

IDAPA 11 – IDAHO STATE POLICE

Idaho State Racing Commission

11.04.09 – Rules Governing Claiming Races

Who does this rule apply to?

Racing officials/stewards, Idaho State Racing Commission, racing owners/participants/Jockeys, industry associations/stakeholders, veterinarians, and members of the general public who engage in betting/wagering.

What is the purpose of this rule?

These rules provide regulatory safeguards for the integrity of imminent horse races, the safety of horses and personnel involved in races, and the prevention of monetary fraud upon racing industry members and the public. They also create consistent enforcement during racing seasons on all those involved in those races.

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?

This rule implements the following statutes passed by the Idaho Legislature:

Professions, Vocations, and Businesses -
Horse Racing:

- [Section 54-2506, Idaho Code](#) – Duties of Commission and Licensees — License Fee
- [Section 54-2507, Idaho Code](#) – Authority of commission
- [Section 54-2508, Idaho Code](#) – License – Application therefor – Type and Number of Races — Fee per day — Refund — Cancellation — Hearing — Simulcast Purse Moneys Fund
- [Section 54-2509, Idaho Code](#) – Penalty for Violations of Law — Power of Commission
- [Section 54-2512, Idaho Code](#) – Pari-Mutuel Betting — Other Betting Illegal
- [Section 54-2513, Idaho Code](#) – Horse Racing — Distributions of Deposits — Breakage
- [Section 54-2514, Idaho Code](#) – Dog Racing — Distribution of Deposits — Breakage

Who do I contact for more information on this rule?

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11.04.09 – RULES GOVERNING CLAIMING RACES

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

This chapter is adopted pursuant to the legal authority of Title 54, Chapter 25, of the Idaho Code. (3-31-22)

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

01. **Title.** This chapter is cited as IDAPA 11.04.09 “Rules Governing Claiming Races.” (3-31-22)

02. **Scope.** This chapter describes the procedures and requirements for the claiming of horses and the conduct of claiming races. (3-31-22)

002. -- 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS.

In addition to the definitions in Title 54, Chapter 25, Idaho Code, the following apply: (3-31-22)

01. **Certificate of Registration.** A document identifying a horse, its breeding and registry. (3-31-22)

02. **Claimant.** A person who has successfully claimed a horse in a claiming race. (3-31-22)

03. **Claimed.** A horse that has been properly purchased under these rules. (3-31-22)

04. **Claiming Race.** A race in which any horse starting may be purchased for a designated amount in conformance with this chapter. (3-31-22)

05. **Colt.** An intact male horse under five (5) years of age. (3-31-22)

06. **Eligible.** A horse that is qualified to run in a race under these rules. (3-31-22)

07. **Eligible Person.** A licensed owner, licensed trainer or authorized agent who has been properly authorized to claim a horse. (3-31-22)

08. **Engagements.** Race days where a horse has been entered to race. (3-31-22)

09. **Filly.** A female horse that has not reached five (5) years of age. (3-31-22)

10. **Gelding.** An altered male horse of any age. (3-31-22)

11. **Horse.** Includes filly, mare, colt, horse or gelding in general; when referring to sex, a horse is an intact male when five (5) years old or older. (3-31-22)

12. **Ineligible or Undisclosed Person.** A person that is not eligible to be licensed or a person who has not been properly authorized to claim a horse. (3-31-22)

13. **In-foal.** A filly or mare that is pregnant. (3-31-22)

14. **Licensed Authorized Agent.** A person licensed by the Racing Commission and appointed by a written instrument, signed and acknowledged before a notary public by the owner in whose behalf the agent will act. (3-31-22)

15. **Mare.** A female horse that has reached the age of five (5) years. (3-31-22)

16. **Officials.** Persons licensed by the state to ensure the rules of racing are enforced. (3-31-22)

17. **Owner.** A person who holds any title, right or interest, whole or partial in a horse, including the lessee and lessor of a horse. (3-31-22)

18. **Racing Association.** Any person licensed by the Racing Commission to conduct a race meet and pari-mutuel wagering. (3-31-22)

19. **Racing Secretary.** The employee of a racing association, who writes the conditions for the races, assigns the weights for handicap races, receives entries, conducts the draw, and is responsible for the operation and

organization of the race office. (3-31-22)

20. Stable. All the race horses belonging to a particular owner. (3-31-22)

21. Starter Allowance Race. A race where entrants have established eligibility by participation in a previous race. (3-31-22)

22. Steward. A horse racing official who presides over a race meeting, has jurisdiction over all racing officials, rules on protests and claims of foul, and imposes fines and suspensions. (3-31-22)

23. Title. Legal document showing ownership of a horse. (3-31-22)

24. Transfer. To convey the possession or legal title of a horse to another. (3-31-22)

011. -- 019. (RESERVED)

020. FREE AND CLEAR TITLE.

No person may enter a horse in a claiming race unless the title to said horse is free and clear of any existing lien, either as security interest mortgage, bill of sale, or lien of any kind. (3-31-22)

021. TITLE VESTED.

Title to a claimed horse must be transferred to the claimant at the time the horse becomes an official starter. The successful claimant must then become the owner of the horse whether it be alive or dead, sound or unsound or injured at any time after becoming an official starter. A transfer of ownership arising from a recognized claiming race will terminate any existing prior lease for that horse. (3-31-22)

022. -- 024. (RESERVED)

025. IN-FOAL FILLY OR MARE.

An in-foal filly or mare is eligible to be entered into a claiming race only if the following conditions are fulfilled: (3-31-22)

01. Condition Disclosed. Full disclosure of such fact is on file with the racing secretary and such information is posted in the racing office; (3-31-22)

02. Service Certificate. The stallion service certificate has been deposited with the racing secretary's office; and (3-31-22)

03. Release of Service Certificate. The release of the stallion service certificate to the successful claimant at the time of claim is guaranteed. (3-31-22)

026. -- 028. (RESERVED)

029. RESCISSION OF CLAIM.

The stewards may set aside and order rescission of a claim for any horse from a claiming race run in Idaho upon a showing that any party to the claim committed a prohibited action, as specified in any Racing Commission rule, or that the owner of the horse at the time of entry in the claiming race failed to comply with any requirement of any Racing Commission rule. Should the stewards order a rescission of a claim, they may make a further order for the costs of maintenance and care of the horse as they may deem appropriate. (3-31-22)

030. CLAIMED FOR ENTERED PRICE.

Any horse starting in a claiming race is subject to be claimed for its entered price by any: (3-31-22)

01. Licensed Owner. Owner licensed in Idaho; (3-31-22)

02. Authorized Agent. Licensed authorized agent acting on behalf of an eligible person. (3-31-22)

031. -- 034. (RESERVED)

035. ELIGIBLE HORSES.

No horse which has been claimed out of a claiming race in which said horse was declared the official winner, is eligible to start in any other claiming race for a period of thirty (30) days, exclusive of the day it was claimed, for less than twenty-five percent (25%) more than the amount for which it was claimed. A horse which has been claimed out of a claiming race in which said horse was not declared the official winner may be eligible to start for any price desired by the claimant. No horse which has been claimed out of a claiming race is eligible to race at any other race meeting in this state or elsewhere until the close of the meeting where it was claimed, unless its removal from the grounds of such meeting is approved by the Stewards for good cause or is required by the Racing Association where it was claimed. (3-31-22)

036. -- 049. (RESERVED)

050. PROHIBITIONS.

01. Financial or Beneficial Interest. A person may not claim a horse in which the person has a financial or beneficial interest as an owner or trainer. (3-31-22)

02. Undisclosed Financial or Beneficial Interest. A person may not cause another person to claim a horse for the purpose of obtaining or retaining an undisclosed financial or beneficial interest in the horse. (3-31-22)

03. Agreement. A person may not enter into an agreement for the purpose of preventing another person from obtaining a horse in a claiming race. (3-31-22)

04. Ineligible or Undisclosed Person. A person may not claim a horse, or enter into any agreement to have a horse claimed, on behalf of an ineligible or undisclosed person. (3-31-22)

05. No More Than One Horse. A person may not claim more than one (1) horse in a race. No authorized agent may submit more than one (1) claim for the same horse in a race, even if the authorized agent represents several owners. When a trainer's stable consists of more than one (1) owner, each owner may submit a claim in any one race, but no two (2) or more can submit a claim for any one (1) horse or all such claims are void. No person, corporation, partnership, stable name, or other legal entity will be eligible to claim another owner's horse from his own trainer's stable. (3-31-22)

051. -- 059. (RESERVED)

060. VALID CLAIMS.

To make a valid claim for a horse, an eligible person must: (3-31-22)

01. Funds on Deposit. Have on deposit with the horsemen's bookkeeper an amount equal to the amount of the claim, plus all transfer fees and applicable taxes; (3-31-22)

02. Written Claim Form. Complete a written claim on a form furnished by the racing association and approved by the Racing Commission; (3-31-22)

03. Horses Name. Identify the horse to be claimed by the spelling of its name as the name appears on the certificate of registration or as spelled on the official program; (3-31-22)

04. Sealed Envelope. Place the completed claim form inside a sealed envelope furnished by the racing association and approved by the Racing Commission; (3-31-22)

05. Time of Day. Have the time of day that the claim is entered, recorded or electronically stamped by a racing official at the paddock on the envelope; and (3-31-22)

06. Deposit Envelope. Have the envelope deposited in the claim box no later than ten (10) minutes prior to post time of the race for which the claim is entered. (3-31-22)

061. -- 064. (RESERVED)

065. CLAIMS ARE IRREVOCABLE.

After a claim has been deposited in the claim box, it is irrevocable by the claimant and may not be withdrawn from the claim box until the time designated by the stewards. (3-31-22)

066. -- 069. (RESERVED)

070. NO INFORMATION PROVIDED.

Officials and employees of the racing association may not provide any information as to the filing of claims until after the race has been run, except as is necessary for processing of the claim. (3-31-22)

071. -- 079. (RESERVED)

080. MORE THAN ONE CLAIM.

If more than one (1) claim is filed on a horse, the successful claim must be determined by drawing lots conducted by the Stewards or their representatives. (3-31-22)

081. -- 089. (RESERVED)

090. SEX OR AGE OF A HORSE CLAIMED.

Notwithstanding any designation of sex or age appearing in the racing program or in any racing publication, the claimant of a horse is solely responsible for the determination of the sex or age of any horse claimed. (3-31-22)

091. -- 099. (RESERVED)

100. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP.

Upon successful claim an authorization of transfer of the horse from the original owner to the claimant must be issued by the stewards on forms approved by the Racing Commission. Copies of the transfer authorization must be forwarded to and maintained by the stewards and the racing office. Upon notification by the stewards, the horsemen's bookkeeper must immediately debit the claimant's account for the claiming price, applicable taxes and transfer fees. (3-31-22)

101. -- 109. (RESERVED)

110. TRANSFER OF POSSESSION.

Transfer of possession of a claimed horse must take place immediately after the race has been run unless otherwise directed by the stewards. If the horse has to be taken to the test barn for post-race testing, the original trainer or an authorized representative must maintain physical custody of the claimed horse and observe the testing procedure and sign the test sample tag. The successful claimant or an authorized representative of that claimant may also accompany the horse to the test barn. (3-31-22)

111. -- 119. (RESERVED)

120. DELIVERY OF A CLAIMED HORSE.

No person may refuse to deliver a properly claimed horse to the successful claimant. (3-31-22)

121. -- 129. (RESERVED)

130. TRANSFER OF ENGAGEMENTS.

When a horse is claimed out of a claiming race, the horse's engagements and eligibilities are transferred, with the horse, to the claimant. (3-31-22)

131. -- 139. (RESERVED)

140. RESALE OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP.

Ownership interest in any horse claimed from a race may not be resold or transferred for thirty (30) days after such horse was claimed, except by claim from a subsequent race. (3-31-22)

141. -- 149. (RESERVED)

150. CONTROL OR MANAGEMENT OF FORMER OWNER.

A claimed horse may not remain in the same stable or under the control or management of its former owner. (3-31-22)

151. -- 999. (RESERVED)