

**491—6.23(99D) Trainers and assistant trainers of racing animals.**

**6.23(1)** All trainers and assistant trainers of racing animals and their employees are subject to the laws of Iowa and the rules promulgated by the commission immediately upon acceptance and occupancy of accommodations from or approved by the facility or upon making entry to run on its track. Trainers, assistant trainers, and their employees shall accept the decision of the commission representative on any and all questions, subject to their right of appeal to the commission.

**6.23(2)** Licensing of trainers and assistant trainers. Eligibility:

*a.* An applicant must be at least 18 years of age to be licensed by the commission as a trainer or assistant trainer.

*b.* An applicant must be qualified, as determined by the commission representative, by reason of experience, background, and knowledge of racing. A trainer's license from another jurisdiction may be accepted as evidence of experience and qualifications. Evidence of qualifications may require, and, if an applicant has previously never been licensed as a trainer or assistant trainer, shall require, four or more of the following:

- (1) Passing a written examination.
- (2) Passing an interview or oral examination.
- (3) Passing a demonstration of practical skills in a "barn test" (horse racing only).
- (4) A minimum of two written statements from licensed trainers during the concurrent race meet attesting to the applicant's character and qualifications.
- (5) Proof the applicant has held a racing participant license of another type for a minimum of two years prior to application.

*c.* An applicant must have a racing animal eligible to race and registered to race at the current race meeting.

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