

491—6.5(99D,99E,99F) Grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of a license or issuance of a fine. The commission or commission representative shall deny an applicant a license or, if a license is already issued, a licensee shall be subject to probation, fine, suspension, revocation, or other disciplinary measures, if the applicant or licensee:

6.5(1) Does not qualify under the following screening policy:

a. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to work in areas where gaming or wagering is conducted.

b. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age to be eligible to be licensed to work for a trainer of racing animals.

c. A license shall be denied if, within the last five years, an applicant has had:

(1) A felony conviction;

(2) A conviction for an offense involving theft or fraudulent practice in excess of \$500;

(3) A conviction for an offense involving the use of an alias in connection with fraud; or

(4) A conviction for an offense involving ownership, operation, or an interest in any bookmaking or other illegal enterprise or if the applicant is or has been connected with or associated with any illegal enterprise.

If the conviction occurred more than five years before application, a license shall not be issued unless the commission representative determines that sufficient evidence of rehabilitation exists.

d. Unless sufficient evidence of rehabilitation exists, a license shall be denied if any applicant has had:

(1) A conviction of a serious or aggravated misdemeanor or the equivalent; or

(2) Multiple convictions of simple misdemeanors.

e. A license shall be temporarily denied or suspended until the outcome of any pending charges is known if conviction would disqualify the applicant and the commission representative determines that the applicant poses an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare of the patrons, participants, or animals associated with a facility licensed under Iowa Code chapter 99D, 99E or 99F.

f. A license shall be denied if the applicant has an addiction to alcohol or a controlled substance without sufficient evidence of rehabilitation, has a history of mental illness without demonstrating successful treatment by a licensed medical physician or physician assistant, or has a history of repeated acts of violence without sufficient evidence of rehabilitation.

g. A license may be temporarily denied or a probationary license may be issued until outstanding, overdue court-ordered obligations are satisfied. These obligations include, but are not limited to, criminal or civil fines, state or federal taxes, or conditions imposed upon the applicant by a court of law that the applicant has failed to meet in a timely manner.

h. A license may be denied if an applicant is ineligible to participate in gaming in another state and it would not be in the best interest of racing or gaming to license the applicant in Iowa. A license shall be denied if an applicant is ineligible to participate in racing in another state whose regulatory agency is recognized by and reciprocates in the actions of this state.

i. A license shall be denied and not reinstated if an applicant has been denied patron privileges by order of the commission.

j. A license shall be denied if the applicant falsifies the application form and would be ineligible for licensure under one or more of the provisions set forth in paragraphs “a” through “i” above. In other cases of falsification, a license may be issued and the applicant shall be subject to a suspension, fine, or both.

k. A license shall be denied if an applicant is not of good repute or moral character. Any evidence concerning a licensee’s current or past conduct, dealings, habits, or associations relevant to that individual’s character or reputation may be considered. The commission representative shall decide what weight and effect evidence shall have in the determination of whether there is substantial evidence that the individual is not of good reputation or character. Applicants who hold positions of higher responsibility may be held to a more stringent standard of conduct and reputation than others with a less significant interest or role.

l. A license shall be denied if the applicant is a board member of an internet fantasy sports contest service provider and is under the age of 21.

6.5(2) Has not demonstrated financial responsibility or has failed to meet any monetary obligation in the following circumstances connected with racing, gaming, sports wagering, or an internet fantasy sports contest:

a. Issuance or passing of bad checks. No person shall write, issue, make, or present any check in payment for any license fee, nomination fee, entry fee, starting fee, or purse payment when that person knows or should reasonably know that the check will be refused for payment by the bank upon which it is written, or that the account upon which it is written does not contain sufficient funds for payment of the check, or that the check is written on a closed or nonexistent account.

b. Judgments. Whenever any person licensed to engage in racing suffers a final judgment entered against that person in any court of competent jurisdiction within the United States, when that judgment is based wholly, or in part, upon an indebtedness incurred by that person for supplies, equipment, or services furnished in connection with racing, the commission representatives shall schedule a hearing at which the licensee shall be required to show cause as to why the license should not be suspended.

c. Timely payment. Should an owner fail to make timely payment of any jockey fee, nomination fee, entry fee, starting fee, or any other reasonable charge normally payable to the facility, the facility shall notify the commission representatives who shall in turn give notice to the owner that a hearing will be held where the owner will be required to show cause why the license should not be suspended for failure to make the required payments.

6.5(3) Has been involved in any fraudulent or corrupt practices, including, but not limited to:

a. Offering, promising, giving, accepting, or soliciting a bribe in any form, directly or indirectly, to or by a person licensed by the commission to violate these rules or the laws of the state related to racing, gaming, sports wagering or internet fantasy sports contests.

b. Failing to report any bribe or solicitation as in 6.5(3) “a” above.

c. Soliciting by any licensee, except the facility, licensed advance deposit sports wagering operator or licensed internet fantasy sports contest service provider of bets by the public.

d. Violation of any law of the state or rule of the commission, or aiding or abetting any person in the violation of any such law or rule.

e. Theft or deceptive practice of any nature on the premises of a facility or in the performance of duties associated with advance deposit sports wagering or internet fantasy sports contests.

f. Giving under oath any false statement or refusing to testify, after proper notice, to the commission representative about any matter regulated by the commission, except in the exercise of a lawful legal privilege.

g. Failing to comply with any request for information or any order or ruling issued by the commission representative pertaining to a racing, gaming, sports wagering or internet fantasy sports contest matter.

h. Disorderly or offensive conduct; use of profane, abusive, or insulting language to, or interference with, commission representatives or racing or gaming officials while they are discharging their duties.

i. Conduct in Iowa or elsewhere that has been dishonest, undesirable, or detrimental to, or reflects negatively on, the integrity or best interests of racing, gaming, sports wagering or internet fantasy sports contests.

j. Illegal sale, possession, receipt, or use of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia; intoxication; use of profanity; fighting; making threatening or intimidating statements; engaging in threatening or intimidating behavior; or any conduct of a disorderly nature on facility premises.

k. Discontinuance of or ineligibility for activity for which the license was issued.

l. Possessing a firearm on facility property without written permission from the commission representative.

m. Improperly influencing or attempting to improperly influence the results of a race, a gambling game, a sporting event that is subject to sports wagering, or an internet fantasy sports contest, singularly or in combination with any person.

n. Failing to report any attempt to improperly influence the result of a race, a gambling game, a sporting event that is subject to sports wagering, or an internet fantasy sports contest as in 6.5(3) “m” above.

o. Having had two rulings related to attempts to affect a race result or odds (rulings for electrical devices, serious positives, for example) in a lifetime or one ruling within the last three years. A license may be issued if one ruling has occurred outside of three years if sufficient evidence of rehabilitation exists. A license may be denied if a lengthy record of rulings from other jurisdictions exists.

p. Possessing any equipment for hypodermic injection, any substance for hypodermic administration, or any container designed to hold an injectable substance (narcotics, medications, drugs, or substances which could be used to alter the speed of racing animals) by anyone other than a veterinarian licensed by the commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subrule, any person may have possession of any chemical or biological substance for the person's own treatment within a restricted area, provided that, if the chemical substance is prohibited from being dispensed without a prescription by any federal law or law of this state, the person is in possession of documentary evidence that a valid prescription has been issued to the person. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subrule, any person may have in possession within any restricted area any hypodermic syringe or needle for the purpose of self-administering to the person a chemical or biological substance, provided that the person has notified the commission representatives of the possession of the device, the size of the device, and the chemical substance to be administered and has obtained written permission for possession and use from the commission representative. A restricted area is a designated area for sample collection, paddock, racetrack, or any other area where officials carry out the duties of their positions.

q. Subjecting an animal to cruel and inhumane treatment by failing to supply it with adequate food, water, medical treatment, exercise, bedding, sanitation, and shelter; or by neglect or intentional act causing an animal to suffer unnecessary pain.

r. Offering or receiving money or other benefit for withdrawing a racing animal from a race.

s. Making a wager for a jockey by any person other than the owner or trainer of the horse ridden by the jockey.

t. Making a wager for a jockey on a horse by an owner or trainer other than that ridden by the jockey. This shall not be construed to include bets on another horse in combination with the horse ridden by the jockey in multiple wagering bets.

u. Offering or giving a jockey money or other benefit concerning a race, except by the owner or trainer of the horse to be ridden.

v. Entering or starting a racing animal known or believed to be ineligible or disqualified.

w. Possessing any device designed to increase or decrease the speed of a racing animal during a race other than an ordinary riding whip without written permission from the commission representative.

x. Communicating with or contacting a person who is voluntarily excluded pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 99D or 99F for gaming-, wagering-, or internet fantasy sports contest-related activities.

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