line by a licensed charter. To provide complete and accurate chart information on time and beaten lengths, a standard photo-finish shall be in use.

b) A horse that does not show a charted line for the previous season, or a charted line within its last six starts, must go a qualifying race as set forth in Subparagraph a. Uncharted races contested in heats or more than one dash and consolidated according to Subparagraph d will be considered one start.

c) A horse that has not started at a charted meeting by August 1st of a season must go a qualifying race as set forth above in Subparagraph a.

d) When a horse has raced at a charted meeting during the current season, then gone to meetings where uncharted races may be summarized, including each start and consolidated in favor of charted lines, the requirements of Subparagraph b do not apply.

e) A horse's finish in a qualifying race for which no purse is offered shall not be used in determination of eligibility for other races.