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DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER


260-32-040 Apprentice may be engaged by a trainer to ride in a race. [Rules of racing, § 171, filed 4/21/61.] Repealed by WSR 06-07-065, filed 3/10/06, effective 4/10/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 67.16.020 and 67.16.040.


WAC 260-32-010 Minimum requirements to obtain a jockey’s license. In order to obtain a jockey license a person must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Be at least sixteen years of age; and
2. Be engaged by a trainer to ride in a race.

WAC 260-32-040 Jockey as an owner or trainer. (1) A jockey shall not be a trainer of any horse competing at the race meet where the jockey is riding.

(2) A jockey may be an owner of a horse(s) competing at the race meet where the jockey is riding if the jockey has an ownership interest in the horse. 

(a) A jockey may not own more than one horse in an overnight race in which they have an ownership interest in.

(b) A jockey may not ride any horse in a race in which he/she has an ownership interest except the horse that they own.

(c) A jockey is not eligible to claim as an owner.
WAC 260-32-070 Weighing out. Jockeys are required to present themselves to be weighed out as directed by the clerk of the scales.

WAC 260-32-080 Must fulfill engagements. All jockeys shall faithfully fulfill all engagements in respect to racing, unless excused by the board of stewards or a physician.

WAC 260-32-100 Appearance and costume. In riding a race a jockey must be neat in appearance. All riders must be dressed in clean jockey attire, caps, and jackets of silk or waterproof material, white jockey's pants and jockey boots. During off-track conditions protective rain pants may be of a different color.

WAC 260-32-105 Safety equipment. (1) It shall be mandatory that jockeys wear a protective helmet and safety vest in compliance with WAC 260-12-180.

(2) The weight of the protective helmet shall not be included in the jockey's weight.

(3) The safety vest shall weigh no more than two pounds and shall not be included in the jockey's weight.

(4) Safety vests shall not be altered.

WAC 260-32-120 Spurs or steels. The use of spurs or steels is prohibited.

WAC 260-32-130 Colors. A jockey must wear the colors of the owner or owners of the horse he/she is riding (except by special permission of the stewards), and a number on the saddle cloth corresponding to the number of the horse in the official program.

WAC 260-32-140 Numbers. A jockey may be required to wear a number on his/her right arm. The number on the jockey's arm and the saddle cloth number shall correspond to the number of the horse in the official program.

WAC 260-32-150 Reporting in prior to race—Attendance pending engagements. Every jockey who is engaged in a race shall report to the scale room on the day of the race at the time required by the officials. He/she shall then report his/her engagements and overweight, if any, to the clerk of scales, and thereafter, except with the permission of the stewards, shall not leave the jockey room, except to view the races from a point approved by the stewards or to ride in a race, until all of his/her engagements of the day have been fulfilled.

WAC 260-32-160 Physical examinations. During the conduct of a meeting, if the board of stewards has reasonable concerns that a jockey may be unfit to ride due to physical ailment, the board of stewards may require that any jockey be examined by a physician and may refuse to allow said jockey to ride until he/she presents a physician's statement that the jockey is physically fit to ride.

WAC 260-32-170 Betting. (1) A jockey shall only be allowed to wager on a race in which the jockey is riding, and then only if:

(a) The owner or trainer of the horse, which the jockey is riding, makes the wager for the jockey;

(b) The jockey only wagers on his/her mount to win or finish first in combinations with other horses in multiple wagers; and

(c) Records of such wagers are kept and available for presentation upon request by the stewards.

(2) A jockey shall be allowed to wager on any race as long as the jockey has fulfilled his/her riding engagements for the day and left the jockey's quarters.

WAC 260-32-180 Fees. (1) The commission must approve jockey riding fees prior to the beginning of a race meet.

(a) If any owner or trainer engages two or more jockeys for the same race, he/she shall pay the losing fee for each jockey not riding in the race, as well as the proper fee to the jockey who does ride. In the event an owner or trainer elects to remove a jockey from his/her mount after scratch time or such other time as designated by the stewards, the stewards may require a double jockey fee to be paid. The double jockey fee to be paid may be equal to that earned by the jockey who rode the race or a losing fee, as determined by the board of stewards.

(b) A jockey's fee shall be considered earned when the clerk of scales weighs out the jockey. The fee shall not be considered earned if the jockey, of his/her own free will, takes himself/herself off his/her mount, where injury to the horse or rider is not involved. Any conditions or considerations not covered by the above ruling shall be at the discretion of the stewards.
WAC 260-32-190 Temporary suspension. (1) If a jockey is suspended for an offense not involving fraud, and the suspension is for ten days or less, then the jockey may ride in those stakes races, futurity races, futurity trials, or other races which are designated by the board of stewards as races in which the jockey may compete, even though under suspension.

(2) A listing of the designated races shall be posted in the jockey's room, and any other such place deemed appropriate by the stewards.

(3) A suspended jockey must be named at the time of entry to participate in any designated race.

(4) A day in which a jockey participated in a designated race while on suspension shall count as a suspension day, except:

(a) A day in which a suspended jockey participates in more than one designated race in Washington shall not count as a suspension day; and

(b) A day in which a jockey participates in one or more designated races in another jurisdiction shall not count as a suspension day.

WAC 260-32-210 Payment of fines. All fines must be paid by the jockey. Any other person paying a jockey's fine shall be subject to disciplinary action.

WAC 260-32-220 Jockey limited to one agent who shall make all engagements. A jockey may have only one agent. All engagements to ride shall be made by his/her agent. All jockeys are bound by agreements made on their behalf by their jockey agent.

WAC 260-32-230 Attendants. No jockey shall have an attendant other than those provided by the association.
(b) Apprentice allowances may not be claimed in stakes and handicap races.

(10) The commission may extend the period in which an apprentice jockey is allowed a weight allowance when, at the discretion of the commission, an apprentice jockey is unable to continue riding due to:
   (a) Physical disablement or illness;
   (b) Military service;
   (c) Attendance in an institution of secondary or higher education;
   (d) Restriction on racing;
   (e) Other valid reasons.

(11) In order to qualify for an extension, an apprentice jockey must have been rendered unable to ride for a period of not less than seven consecutive days during the period in which the apprentice was entitled to an apprentice weight allowance.

(12) The commission currently licensing the apprentice jockey will have the authority to grant an extension to an eligible applicant, but only after the apprentice has produced documentation, verifying time lost as defined by this regulation.

(13) An apprentice may petition the jurisdictions in which he or she is licensed and riding for an extension of the time for claiming apprentice weight allowances granted by the commission, and the apprentice will be bound by the decision of the jurisdiction so petitioned.

WAC 260-32-400  Powers and duties. (1) Each jockey agent must be licensed by the commission.

(2) A jockey agent may be the owner of a horse under the following conditions:
   (a) A jockey agent may only enter one horse that they have an ownership interest in for any overnight race.
   (b) A jockey agent may not claim a horse.
   (c) A jockey whom the jockey agent represents must ride the horse, unless approved by the stewards, or no other jockey that the jockey agent represents may compete against the horse.

(3) A jockey agent may represent up to three jockeys.

(4) No jockey agent shall make or assist in making any engagement for any rider other than those he is licensed to represent, without prior approval of the board of stewards, which may be granted for a temporary time period not to exceed ten days.

(5) If a jockey agent is absent for a period of more than ten days, the jockey will be required to engage another jockey agent.

(6) Each jockey agent shall keep, on a form provided by the association, a record by races of all engagements made by him of the riders he is representing. This record must be kept up to date and held ready at all times for the inspection by the stewards.

WAC 260-32-410  Touting prohibited. A jockey agent shall not give to any one, directly or indirectly any information or advice pertaining to a race or engage in the practice commonly known as "touting" for the purpose of influencing any person, or that would tend to do so, in the making of a wager on the result of any race.

WAC 260-32-420  Prohibited areas. A jockey agent is prohibited from entering the jockey quarters, winner's circle, racing surface, paddock or saddling enclosure unless permitted by the stewards.