

61D-2.024 Track General Rules.

(1) The permitholder shall notify the division in writing within three days of any changes to track dimensions or design.

(2) All racing permitholders shall maintain their track surfaces in a safe condition by removing all hazards that could harm a racing animal on any live performance day in accordance with its annual operating license or when the track is utilized for training.

(3) All quarter horse and thoroughbred tracks shall have an inner rail and an outer rail. Both rails shall be designed to collapse or break away when a contestant bumps, lunges or falls into the rail during normal training or racing. For turf courses, one of the rails may be moveable in order to maintain turf surface quality.

(4) All greyhound tracks shall have an inner rail and all harness tracks shall have an outer rail.

(5) A race track shall not require the racing animal to change its course in response to any obstacles on the racing surface during the race.

(6) All race tracks shall include a secure area for wagering and a live viewing location for the pari-mutuel activity.

Rulemaking Authority 550.0251(3), 550.2415(12) FS. Law Implemented 550.0251, 550.2415 FS. History–New _____.

61D-2.025 Race General Rules.

(1) Each race must have at least six entrants with a minimum of two contestants.

(2) Each race, with the exception of a harness race and a steeplechase 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 1,100 feet in length and at least 17 feet in width, inclusive of the chute; and

(b) Must not be shorter than 990 feet in length.

(4) Each quarter horse or any statutorily authorized substitute breed race other than thoroughbred 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 60 feet in width, inclusive of the chute; 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 4,000 feet in length and at least 60 feet in width, inclusive of the chute; and

(b) Must not be shorter than 3,200 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 with a common start and finish line.

(8) Any race that does not meet the requirements of this rule shall exclude the race from being counted as part of a performance.

(9) Horse races must be recorded by at least three video cameras.

(a) Cameras must be located to provide clear panoramic and head-on views of each race. Separate monitors, which simultaneously display the images received from each camera and are capable of simultaneously displaying a synchronized view of the recordings of each race for review, shall be provided in the stewards' stand.

(b) Recordings of each race shall be maintained by the permitholder for at least six months from the last day of live racing as indicated by the annual operating license.

(c) Copies of race recording must be provided to the division upon request.

Rulemaking Authority 550.0251(3), 550.2415(12) FS. Law Implemented 550.235, 550.0251, 550.2415 FS. History–New _____.

61D-2.026 Jai Alai Game General Rules.

- (1) No person under 18 years of age shall be licensed by the division as a jai alai player.
- (2) The permitholder shall notify the division in writing within three days of any changes to court dimensions or design.
- (3) Jai alai permitholders shall maintain their court surfaces in a safe condition by removing all hazards that could harm a player on any live performance day in accordance with its annual operating license or when the court is utilized for practice.
- (4) Jai alai games must be conducted on an indoor, three-walled court meeting the following requirements:
 - (a) The side wall must be at least 175 feet long and at least 35 feet in height;
 - (b) The front wall and back wall must be at least 35 feet in width and height;
 - (c) The front wall must be made of granite, and the other two walls and floor must be made of granite or gunite; and
 - (d) The fronton enclosure must be at least 20,000 square feet.
- (5) Each jai alai game must be played to a minimum of seven points.
- (6) Jai alai permitholders must utilize a rotational system of at least eight different players or teams.
- (7) Jai alai player occupational license applicants must submit proof of 20 professional or amateur performances in order to demonstrate player competency.
- (8) Any jai alai game that does not meet the requirements of this rule shall exclude the game from being counted as part of a performance.

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61D-2.027 Performances.

- (1) Permitholders may not conduct more than two performances during one operating day.
- (2) Performances shall consist of a minimum of 8 races or games.
- (3) A performance may not begin within 15 minutes from the end of the previous performance.
- (4) A matinee performance shall not begin after 6:00 p.m. and evening performance shall not begin before 6:00 p.m.
- (5) Each performance shall have a separation of race numbers and performance numbers in the totalisator system.
- (6) Each performance shall have a separate racing or game program. Same day performances may be separated within a single program.

Rulemaking Authority 550.0251(3), 550.155(1), 550.3551(10), 550.495, 550.6305 FS. Law Implemented 550.0251, 550.155, 550.3551, 550.495, 550.6305 FS. History–New _____.

61D-2.028 Jockey Requirements.

- (1) No person under 18 years of age shall be licensed by the division as a jockey.
- (2) A new applicant shall show competence to the stewards 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;and
 - (d) Causing a horse to switch leads coming out of the turn.
- (3) The applicant shall submit written verification with their application from a majority of the stewards confirming compliance with paragraphs (2)(a) through (d) above.
- (4) A jockey may be an owner, lessee or trainer of a horse competing in the race where the jockey is competing; provided that the jockey is riding his/her owned or leased horse in the race. Under no circumstances shall a jockey that is an owner, lessee or trainer of a horse in a race ride a horse other than a horse he/she owns or leases in that race.
- (5) Each horse permitholder shall establish a scale of weights for jockeys to carry during a race which shall be published in the race program; however, the permitholder will not allow a horse to carry a total weight to exceed 135 pounds.
- (6) Each permitholder shall maintain a copy of an affirmation of passed 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.

(7) During the conduct of a pari-mutuel race, each jockey shall wear unique racing colors and white pants 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 and exercise riders must wear a properly secured protective helmet, vest, and boots which have been specifically designed for horse racing when riding in races or when exercising horses.

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61D-2.0281 Sulky Driver Requirements.

(1) No person under 18 years of age shall be licensed by the division as a driver.

(2) Each driver must hold and maintain a valid and current driver's license issued by the United States Trotting Association.

(3) A driver may be an owner, lessee or trainer of a horse competing in the race where the driver is driving; provided that the driver is driving his/her owned or leased horse in the race. Under no circumstances shall a driver that is an owner, lessee or trainer of a horse in a race drive a horse other than a horse he/she owns or leases in that race.

(4) Each permitholder shall maintain a copy of an affirmation of passed physical examination given within the previous twelve months by a licensed physician affirming fitness to participate as a driver. The stewards may require that any driver be reexamined and may refuse to allow any driver to ride pending completion of such examination.

(5) During the conduct of a pari-mutuel race, each driver shall wear unique racing colors and white pants registered with the racing secretary. The stewards may authorize a temporary substitution of racing colors when necessary.

(6) The racing colors to be worn by each driver in a race shall be described in the program, and any change shall be announced prior to the start of the race.

(7) Drivers must wear a properly secured protective helmet, vest, 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 three published past performances, whether in races or workouts, are available to enable the public to make a reasonable assessment of the horse's capabilities. At least one published performance must be from within 45 days of that race.

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