

61D-2.024 Track General Rules.

- (1) Chapter 61D-2, F.A.C., applies to all permitholders conducting racing in Florida.
- (2) The permitholder shall notify the division of any significant changes to track dimensions or design.
- (3) All racing permitholders shall at all times maintain their track surfaces in good condition and shall have proper implements to maintain a uniform track surface.
- (4) All tracks shall have an inner rail and an outer rail. Both rails shall be designed not to collapse or break away when a contestant is running parallel to the rail bumps, lunges or falls into the rail during normal training or racing.
- (5) A race track shall not require the racing animal to change its course in response to any obstacles on the racing surface.
- (6) All race tracks must be oval in shape.

Rulemaking Authority 550.0251 FS. Law Implemented 550.0251, 550.2415 FS. History—New _____.

61D-2.025 Race General Rules.

- (1) Each race must have at least eight entrants with a minimum of at least six contestants in each race.
- (2) Each race, with the exception of a harness race, must start by use of a box or gate.
- (3) Each greyhound race:
 - (a) Must be conducted on a track that is at least 1,250 feet in length and at least 20 feet in width; and
 - (b) Must not be shorter than 1,250 feet in length.
- (4) Each quarter horse or any statutorily authorized substitute breed race conducted under a quarter horse permit:
 - (a) Must be conducted on a track that is at least 1,300 feet in length and at least 70 feet in width; and
 - (b) Must not be shorter than 330 feet in length.
- (5) Each thoroughbred race:
 - (a) Must be conducted on a track that is at least 4,620 feet in length and at least 70 feet in width; and
 - (b) Must not be shorter than 3,960 feet in length.
- (6) Each harness race:
 - (a) Must start by use of a rolling gate;
 - (b) Must be conducted on a track that is at least 3,300 feet in length and at least 80 feet in width; and
 - (c) Must not be shorter than 3,300 feet in length.
- (7) All racing contestants must compete simultaneously on a common track.
- (8) Any race that does not meet the requirements of this rule shall exclude the race from being counted as part of the performance.

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61D-2.026 Jai Alai Game General Rules.

- (1) Chapter 61D-2, F.A.C., applies to all permitholders conducting jai alai games in Florida.
- (2) The permitholder shall notify the division of any significant changes to court dimensions or design.
- (3) Jai alai permitholders shall at all times maintain their court surfaces in good condition and shall have proper implements to maintain a uniform court surface.
- (4) Jai alai games must be conducted on an indoor, three-walled court meeting the following requirements:
 - (a) The side wall must be between 175 to 180 feet long and 40 to 50 feet in height;
 - (b) The front wall and back wall must be at least 35 feet in width and height; and
 - (c) The front wall must be made of granite and the other two walls and floor must be made of granite or gunite.
- (5) Each jai alai game must be played to a minimum of 15 points each game.
- (6) Jai alai permitholders must establish a rotational system of players of at least eight different players.
- (7) Jai alai players must be certified by a recognized national or international jai alai association.
- (8) Any jai alai game that does not meet the requirements of this rule shall exclude the game from being counted as part of the performance.

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61D-2.027 Performances.

- (1) Permitholders may not conduct more than two performances during one operating day.
- (2) A performance may not begin within 60 minutes from the end of the previous performance.
- (3) A matinee performance shall not begin after 6:00 p.m. and evening performance shall not begin before 6:00 p.m.
- (4) Each performance shall have a separation of race numbers and performance numbers in the internal totalisator system.
- (5) Exotic wagers may not be commingled races or games from end of one performance to the start of the subsequent performance.
- (6) Each performance shall have a separate racing or game program.

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61D-2.028 Jockey Requirements.

- (1) No person under 18 years of age shall be licensed by the division as a jockey.
- (2) A jockey shall be physically able to participate as a jockey.
- (3) A new applicant shall show competence by the demonstration of riding ability. The demonstration of riding ability is defined at a minimum as:
 - (a) Breaking with a horse in company from the starting gate;
 - (b) Working a horse in company around the turn and down the stretch;
 - (c) Switching the riding crop from one hand to the other while maintaining control of the horse in a stretch drive;
 - (d) Causing a horse to switch leads coming out of the turn.
- (4) The applicant shall submit written verification from the stewards confirming compliance with paragraphs (3)(a) through (d) above.
- (5) A jockey shall not be an owner or trainer of any horse competing at the race meeting where the jockey is riding.
- (6) A person whose weight exceeds 130 pounds at the time of application shall not be licensed as a jockey.
- (7) During the conduct of a pari-mutuel race, each jockey shall wear racing silks consisting of white pants and racing colors registered with the racing secretary. The stewards may authorize a temporary substitution of racing colors when necessary.
- (8) The racing colors to be worn by each jockey in a race shall be described in the program, and any change shall be announced prior to the start of the race.
- (9) Jockeys must wear a protective helmet and boots which have been specifically designed for horse racing when riding in races or when exercising horses.

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61D-2.029 Qualifications of Horses to Start.

Before a horse is permitted to start, the racing secretary shall ensure that at least ten published past performances, whether in races or workouts, are available to enable the public to make a reasonable assessment of the horse's capabilities.

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