

ARCI-007-020 Facilities And Equipment

A. Facilities for Patrons and Licensees

- (1) An association shall ensure that the public areas of the association grounds are designed and maintained for the comfort and safety of the patrons and licensees and are accessible to all persons with disabilities as required by federal law.
- (2) An association shall provide and maintain adequate restroom facilities for the patrons and licensees.
- (3) An association shall provide an adequate supply of free drinking water.
- (4) An association shall maintain all facilities on association grounds to ensure the safety and cleanliness of the facilities at all times.
- (5) During a race performance, the association shall provide:
 - (a) a first aid room equipped with at least two beds and other appropriate equipment; and
 - (b) the services of at least one physician, a nurse practitioner or paramedic.
- (6) An association shall provide a properly equipped to transport ambulance, staffed with at least one certified paramedic during training and two certified paramedics during racing hours. If the ambulance is being used to transport an individual, the association may not conduct a race, or allow horses with riders on the racetrack, until the ambulance is replaced.
- (7) An association shall provide mandatory orientation of racing emergency procedures for all emergency response personnel employed by or assigned as a result of a contract to the association grounds.
- ~~(7)~~(8) Unless otherwise approved by the Commission or the stewards, an ambulance shall follow the field at a safe distance during the running of races.
- ~~(8)~~(9) The ambulance must be parked at an entrance to the racing strip except when the ambulance is being used to transport an individual or when it is following the field during the running of a race.
- ~~(9)~~(10) An association shall provide adequate office space for the use of the stewards and other Commission personnel as required by the Commission. The location and size of the office space, furnishings and equipment required under this section must be approved by the Commission.
- ~~(10)~~(11) An association shall promptly post Commission notices in places that can be easily viewed by patrons and licensees.

B. Officials' Stands

An association shall provide adequate stands for officials to have a clear view of the racetrack. The location and design of the stands must be approved by the Commission.

C. Audio and Visual Equipment

- (1) An association shall provide and maintain in good working order a communication system between the:
 - (a) stewards' stand;
 - (b) racing office;

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- (c) tote room;
 - (d) jockeys' room;
 - (e) paddock;
 - (f) test barn;
 - (g) starting gate;
 - (h) weigh in scale;
 - (i) video camera locations;
 - (j) clocker's stand;
 - (k) racing veterinarian;
 - (l) track announcer;
 - (m) location of the ambulances (equine and human); and
 - (n) other locations and persons designated by the Commission.
- (2) An association shall provide and maintain a public address system capable of clearly transmitting announcements to the patrons and to the stable area.
- (3) An association shall provide two electronic photofinish devices with mirror image to photograph the finish of each race and record the time of each horse in at least hundredths of a second. The location and operation of the photofinish devices must be approved by the Commission before its first use in a race. The association shall promptly post a photograph of each photofinish for win, place or show in an area accessible to the public. The association shall ensure that the photofinish devices are calibrated before the first day of each race meeting and at other times as required by the Commission. On request by the Commission, the association shall provide, without cost, a print of a photofinish to the Commission. Photofinish records of each race shall be maintained by the association for not less than six months after the end of the race meeting, or such other period as may be requested by the stewards or the Commission.
- (4) An association shall provide a videotaping system approved by the Commission. 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. The location and construction of video towers must be approved by the Commission.
- (5) One camera, designated by the Commission, shall videotape the pre-race loading of all horses into the starting gate and shall continue to videotape them until the field is dispatched by the starter.
- (6) One camera, designated by the Commission, shall videotape the apparent winner of each race from the finish line until the horse has returned, the jockey has dismounted and the equipment has been removed from the horse.
- (7) The stewards may, at their discretion, direct the video camera operators to videotape the activities of any horses or persons handling horses prior to, during or following a race.
- (8) Races run on an oval track must be recorded by at least three video cameras. Races run on a straight course must be recorded by at least two video cameras.

- (9) An association shall, upon request, provide to the Commission, without cost, a copy of a videotape of a race.
- (10) Videotapes recorded prior to, during and following each race shall be maintained by the association for not less than six months after the end of the race meeting, or such other period as may be requested by the stewards or the Commission.
- (11) An association shall provide a viewing room in which, on approval by the stewards, an owner, trainer, jockey or other interested individual may view a videotape recording of a race.
- (12) Following any race in which there is an inquiry or objection, the association shall display to the public on designated monitors the videotaped replays of the incident in question which were utilized by the stewards in making their decision.

D. Racetrack

- (1) The surface of a racetrack, including the cushion, subsurface and base, must be designed, constructed and maintained to provide for the safety of the jockeys and horses.
- (2) Prior to the first race meeting at an association racetrack, a licensed surveyor shall provide to the Commission a certified report of the grade and measurement of the distances to be run.
- (3) Distances to be run shall be measured from the starting line at a distance three feet out from the inside rail.
- (4) The surveyor's report must be approved by the Commission prior to the first race day of the meeting.
- (5) An association shall provide an adequate drainage system for the racetrack.
- (6) An association shall provide adequate equipment and personnel to maintain the track surface in a safe training and racing condition. The association shall provide back-up equipment for maintaining the track surface. An association that conducts races on a turf track shall:
 - (a) maintain an adequate stockpile of growing medium; and
 - (b) provide a system capable of adequately watering the entire turf course evenly.

E. Rails

- (1) Racetracks, including turf tracks, shall have inside and outside rails, including gap rails, designed, constructed and maintained to provide for the safety of jockeys and horses. The design and construction of rails must be approved by the Commission prior to the first race meeting at the track.
- (2) The top of the rail must be at least 38 inches but not more than 42 inches above the top of the cushion. The inside rail shall have no less than a 24-inch overhang with a continuous smooth cover.
- (3) All rails, except movable turf rails, must be constructed of materials designed to withstand the impact of a horse running at a gallop.

F. Starting Gates

- (1) During racing hours, an association shall provide at least two operable padded starting gates, which have been approved by the Commission.

- (2) An association shall make at least one starting gate and qualified starting gate personnel available for schooling during designated training hours.
- (3) An association shall ensure that an assistant starter is available for each horse in an official race.
- (4) If a race is started at a place other than in a chute, the association shall provide and maintain in good operating condition backup equipment for moving the starting gate. The backup equipment must be immediately available to replace the primary moving equipment in the event of failure.

G. Distance Markers

- (1) An association shall provide starting point markers and distance poles in a size and position that is clearly seen from the stewards' stand.
- (2) The starting point markers and distance poles must be marked as follows:
 - (a) 1/4 poles - Red and white horizontal stripes
 - (b) 1/8 poles - Green and white horizontal stripes
 - (c) 1/16 poles - Black and white horizontal stripes
 - (d) 220 yards - Green and white
 - (e) 250 yards - Blue
 - (f) 300 yards - Yellow
 - (g) 330 yards - Black and white
 - (h) 350 yards - Red
 - (i) 400 yards - Black
 - (j) 440 yards - Red and white
 - (k) 550 yards - Black and white horizontal stripes
 - (l) 660 yards - Green and white horizontal stripes
 - (m) 770 yards - Black and white horizontal stripes
 - (n) 870 yards - Blue and white horizontal stripes

H. Lighting

- (1) An association shall provide lighting for the racetrack and the patron facilities that is adequate to ensure the safety and security of the patrons, licensees and horses. Lighting to ensure the proper operation of the videotape and photofinish equipment must be approved by the Commission.
- (2) An association shall provide adequate additional lighting in the stable area as required by the Commission.
- (3) If an association conducts racing at night, the association shall maintain a back-up lighting system that is sufficient to ensure the safety of race participants and patrons.

I. Equine Ambulance

- (1) An association shall provide an equine ambulance staffed by trained personnel on association grounds on each day that the racetrack is open for racing or training.
- (2) The ambulance must be properly ventilated and kept at an entrance to the racing strip when not in use.

- (3) The ambulance must be a covered vehicle that is low to the ground and large enough to accommodate a horse in distress. The ambulance must be able to:
 - (a) navigate on the racetrack during all weather conditions; and
 - (b) transport a horse off the association grounds.
- (4) The ambulance must be equipped with:
 - (a) large, portable screens to shield a horse from public view;
 - (b) ramps to facilitate loading a horse;
 - (c) adequate means of loading a horse that is down;
 - (d) a rear door and a door on each side;
 - (e) a padded interior;
 - (f) a movable partition to initially provide more room to load a horse and to later restrict a horse's movement;
 - (g) a shielded area for the person who is attending to the horse; and
 - (h) an adequate area for the storage of water and veterinary drugs and equipment.
- (5) An association may not conduct a race unless an equine ambulance or an official veterinarian-approved substitute is readily available.
- (6) The equine ambulance, its supplies and attendants and the operating procedures for the equine ambulance must be approved by the official veterinarian.

J. Barns

- (1) An association shall provide barns containing a sufficient number of stalls to accommodate all horses approved to race and all other horses approved to be on the grounds. The association's stable area configuration and facilities must be approved by the Commission.
- (2) An association shall ensure that the barns are kept clean and in good repair. Each barn, including the receiving barn, must have a hot and cold water supply available, be well-ventilated, have proper drainage and be constructed to be comfortable in all seasons.
- (3) An association shall ensure that each horse is stabled in an individual box stall with minimum dimensions of 10 by 10 feet.
- (4) An association shall provide an adequate area for the placement of manure removed from the stalls. All manure must be removed from the stable area daily. The association shall ensure that refuse from the stalls and other refuse are kept separate.

K. Test Barn

- (1) An association shall provide a test barn for taking specimens of urine, blood or other bodily substances or tissues for testing.
- (2) The test barn must be equipped with:
 - (a) a walk ring that is large enough to accommodate ___ horses;
 - (b) at least ___ enclosed stalls that permit observation of the collection process and provide for the protection of collection personnel;
 - (c) facilities and equipment for the collection, identification and storage of samples

- (d) a washrack that is large enough to accommodate ____ horses at the same time;
 - (e) hot and cold running water; and
 - (f) clean water buckets for each horse.
- (3) An association shall limit access to the test barn to persons authorized by the official veterinarian. All entrances shall be locked or guarded at all times.

L. Isolation Area

- (1) An association shall provide an isolation area for the care and treatment of a horse that is ordered isolated by the racing veterinarian or the official veterinarian.
- (2) The isolation area must be approved by the official veterinarian.

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