

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 47 HORSE RACING LICENSEES**  
**PART 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**16.47.1.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Racing Commission.  
[16.47.1.1 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.1, 03/15/2001]

**16.47.1.2 SCOPE:** All persons, firms, or associations participating in horse racing in New Mexico. Additional regulations may be cross-referenced in 15.2.1 NMAC; 15.2.2 NMAC; 15.2.3 NMAC; 15.2.4 NMAC; 15.2.5 NMAC; 15.2.6 NMAC; and 15.2.7 NMAC.  
[16.47.1.2 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.2, 03/15/2001]

**16.47.1.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Section 60-1A-5 through 60-1A-11, NMSA 1978 provides that all persons engaged in racing, or operating a horse racing meeting, and persons operating concession for or under authority of any licensee or employed by the concessionaire shall be licensed by the state racing commission.  
[16.47.1.3 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.3, 03/15/2001; A, 09/15/09]

**16.47.1.4 DURATION:** Permanent.  
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**16.47.1.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 15, 2001 unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[16.47.1.5 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.5, 03/15/2001]

**16.47.1.6 OBJECTIVE:** The objective of Part 1 of Chapter 47 is to establish licensing requirements for horse racing participants; and establish and describe the requirements, standards and criteria for human substance abuse testing for occupational licensees licensed by the commission.  
[16.47.1.6 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.6, 03/15/2001]

**16.47.1.7 DEFINITIONS:** Refer to 15.2.1.7 NMAC.  
[16.47.1.7 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.7, 03/15/2001]

**16.47.1.8 GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

**A. LICENSES REQUIRED:** A person as defined by Subsection P, Paragraph (7) of 15.2.1.7 NMAC shall not participate in pari mutuel racing under the jurisdiction of the commission, or be employed by an association who is a gaming operator, without a valid license issued by the commission.

(1) License categories shall include the following and others as may be established by the commission: **GROUP A** - racing participants eligible for an optional annual or triennial year license to include owners, trainers, veterinarians, jockeys, and stable name registrations. **GROUP B** - associations, racing professionals, concession operators, contractors, and managerial racing officials. **GROUP C** - supervisory racing officials. **GROUP D** - persons employed by the association, or employed by a person or concern contracting with the association, to provide a service or commodity, which requires their presence in a restricted area, or anywhere on association grounds while pari mutuel wagering is being conducted. **GROUP E** - racetrack employees and authorized agents.

(2) Persons required to be licensed shall submit a completed application on forms furnished by the commission and accompanied by the required fee. The following fees are assessed for the issuance of the specified licenses. In addition to license fees listed herein, \$20.00 is assessed for each identification picture and badge.

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| Announcer                  | \$55.00 |
| Assistant General Manager  | \$80.00 |
| Assistant Racing Secretary | \$15.00 |
| Association                | \$80.00 |
| Auditor, Official          | \$55.00 |
| Authorized Agent           | \$ 5.00 |
| Clerk of Scales            | \$15.00 |
| Clocker                    | \$15.00 |
| Club, Racetrack            | \$80.00 |

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| Concession Employee                   | \$ 5.00  |
| Concession Operator                   | \$80.00  |
| Custodian of Jockey Room              | \$15.00  |
| Director or Corporate Officer         | \$80.00  |
| Director of Operations                | \$55.00  |
| Director of Racing                    | \$55.00  |
| Exercise Person                       | \$15.00  |
| General Manager                       | \$80.00  |
| Groom                                 | \$ 5.00  |
| Horseman's Bookkeeper                 | \$15.00  |
| Identifier (Horse)                    | \$15.00  |
| Janitor                               | \$ 5.00  |
| Jockey (3 year)                       | \$100.00 |
| Jockey (1 year)                       | \$80.00  |
| Jockey (Apprentice) (3 year)          | \$100.00 |
| Jockey Apprentice) (1 year)           | \$80.00  |
| Jockey Agent                          | \$55.00  |
| Jockey Valet                          | \$ 5.00  |
| Laborer                               | \$ 5.00  |
| Official Personnel (specify position) | \$ 5.00  |
| Official Veterinarian (3 year)        | \$100.00 |
| Official Veterinarian (1 year)        | \$80.00  |
| Outrider                              | \$15.00  |
| Owner (3 year)                        | \$100.00 |
| Owner (1 year)                        | \$80.00  |
| Paddock Judge                         | \$15.00  |
| Pari Mutuel Employee                  | \$ 5.00  |
| Pari Mutuel Manager                   | \$55.00  |
| Placing Judge                         | \$15.00  |
| Photo Employee                        | \$ 5.00  |
| Plater                                | \$80.00  |
| Pony Person                           | \$ 5.00  |
| Private Barns                         | \$ 80.00 |
| Racing Secretary-Handicapper          | \$55.00  |
| Security Chief                        | \$55.00  |
| Security Staff                        | \$ 5.00  |
| Simulcast Company Employee            | \$ 5.00  |
| Simulcast Coordinator                 | \$55.00  |
| Simulcast Operator                    | \$80.00  |
| Special Event, 1 or 2 day             | \$100.00 |
| Stable Name (3 year)                  | \$100.00 |
| Stable Name (1 year)                  | \$80.00  |
| Stable Superintendent                 | \$55.00  |
| Starter                               | \$55.00  |
| Starter Assistant                     | \$15.00  |
| Ticket Seller (Admissions)            | \$ 5.00  |
| Timer                                 | \$15.00  |
| Totalisator Employee                  | \$ 5.00  |
| Totalisator Operator                  | \$80.00  |
| Track Maintenance, Employee           | \$ 5.00  |
| Track Physician                       | \$80.00  |
| Track Superintendent                  | \$55.00  |
| Trainer (3 year)                      | \$100.00 |
| Trainer (1 year)                      | \$80.00  |
| Trainer Assistant                     | \$15.00  |
| Veterinarian Assistant                | \$15.00  |

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| Veterinarian, Practicing (3 year) | \$100.00 |
| Veterinarian, Practicing (1 year) | \$80.00  |
| Veterinarian, Racing (3 year)     | \$100.00 |
| Veterinarian, Racing (1 year)     | \$80.00  |
| Watchman                          | \$ 5.00  |

(3) License applicants may be required to furnish to the commission a set(s) of fingerprints and a recent photograph and may be required to be refingerprinted or rephotographed periodically as determined by the commission. The requirements for fingerprints may be fulfilled by submission of prints or verification of such, accepted by a member jurisdiction of the racing commissioners' international, and obtained within two years for annual licenses and four years for three-year licenses. License applicants for owner, trainer or jockey will only need to be fingerprinted upon first application, or if there is a break of three years or more in license continuity. If the commission determines it is necessary, reprinting will be undertaken on the basis of alleged criminal activity on the part of the owner, trainer or jockey.

(4) License applicants for groom, watchman, exercise and pony persons must submit to a drug (controlled substances) and alcohol-screening test when making application for license.

**B. MULTI-STATE LICENSING INFORMATION:** Applicants may be permitted to submit an association of racing commissioners international, inc. (RCI) or north American pari mutuel regulators association (NAPRA) multi-state license information form and RCI fingerprint card and thereby obtain a criminal records check that can be used in other jurisdictions.

**C. AGE REQUIREMENT:**

(1) Applicants for licensing, except owners, must be a minimum of 14 years of age, but no one under the age of 16 may be licensed as a pony person or exercise person and no one under the age of 18 may be licensed as an authorized agent or jockey agent.

(2) A licensee must be a minimum of 14 years of age to handle a horse in the paddock.

**D. CONSENT TO INVESTIGATION:** The filing of an application for license shall authorize the commission and the board to investigate criminal and employment records, to engage in interviews to determine applicant's character and qualifications, and to verify information provided by the applicant.

**E. CONSENT TO SEARCH AND SEIZURE:** By acceptance of a license, a licensee consents to search and inspection by the commission or its agents and to the seizure of any prohibited medication, drugs, paraphernalia or devices in accordance with state and federal law.

**F. APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATIONS BY STEWARDS:** The commission may designate categories of licenses, which shall require stewards' prior approval or recommendation. Prior approval will include exercise riders, pony riders, and apprentice jockeys.

**G. EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITY:**

(1) The employment of any unlicensed person under the jurisdiction of the commission is prohibited.

(2) Every employer shall report the discharge of any licensed employee in writing to the stewards, including the person's name and occupation.

**H. EMPLOYER ENDORSEMENT OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS:** The license application of an employee must be signed by the employer.

**I. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

(1) All persons engaged in racing shall maintain financial responsibility in matters pertaining to racing and the Parental Responsibility Act.

(2) Any person licensed by the commission may file a financial responsibility complaint against another licensee. Any financial responsibility complaint against a licensee shall be in writing, signed by the complainant, and accompanied by documentation of the services, supplies or fees alleged to be due in connection with his/her operations as a licensee. A judgment from a civil court, which has been issued within one year of the date of the complaint, may be honored by the stewards as long as at least the defendant is a licensee.

**J. LICENSE REFUSAL:** The commission may refuse to issue a license and give the applicant the option of withdrawal of an application without prejudice. If an applicant is refused, the applicant may reapply for a license.

**K. LICENSE DENIAL:**

(1) The commission may formally deny an application in accordance with these rules.

(2) An application denied, if requested by the applicant, shall be reported in writing to the applicant denied stating the reasons for denial, and the date when a reapplication may be submitted.

(3) An application denied may be reported to the association of racing commissioners international, inc. and north American pari mutuel regulators association whereby other racing jurisdictions shall be advised.

**L. GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL, DENIAL, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE:**

(1) The commission may refuse to issue a license to an applicant, or may suspend or revoke a license issued, or order disciplinary measures, if the applicant:

(a) has been convicted of a felony;

(b) has been convicted of violating any law regarding gambling or a controlled dangerous substance;

(c) who is unqualified, by experience or otherwise, to perform the activities for which a license is required, or who fails to pass an examination prescribed by the commission;

(d) has failed to disclose or falsely states any information required in the application;

(e) has been found in violation of rules governing racing in this state or other jurisdictions;

(f) has been or is currently excluded from association grounds by a recognized racing jurisdiction;

(g) has had a license denied, suspended, or revoked by any racing jurisdiction;

(h) is a person whose conduct or reputation may adversely reflect on the honesty and integrity of horse racing or interfere with the orderly conduct of a race meeting; interfering with the orderly conduct of a race meeting shall include, but is not limited to, disruptive or intemperate behavior or behavior which exposes others to danger anywhere on the racetrack grounds; the fact that the race meet was not actually interrupted is not a defense to the imposition of discipline under this rule;

(i) demonstrates a lack of financial responsibility by accumulating unpaid obligations, defaulting on obligations or issuing drafts or checks that are dishonored, or payment refused; for the purpose of this sub-section, non-compliance with the Parental Responsibility Act shall be considered grounds for refusal, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license; the application, or license as applicable, shall be reinstated if within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice, the applicant provides the commission with a certified statement from the department that he/she is in compliance with a judgment and order for support;

(j) is ineligible for employment pursuant to federal or state law concerning age or citizenship.

(2) A license suspension or revocation shall be reported in writing to the applicant and the association of racing commissioners international, inc., whereby other racing jurisdictions shall be advised.

(3) Any license denied, suspended or revoked by the commission pursuant to these rules shall state the time period for the effect of its ruling. When the action is taken for a misdemeanor or felony conviction, the time period shall be the period of the licensee's or applicant's imprisonment; or if not imprisoned, the period of probation, deferral, unless the person can satisfy the commission of sufficient rehabilitation. This rule shall also apply to licensees who voluntarily turn in their license because of, or in anticipation of, a conviction.

**M. DURATION OF LICENSE:**

(1) All annual licenses, with the exception of the authorized agent, issued by the commission expire one year from the last day of the month issued. All triennial licenses expire three years from the last day of the month issued.

(2) A license is valid only under the condition that the licensee remains eligible to hold such license.

**N. CHANGES IN APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

(1) During the period for which a license has been issued, the licensee shall report to the commission changes in information provided on the license applications as to current legal name, marital status, permanent address, criminal convictions, license suspension of 10 days or more and license revocations in other jurisdictions.

(2) A child or spouse pass, a change in current legal name, or badge replacement, requires a completed application and payment of a photo badge fee.

**O. TEMPORARY LICENSES:**

(1) The commission may establish provisions for temporary licenses, or may permit applicants to participate in racing pending action on an application. No person may engage in horse racing or be employed on the licensee's premises unless he has been licensed by the commission with the exception of casino employees and also food concession employees who work in non-restricted areas.

(2) The commission may grant an association, who is not conducting a live horse race meeting, a grace period of thirty (30) days to obtain the required licenses for its simulcast employees. An association shall provide to the commission each month, an employment roster for all simulcast employees.

**P. MORE THAN ONE LICENSE:** More than one license to participate in horse racing may be granted except when prohibited by these rules due to a potential conflict of interest.

**Q. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

(1) The commission may refuse, deny, suspend or revoke the license of a person whose spouse holds a license and which the commission or stewards find to be a conflict of interest.

(2) A racing official who is an owner of either the sire or dam of a horse entered to race shall not act as an official with respect to that race.

(3) A person who is licensed as an owner or trainer in a horse registered for racing at a race meeting in this jurisdiction shall not be employed or licensed as a jockey, apprentice jockey; jockey agent; racing official; assistant starter; track maintenance supervisor; jockey room custodian; valet; outrider; racing chemist, testing laboratory employee, or security personnel.

**R. LICENSE PRESENTATION:**

(1) A person must present an appropriate license or other authorization issued by the commission to enter a restricted area. The commission may issue authorization to the spouse or child of a licensed owner, trainer or jockey to enter a restricted area.

(2) The stewards may require visible display of a license while the licensee is engaged in the duty for which he/she is licensed and on the association grounds unless the licensee is mounted on a horse.

(3) A license may only be used by the person to whom it is issued.

**S. TEMPORARY ACCESS AUTHORITY:** Track security may authorize unlicensed persons temporary access to restricted areas. Such person shall be identified and their purpose and credentials verified and approved in writing by track security. Such authorization or credential may only be used by the person to whom it is issued.

**T. KNOWLEDGE OF RULES:** A licensee shall be knowledgeable of the rules of the commission; and by acceptance of the license, agrees to abide by the rules.

**U. PROTECTION OF HORSES:**

(1) Each person licensed by the commission shall do all that is reasonable and within his/her power and scope of duty to guard against and prevent the administration of any drug, medication or other substance, including permissible medication in excess of the maximum allowable level, to any horse entered or to be entered in an official workout or race, as prohibited by these rules.

(2) No licensee or other person under the jurisdiction of the commission shall subject or permit any animal under his/her control, custody or supervision to be subjected to or to incur any form of cruelty, mistreatment, neglect or abuse or abandon, injure, maim or kill or administer any noxious substance to or deprive any animal of necessary care or sustenance, shelter or veterinary care.

**V. RESTRICTIONS:** Beginning one hour before post time, the use of cellular telephones will be prohibited in the paddock and the racetrack surface until the last race is official. Cellular telephone use will also be prohibited behind the starting gate during racing hours. The association shall be responsible for posting notices of the prohibition in these restricted areas.

[16.47.1.8 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.8, 03/15/2001, A, 08/30/2001; A, 11/15/2001; A, 12/14/2001; A, 02/14/2002; A, 11/14/2002; A, 03/31/2003; A, 07/15/2003; A, 09/29/2006; A, 03/30/2007; A, 08/14/2008; A, 06/15/09; A, 09/15/09]

**16.47.1.9 OWNERS:**

**A. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR OWNERS:**

(1) Each person who has a five- percent or more ownership or beneficial interest in a horse is required to be licensed.

(2) If younger than 18 years of age, an applicant for an owner's license must submit a notarized affidavit from his/her parent or legal guardian stating that the parent or legal guardian assumes responsibility for the applicant's financial, contractual, and other obligations relating to the applicant's participation in racing.

(3) If submitting an owner's application by facsimile, the application shall be notarized. The notarized facsimile shall be treated as the original document.

(4) If the commission has reason to doubt the financial responsibility of an applicant for an owner's license, the applicant may be required to complete a verified financial statement.

(5) Licensed owners are responsible for disclosure of the true and entire ownership of each of their horses registered with the racing secretary. Any change in ownership or trainer of a horse registered with the racing secretary must be approved by the stewards. A new owner must comply with all licensing requirements.

(6) The commission may refuse, deny, suspend, or revoke an owner's license for the spouse or member of the immediate family or household of a person ineligible to be licensed as an owner, unless there is a showing on the part of the applicant or licensed owner, and the commission determines that participation in racing will not permit a person to serve as a substitute for an ineligible person. The transfer of a horse to circumvent a commission rule or ruling is prohibited.

**B. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTIPLE OWNERS:**

(1) If the legal owner of any horse is a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, syndicate or other association or entity, each shareholder, member or partner shall be licensed as required in, Subsection A Paragraph (1) of 16.47.1.8 NMAC.

(2) Each partnership, corporation, Limited Liability Company, syndicate or other association or entity shall disclose to the commission all owners holding a five- percent or greater beneficial interest, unless otherwise required by the commission.

(3) Each partnership, corporation, limited liability company, syndicate or other association or entity which includes an owner with less than a five percent ownership or beneficial interest shall file with the commission an affidavit which attests that, to the best of their knowledge, every owner, regardless of their ownership or beneficial interest, is not presently ineligible for licensing or suspended in any racing jurisdiction.

(4) To obtain an owner's license, an owner with less than a five percent ownership or beneficial interest in a horse must establish a bona fide need for the license and the issuance of such license must be approved by the stewards.

(5) Application for joint ownership shall include a designation of a managing owner and a business address. Receipt of any correspondence, notice, or order at such address shall constitute official notice to all persons involved in the ownership of such horse.

(6) The written appointment of a managing owner or authorized agent shall be filed with the commission.

**C. LEASE AGREEMENTS:** A horse may be raced under lease provided a completed breed registry or other lease form acceptable to the commission is attached to the certificate of registration and on file with the racing secretary. The lessor and lessee must be licensed as horse owners.

**D. STABLE NAME REGISTRATION:**

(1) Licensed owners and lessees may adopt a stable name subject to the approval of the commission.

(2) The applicant must identify all persons using the stable name. Changes must be reported immediately to the commission.

(3) A person who has registered a stable name may cancel it upon written notice to the commission.

(4) A stable name may be changed by registering a new stable name.

(5) A stable name, which has been registered by any other person, will not be approved by the commission.

(6) A stable name shall be clearly distinguishable from other registered stable names.

(7) The stable name and the name of the owner shall be published in the program. If the stable name consists of more than one person, the program shall list the name of the managing owner along with the phrase "et al".

(8) All persons using a stable name must comply with all rules regarding licensing of owners.

**E. RACING COLORS:**

(1) Owners or trainers must provide racing colors, which are subject to the approval of the commission.

(2) Racing colors must be registered with the racing secretary no later than the close of entries for that day of racing. If colors are registered they shall be used unless permission to substitute colors is received from the stewards.

(3) Standard track colors will be furnished by the association for owners or trainers who do not provide their own colors. The stewards may authorize a temporary substitution of racing colors when necessary.

(4) The racing colors to be worn by each jockey in a race shall be described in the program, and any change shall be announced to the public prior to the commencement of the race.

**F. PRIVATE BARNS/STABLES:** An owner or lessee of a private barn/stable adjacent to or within a reasonable distance of a New Mexico racing facility governed by the commission may by consent have direct access to that racetrack provided they consent to the jurisdiction of the commission and agree, in writing to comply with all rules and regulations of the commission. Direct access simply means they may enter the licensed racetrack without having to go through the general public gate or the horsemen's gate, but they may do so only after consenting in writing to jurisdiction of and complying with the commission and its rules and regulations.

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**16.47.1.10 TRAINERS**

**A. ELIGIBILITY.**

(1) An applicant for a license as trainer or assistant trainer must be at least 18 years of age; be qualified, as determined by the stewards or other commission designee, by reason of experience, background and

knowledge of racing; a trainer's license from another jurisdiction, having been issued within a 24 month period by the commission, may be accepted as evidence of experience and qualifications; evidence of qualifications may require passing one or more of the following: a written examination; an oral examination; a demonstration of practical skills in a barn test given by a committee of trainers appointed by the New Mexico horsemen's association, witnessed by a steward and approved by the commission.

(2) Applicants not previously licensed as a trainer shall be required to pass a written/oral examination, demonstrate practical skills, and submit at least two written statements as to the character and qualifications of the applicant, and documentation of having completed a six month apprenticeship under the direct supervision of a licensed trainer or assistant trainer.

(a) Applicants failing the first written/oral examination must wait thirty (30) days before retaking the trainer's test.

(b) Applicants failing the second written/oral examination must wait sixty (60) days before retaking the trainer's test.

(c) Applicants failing the third written/oral examination must wait one (1) year before retaking the trainer's test.

**B. ABSOLUTE INSURER.**

(1) The trainer is the absolute insurer of the condition of horses entered in an official workout or race and is responsible for the presence of any prohibited drug or medication, or other prohibited substance in such horses. A positive test for a prohibited drug or medication or other prohibited substance or the presence of permitted medication in excess of maximum allowable levels as reported by a commission-approved laboratory is prima facie evidence of a violation of this rule. The trainer is absolutely responsible regardless of the acts of third parties.

(2) A trainer must prevent the administration of any drug or medication or other prohibited substance that may cause a violation of these rules.

(3) A trainer whose horse has been claimed remains the absolute insurer for the race in which the horse is claimed.

**C. OTHER RESPONSIBILITY.** A trainer is responsible for:

(1) the condition and contents of stalls, tack rooms, feed rooms, sleeping rooms and other areas which have been assigned by the association;

(2) maintaining the assigned stable area in a clean, neat, and sanitary condition at all times;

(3) ensuring that fire prevention rules are strictly observed in the assigned stable area;

(4) providing a list to the chief of security of the trainer's employees on association grounds and any other area under the jurisdiction of the commission; the list shall include each employee's name, occupation, social security number, and occupational license number; the chief of security shall be notified by the trainer, in writing, within 24 hours of any change;

(5) the proper identity, custody, care, health, condition, and safety of horses in his/her charge;

(6) disclosure of the true and entire ownership of each horse in his/her care, custody or control; any change in ownership must be reported immediately to, and approved by, the stewards and recorded by the racing secretary;

(7) training all horses owned wholly or in part by him/her which are participating at the race meeting; registering with the racing secretary each horse in his/her charge within 24 hours of the horse's arrival on association grounds;

(8) immediately notify the stewards and commission veterinarian of all out-of-state certified horses on **Salix®**;

(9) having each horse in his/her care that is racing, or is stabled on association grounds, tested for equine infectious anemia (EIA) and for filing evidence of such negative test results with the racing secretary as required by the commission;

(10) using the services of those veterinarians licensed by the commission to attend horses that are on association grounds;

(11) immediately reporting the alteration in the sex of a horse in his/her care to the horse identifier and the racing secretary, whose office shall note such alteration on the certificate of registration;

(12) promptly reporting to the racing secretary and the official veterinarian any horse on which a posterior digital neurectomy (heel nerving) is performed and ensuring that such fact is designated on its certificate of registration;

(13) promptly notifying the official veterinarian of any reportable disease and any unusual incidence of a communicable illness in any horse in his/her charge;

(14) promptly reporting the death of any horse in his/her care on association grounds to the stewards and the official veterinarian and compliance with the rules in Subsection C of 15.2.6.12 NMAC governing post-mortem examinations;

(15) maintaining a knowledge of the medication record and status of all horses in his/her care;

(16) immediately reporting to the stewards and the official veterinarian if he/she knows, or has cause to believe, that a horse in his/her custody, care or control has received any prohibited drugs or medication;

(17) representing an owner in making entries and scratches and in all other matters pertaining to racing; horses entered as to eligibility and weight or other allowances claimed;

(18) horses entered as to eligibility and weight or other allowances claimed;

(19) ensuring the fitness of a horse to perform creditably at the distance entered;

(20) ensuring that his/her horses are properly shod, bandaged, and equipped; toe grabs with a height greater than two millimeters worn on the front shoes of thoroughbred horses while racing are prohibited; the horse shall be scratched and the trainer may be subject to fine;

(21) ensuring that his/her horses are properly bandaged, and equipped; and no jockey, apprentice jockey, exercise person or any person mounted on a horse shall ride, breeze, exercise, gallop or workout a horse on the grounds of a facility under the jurisdiction of the commission unless the horse is equipped with a nylon rein or a safety rein; a safety rein is a rein with a wire or nylon cord stitched into the traditional leather rein during the manufacturing process and the safety cord is attached to the bit with a metal clasp;

(22) presenting his/her horse in the paddock at least 20 minutes before post time or at a time otherwise appointed before the race in which the horse is entered;

(23) personally attending to his/her horses in the paddock and supervising the saddling thereof, unless excused by the stewards;

(24) instructing the jockey to give his/her best effort during a race and that each horse shall be ridden to win;

(25) attending the collection of urine or blood sample from the horse in his/her charge or delegating a licensed employee or the owner of the horse to do so;

(26) notifying horse owners upon the revocation or suspension of his/her trainer's license; upon application by the owner, the stewards may approve the transfer of such horses to the care of another licensed trainer, and upon such approved transfer, such horses may be entered to race.

#### **D. ASSISTANT TRAINERS.**

(1) A trainer may employ an assistant trainer, who shall be equally responsible with the employing trainer for the condition of the horses in their care. The name of the assistant trainer shall be shown on the official program along with that of the employing trainer.

(2) Qualifications for obtaining an assistant trainer's license shall be prescribed by the stewards and the commission may include those requirements prescribed in Subsection A, Paragraph (1) of 16.47.1.10 NMAC.

(3) An assistant trainer shall assume the same duties and responsibilities as imposed on the licensed trainer.

(4) The trainer shall be jointly responsible for the assistant trainer's compliance with the rules governing racing.

#### **E. SUBSTITUTE TRAINERS.**

(1) If any licensed trainer is prevented from performing his duties or is absent from the track where he is participating, the stewards shall be immediately notified, and at the same time, a substitute trainer or assistant trainer, acceptable to the stewards, shall be appointed. The stewards shall be advised when the regular trainer resumes his duties.

(2) A substitute trainer must accept responsibility for the horses in writing and be approved by the stewards.

(3) A substitute trainer and the absent trainer shall be jointly responsible as absolute insurers of the condition of their horses entered in an official workout or race pursuant to Subsection B, Paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of 16.47.1.10 NMAC.

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### **16.47.1.11 OWNER'S AUTHORIZED AGENTS**

#### **A. LICENSES REQUIRED:**

(1) A written authorized agent appointment, acknowledged before a notary public must be approved by the board of stewards.

- (2) A written appointment must be filed with the commission office for each owner represented.
- (3) A written instrument signed by the owner shall clearly set forth the delegated powers of the authorized agent. The owner's signature on the written instrument must be acknowledged before a notary public.
- (4) If the written instrument is a power of attorney it shall be filed with the commission office.
- (5) Any changes must be made in writing and filed as provided in Subsection A, Paragraph (3) of 16.47.1.11 NMAC above.
- (6) All authorized agent appointments shall expire December 31st each year or when terminated by the owner in writing, acknowledged before a notary public, and filed with the commission office whereupon the agency appointment shall not be valid.
- (7) An authorized agent shall be licensed by the commission as such and must be a minimum of 18 years old.

**B. POWERS AND DUTIES:**

- (1) An authorized agent may perform on behalf of the licensed owner-principle all acts related to racing, as specified in the agency appointment that could be performed by the principle if such principle were present.
- (2) In executing any document on behalf of the principle, the authorized agent must clearly identify the authorized agent and the owner-principle.
- (3) When an authorized agent enters a claim for the account of a principle, the name of the licensed owner for whom the claim is being made and the name of the authorized agent shall appear on the claim slip or card.
- (4) Authorized agents are responsible for disclosure of the true and entire ownership of each horse for which they have authority. Any change in ownership must be reported immediately to, and approved by, the stewards and recorded by the racing secretary.  
[16.47.1.11 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.11, 03/15/2001; A, 03/30/2007; A, 08/14/2008]

**16.47.1.12 JOCKEYS**

**A. ELIGIBILITY:**

- (1) A jockey must pass a physical examination given within the previous twelve months by a licensed physician affirming fitness to participate as a jockey. The stewards may require that any jockey be reexamined and may refuse to allow any jockey to ride pending completion of such examination.
- (2) An applicant must demonstrate by prior licensing, and the demonstration of riding ability which may include participation in up to five races with the stewards' prior approval and the consideration of the recommendations from the starter, the head outrider, and the designated representatives of the jockeys and the horsemen at the track. The demonstration of riding competence and ability is defined as a minimum of:
  - (a) breaking a horse in company from the starting gate;
  - (b) working a horse in company from the starting gate;
  - (c) switching the whip from one hand to the other while maintaining control of the horse in a stretch drive; and
  - (d) causing the horse to switch leads coming out of a turn.
- (3) The stewards may authorize a temporary license to ascertain the applicant's riding competence and ability.
- (4) A jockey shall not be an owner or trainer of any horse competing at the race meeting where the jockey is riding.

**B. APPRENTICE JOCKEYS:**

- (1) An apprentice jockey must be 16 years of age and if less than the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign the license application assuming full financial responsibility for the applicant.
- (2) An applicant for an apprentice jockey license shall provide a certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate or other satisfactory evidence of date of birth.
- (3) An apprentice jockey license does not apply to quarter horse racing.
- (4) An applicant with an approved apprentice certificate may be licensed as an apprentice jockey.
- (5) An apprentice certificate may be obtained from the stewards on a form provided by the commission.
- (6) An apprentice jockey shall ride with a five pound weight allowance beginning with his/her first mount and for one full year from the date of his/her fifth winning mount. If after riding one year from the date of his/her fifth winning mount, the apprentice jockey has failed to ride a total of forty winners, he/she shall continue to ride with a five pound weight allowance for one more year from the date of his/her fifth winning mount or until he/she has ridden forty winners, whichever comes first. In no event may a weight allowance be claimed for more

than two years from the date of the fifth winning mount unless an apprentice jockey is unable to ride for a period of seven consecutive days or more after the date of his/her fifth winning mount because of service in national armed forces, enrollment in high school or an institution of secondary education, or because of physical disablement, or restriction on racing or other valid reasons, the commission may extend the time during which such apprentice weight allowance may be claimed for a period not to exceed the period such apprentice jockey was unable to ride. The stewards or commission may issue apprentice extensions with proper documentation.

(7) An apprentice jockey must meet the conditions set forth in Subsection A of 16.47.1.12 NMAC.

**C. FOREIGN JOCKEYS:** Whenever a jockey from a foreign country rides in this jurisdiction, the jockey must declare that he/she is a holder of a valid license in his/her country and currently not under suspension. To facilitate this process, the jockey shall present a declaration sheet in a language recognized in this jurisdiction to the commission. The jockey must complete a license application and be fingerprinted to be maintained in the files of the commission.

**D. JOCKEYS RESPONSIBILITY:**

(1) A jockey shall not have a valet-attendant except one provided and compensated by the association.

(2) No person other than the licensed contract employer, or a licensed jockey agent, may make riding engagements for a rider, except that a jockey not represented by a jockey agent may make his own riding engagements.

(3) A jockey shall have no more than one jockey agent.

(4) No revocation of a jockey agent's authority is effective until the jockey notifies the stewards in writing of the revocation of the jockey agent's authority.

**E. JOCKEY BETTING:** No jockey shall be allowed to bet before or during any live racing program.

[16.47.1.12 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.12, 03/15/2001; A, 08/31/2004; A, 10/31/2006; A, 06/15/09]

**16.47.1.13 JOCKEY AGENTS**

**A. ELIGIBILITY:**

(1) An applicant for a license as a jockey agent must be a minimum of 18 years of age, demonstrate to the stewards that he/she has a contract for agency with at least one jockey who has been licensed by the commission; and be qualified, as determined by the stewards or other commission designee, by reason of experience, background and knowledge; a jockey agent's license from another jurisdiction may be accepted as evidence of experience and qualifications; evidence of qualifications may require passing one or more of the following: a written examination; an interview or oral examination.

(2) Applicants not previously licensed as a jockey agent shall be required to pass a written and oral examination.

**B. LIMITS ON CONTRACTS:** A jockey agent may serve as agent for no more than three jockeys and shall secure a license as a jockey agent. A jockey agent must register his/her riders with the stewards upon his/her arrival at each individual meet and must report any changes during the meet.

**C. RESPONSIBILITY:** All persons permitted to make riding engagements shall maintain current and accurate records of all engagements made, such records being subject to examination by the stewards at any time.

**D. PROHIBITED AREAS:** A jockey agent is prohibited from entering the jockey room, winner's circle, racing strip, paddock or saddling enclosure during the hours of racing, unless permitted by the stewards.

**E. AGENT WITHDRAWAL:**

(1) When any jockey agent withdraws from representation of a jockey, the jockey agent shall immediately notify the stewards and shall submit to the stewards a list of any unfulfilled engagements made for the jockey.

(2) A jockey agent shall not be permitted to withdraw from the representation of any jockey unless written notice to the stewards has been provided.

[16.47.1.13 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.13, 03/15/2001; A, 05/30/2003; A, 08/14/2008]

**16.47.1.14 HORSESHOERS ELIGIBILITY:**

**A.** An applicant for a license as horseshoer must be at least 18 years of age; be qualified, as determined by the stewards and horseshoer consultant, by reason of experience, background and knowledge of horseshoeing; a horseshoer's license from another jurisdiction, having been issued within a prior period as determined by the commission, may be accepted as evidence of experience and qualifications; evidence of

qualifications may require passing one or more of the following: a written examination; an interview or oral examination; a demonstration of practical skills in horseshoeing.

**B.** Applicants not previously licensed as a horseshoer shall be required to pass a written/oral examination, demonstrate practical skills, and submit at least two written statements as to the character and qualifications of the applicant.

[16.47.1.14 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.14, 03/15/2001]

#### **16.47.1.15 PRACTICING VETERINARIANS**

**A. ELIGIBILITY:** An applicant for a license as practicing veterinarian shall be qualified and licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this jurisdiction and be otherwise qualified to be issued a license to participate in racing. An application for a practicing veterinarian license from the commission must be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's current license to practice veterinary medicine.

**B. RESPONSIBILITY:**

(1) All practicing veterinarians administering drugs, medications or other substances shall be responsible to see that the drugs, medications or other substances, and the veterinary treatment of horses are administered in accordance with 15.2.6 NMAC.

(2) All practicing veterinarians shall promptly notify the official veterinarian of any reportable disease and any unusual incidence of a communicable illness in any horse in his/her charge.

[16.47.1.15 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.15, 03/15/2001]

#### **16.47.1.16 HUMAN DRUG TESTING**

**A. GENERAL PROVISIONS:** The following rules in this chapter establish and describe requirements, criteria, standards and procedures for human substance abuse testing for occupational licensees licensed by the commission.

**B. PROHIBITED ACTIONS:** All licensees shall be deemed to be exercising the privileges of their license, and to be subject to the requirements of these rules, when engaged in activities that could affect the outcome of a race or diminish the conditions of safety or decorum required in restricted areas.

**C. RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES:** It shall be an offense to exercise the privileges granted by a license from this commission if the licensee:

(1) is engaged in illegal sale or distribution of alcohol or a controlled substance;

(2) possesses, without a valid prescription, a controlled substance;

(3) is intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance;

(4) is addicted, having been determined to be so by a professional evaluation, to alcohol or other drugs and not engaged in an abstinence-based program of recovery acceptable to the commission;

(5) has in his/her possession within the enclosure any equipment, products or materials of any kind which are used or intended for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled dangerous substance;

(6) refuses to submit to urine or drug testing, when notified that such testing is based on a random drug testing procedure, is based on reasonable suspicion that the person is using drugs or alcohol or is based on the licensee's acting as if in an impaired condition; or

(7) presently has drugs (controlled substances) or alcohol in his/her body. With regard to alcohol, the results of a test showing a reading of more than .05 percent of alcohol in the blood, urine, saliva or other bodily fluids of licensees in non-safety sensitive positions shall be the criterion for a finding of alcohol present in the body. With regard to other controlled substances, presence of the drug in any quantity measured by the testing instrument establishes the presence of the drug for purposes of this paragraph. Licensees in safety sensitive positions, jockeys, starters, assistant starters, exercise riders, pony persons, ambulance personnel, and outriders are in violation of this rule if they have any measurable level of alcohol.

[16.47.1.16 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.16, 03/15/2001]

#### **16.47.1.17 TESTING PROCEDURES**

**A. GENERAL:**

(1) At its discretion, the commission may conduct random or episodic random drug testing, as well as testing based on reasonable suspicion, in order to ensure safety on the racetrack.

(2) When conducted, random drug testing shall apply, equally, to all licensees who are, at the time of the random testing, exercising the privileges of their license in such ways as may affect the outcome of a race or diminish the conditions of safety or decorum required in restricted areas.

(3) No notice need be given as to onset or cessation of random testing.

(4) For licensees who are testing under the provisions in this chapter, and whose urine testing shows the presence of drugs (controlled substances) or alcohol, any field screening test results shall be confirmed by a laboratory acceptable to the commission which shall include Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) procedures.

(5) An association will provide a drug (controlled substances) and alcohol-screening test for all applicants for groom, exercise and pony persons when making application for license. The cost for the drug-screening test will be borne by the applicant payable to the association at a reasonable cost approved by the commission.

**B. SPLIT SAMPLE:** When the sample quantity permits, each test sample shall be divided into portions so that one portion may be used for the confirmation procedure and another portion may be utilized by the licensee to obtain an independent analysis of the urine sample.

**C. CHAIN OF CUSTODY:** The commission shall provide for a secure chain of custody for the sample to be made available to the licensee.

**D. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:** All costs for the transportation and testing for the sample portion made available for the licensee shall be the financial responsibility of the requesting person. Payment to the testing laboratory shall be due from the requesting person at the time the request is made to have the split sample tested.

[16.47.1.17 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.17, 03/15/2001; A, 02/14/2002]

#### **16.47.1.18 ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

**A. GENERAL:** A licensee penalized or restricted pursuant to this chapter shall retain rights of due process with respect to any determination of alleged violations which may adversely affect the right to hold a license. If there has been an offense, under 16.47.1.17 NMAC, above, the procedures in Subsections B, C and D of 16.47.1.18 NMAC will be followed.

##### **B. FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS:**

(1) The board of stewards or the commission may, at its discretion, order the licensee to obtain a professional assessment to determine whether there is a substantial probability that the licensee is dependent on, or abuses, alcohol or other drugs or the board of stewards or the commission may act on the information at hand.

(2) Actions in the case of first offenders may include revocation of the license, suspension of the license for up to six (6) months, placing the offender on probation for up to ninety (90) days or ordering formal assessment and treatment.

(3) Treatment or assessment, if ordered, must meet the conditions given in 16.47.1.18.C NMAC.

##### **C. SECOND-TIME OFFENDERS:**

(1) The license of the person may be revoked or suspended for a period of up to one year or a professional assessment of the person may be ordered by the commission.

(2) If a professional assessment indicates presence of a problem or alcohol or other drug abuse that is not treatable within the reasonably foreseeable future (360 days) the license may be suspended for a period of up to one year.

(3) If a professional assessment indicates presence of a treatable problem of alcohol or other drug abuse or dependence, the board of stewards or the commission may order the licensee to undergo treatment as a condition of continuing licensure. Such treatment will be through a program or by a practitioner, acceptable to the licensee and the board of stewards or the commission. Required features of any program or practitioner acceptable to the board of stewards or the commission will be: accreditation or licensure by an appropriate government agency, if required by state statute; a minimum of one year follow-up treatment; and, a formal contract indicating the elements of the treatment and follow-up program that will be completed by the licensee and, upon completion, certified to the board of stewards or the commission as completed. To effect the contract, the licensee will authorize release of information by the treating agency, hospital or individual.

**D. THIRD-TIME OFFENDERS:** For third-time offenders, the offender's license may be revoked and the offender may be deemed ineligible for licensure for up to five years.

[16.47.1.18 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.18, 03/15/2001; A, 08/30/2007]

**16.47.1.19 RELAPSE OF LICENSEE IN RECOVERY PROGRAM GENERAL:** Although relapse (failure to maintain abstinence) is not inevitable, it is common for relapse to occur in recovery from alcoholism or other substance dependence. Therefore, a licensee who is engaged in a formal program of recovery, and is compliant with all provisions other than abstinence, will not be regarded automatically as having committed a new offense.

[16.47.1.19 NMAC - Rp, 16 NMAC 47.1.19, 03/15/2001]

**16.47.1.20 POST-RELAPSE PROCEDURES**

**A.** When a licensee is determined to have failed in maintaining abstinence, the licensee shall furnish to the board of stewards or the commission an assessment by the treating agency, hospital or individual practitioner indicating whether the licensee was compliant with the agreed upon program of recovery, and an opinion as to whether a "new offense" occurred.

**B.** The board of stewards or the commission will determine whether a new offense has occurred in each instance. If a new offense has occurred, the board of stewards or the commission will proceed under Subsections B or C of 16.47.1.18 NMAC. Otherwise, the licensee shall continue in the agreed upon program of recovery.

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