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Attention Horsemen: Note Regarding Non-Parimutuel Fairs

Please be aware that Ohio's non-pari-mutuel fairs follow USTA Rules versus Ohio State Racing Commission Rules for racing. In particular, all non-pari-mutuel fair Judges will be enforcing the new "black whip" rule for drivers.

That includes fair racing at, Painesville, Attica, Bowling Green, and Burton. The Judges will follow USTA Rule § 18.08 Whip Regulations/Prohibitions, Drivers will be allowed only black whips not to exceed four (4) feet, plus a snapper not longer than six (6) inches.

Check the USTA Rulebook for penalty guidelines on violations and additional rules that may differ from Ohio State Racing Commission Rules. http://www.ustrotting.com/pdf/USTARuleBook.pdf>