## CONDITION BOOK PREAMBLE

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# NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AMY F. COOK

The intent of the racetrack condition book preamble is to provide up-to-date information on requirements for racetracks and occupational licensees. Weekly visual inspections are required of racetracks during live racing and are to be reported to the Commission via email to <a href="mailto:info@txrc.texas.gov">info@txrc.texas.gov</a>. Daily visual inspections are strongly encouraged. Any issues regarding the safety, integrity or welfare of racing participants should be immediately reported to the Commission.

If there is any conflict with the Texas Racing Act or the Texas Rules of Racing and racetrack house rules or race sponsor rules, the Texas Racing Act and Texas Rules of Racing prevail.

# Helpful links:

The Texas Racing Act, the Texas Rules of Racing, Therapeutic Substance List, Prohibited Substance List, Penalty Guidelines, Test Barn Instructions (Chain of Custody), and the Study Guide for Trainer applications can all be found on our website at:

https://www.txrc.texas.gov/home/publications

#### LICENSING

## \*\*\*Multiple Year Licenses are available for the following: Jockeys, Owners, Trainers. and Veterinarians.

Prior to entering a horse at the racetrack, all participants (trainers, owners, and those in their employ that require a license to perform their duties) should have a current Texas Racing Commission license.

#### TRAINERS:

- 1. All Trainers should be licensed prior to the entry procedure.
- It is the trainer's responsibility to keep the Texas Racing Commission licensing office current on their owners' and employees' status. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action by the stewards.
- Whenever a trainer terminates an employee, the licensing office should be notified, and their badge returned. The license badge may be returned to the licensee when they are employed by another licensed trainer.

#### **OWNERS:**

- All Owners, as listed on the horse's registration papers, should be licensed prior to the entry of that horse.
- 2. Owners' license will not be issued unless a licensed trainer is named on their application.
- All owners who lease horses for racing purposes are responsible for licensing both the Lessee and Lessor.
- If the owner is not an individual, each partner who has an ownership interest of five percent (5%) or more must be licensed by the Texas Racing Commission.
- 5. A person may not be licensed as an owner if the person is not the owner of record of a properly registered race animal which the person intends to race in Texas which is in the care of a trainer licensed by the Texas Racing Commission.

**NOTE:** All Owners, Trainers, and Lessees must be licensed <u>before</u> the race day in which their horse will participate. Texas Racing Commission licensing staff will be available during live race **events but** cannot guarantee a license issuance or renewal will occur if previous application steps were not met (digital fingerprints, evaluation of possible disqualifiers, etc.). Please see the following website for licensing guidelines:

https://www.txrc.texas.gov/licensing.

For complete information on the rules of racing of the Texas Racing Commission, please request a rule book from the licensing office at the racetrack or contact the Austin office at (512) 833-6699 or on the web at <a href="https://www.txrc.texas.gov">www.txrc.texas.gov</a>

#### LICENSE FINGERPRINT INFORMATION

- -Fingerprints are required for all licensees who do not have fingerprints on file with the Texas Racing Commission.
- -Fingerprints for new applications must be attained prior to applying with the Texas Racing Commission.

To find a location and schedule an appointment for electronic fingerprints please visit:

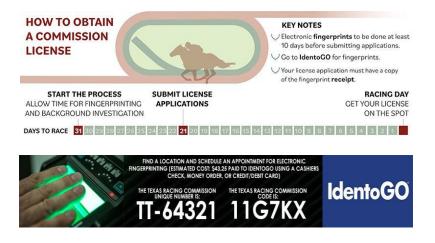
## https://uenroll.identogo.com/workflows/11g7kx

All licensing application must have a copy of the fingerprint receipt, before the Texas Racing Commission will process the application.

For fingerprinting, the following information is needed to make an appointment.

TXRC unique number is TT-64321.
The TXRC code is: 11G7KX.

The estimated cost for fingerprinting at **IdentoGo** is \$43.25. Methods of payment accepted are a cashier's check, money order or credit/debit card.



### SPECIMEN TESTING

The Texas Racing Commission tests specimens include, but are not limited to serum, urine, and hair. All breeds will be subject to hair testing at random or for cause, as determined by the Texas Racing Commission. The Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) is the primary State laboratory that conducts testing of primary samples. The agency maintains discretion for using any accredited laboratory necessary to accomplish proper analysis, including split samples.

## STATE VETERINARY MONITORING OF MORNING TRAINING

State veterinarians have authority to monitor morning training and identify lame horses on the training track. Horses on the training track will be subject to the same evaluation protocol as horses during pre-race exams. Horses must jog past the state veterinarian for 8-10 strides when exiting the training track after exercise. Exercise riders can be asked to jog a questionable horse on the walking path after exercise to confirm a lameness seen on the track. Horses lame after morning training will be identified and placed on the Vet List if appropriate. Any horse that works out for an official time can have blood samples collected post workout.

## WORKOUTS AND FIRST-TIME STARTERS

If a horse has not started in the 60-day period preceding a race, the horse must have one published workout to be eligible to start in that race. If a horse is a first-time starter, the horse must have two (2) published workouts, one of which must be from the starting gate within 90 days, and one must be within the last 60 days of the race entered to be eligible to start in a race. The first-time starter must also be approved from the starting gate by an approved facility for proficiency in the starting gate. The racetrack's starter reserves the right to refuse an approval from another facility. Any horse that has not started a race within the last 365 days must have two (2) published workouts within 60 days preceding the race and an approved letter from the attending veterinarian to be eligible to race.

#### VETERINARIAN'S EXAMS

Pre-race veterinarian examinations for horses stabled on the grounds will be conducted from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. Anyone shipping horses into barns other than the Receiving Barn, must notify the Commission Veterinarians of such barn and stall location. The horse's legs must be unwrapped and clean for this examination. For further information please call the test barn.

All Vet List timed workouts or exams required for race entry must be scheduled 2-3 days in advance by contacting the Chief State Veterinarian, Dr. Steve Bond at (512)529-1546 or the test barn.

## Lip Chains

Trainers will wrap all lip chains with leather or heavy tape wrap. Any part of the chain that contacts the horse's gums or corners of the mouth cannot be bare chain. Lip chains must be attached to provide some relief to the horse from constant chain pressure.

## Ship-in Horses, Lasix & Pre-Race Exams

Any horse(s) shipping into a barn, other than the receiving barn, must notify the TXRC State Vet of the barn location prior to the start of pre-race exams at 9:00 am. Ship-in pre-race exams will be two (2) hours prior to the first post time of the day, however it is strongly encouraged that entered horses be on the premises of the track 24 hours before post to allow appropriate observation times by TXRC Veterinarians. Texas Furosemide Program (Lasix) horses running in early races may need to be on the grounds earlier than listed above. Any ship-in horse not stalled in the receiving barn must come to the test barn for a pre-race exam. Trainers are responsible for securing a veterinarian to administer timely Lasix for their horses. Please contact the test barn for details.