

**491—10.2(99D) Facilities' responsibilities.**

**10.2(1) *Stalls.*** A facility must ensure racing animals are stabled in individual box stalls; that the stables and immediate surrounding area are maintained in approved sanitary condition at all times; that satisfactory drainage is provided; and that manure and other refuse are kept in separate boxes or containers at locations distant from living quarters and are promptly and properly removed.

**10.2(2) *Paddocks and equipment.*** A facility must ensure that paddocks, starting gates, and other equipment subject to contact by different animals are kept in a clean condition and free of dangerous surfaces.

**10.2(3) *Receiving barn and stalls.*** A facility must provide a conveniently located receiving barn or stalls for the use of horses arriving during the meeting. The barn must have adequate stable room and facilities, hot and cold water, and stall bedding. A facility must employ attendants to operate and maintain the receiving barn or stalls in a clean and healthy condition.

**10.2(4) *Fire safety and prevention.*** The facility must develop and implement a program for fire safety and prevention on facility premises in accordance with applicable state fire codes and with Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority rule 2163—Fire Safety, approved by the Federal Trade Commission, as amended to May 6, 2026. The facility must instruct employees working on facility premises in procedures for fire prevention and evacuation. The facility must, in accordance with state fire codes, prohibit the following:

- a. Smoking in horse stalls, in feed and tack rooms, and in the alleyways.
- b. Sleeping in feed rooms or stalls.
- c. Open fires and oil- or gasoline-burning lanterns or lamps in the stable area.
- d. Leaving any electrical appliance unattended or in unsafe proximity to walls, beds, or furnishings.
- e. Keeping flammable materials, including cleaning fluids or solvents, in the stable area.
- f. Locking a stall that is occupied by a horse.

The facility must post a notice in the stable area that lists the prohibitions outlined in paragraphs 10.2(4) "a" through "f" above.

**10.2(5) *Starting gate.***

a. During racing hours a facility must provide at least two operable padded starting gates that have been approved by the commission.

b. During designated training hours a facility must make at least one starting gate and qualified starting gate employee available for schooling.

c. If a race is started at a place other than in a chute, the facility must 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.

**10.2(6) *Distance markers.*** A facility must provide and maintain starting point markers and distance poles in a size and position that can be clearly seen from the steward's stand. The starting point markers and distance poles will be marked as approved by the stewards.

**10.2(7) *Detention enclosure.*** Each facility must maintain a detention barn or enclosure for use by the commission.

a. The detention barn will be under the supervision of the commission veterinarian.

b. The detention barn will be used for securing samples of urine, saliva, blood, hair, or other bodily substances or tissues for chemical analysis from horses, or any other tests required by the commission.

c. The detention barn must include a wash rack, a commission veterinarian office, a walking ring, at least four stalls, a workroom for the sample collectors with hot and cold running water, refrigeration, and glass observation windows for viewing of the horses from the office and workroom.

d. An owner, trainer, or designated representative licensed by the commission must be with a horse in the detention barn at all times.

e. A security guard must be in attendance at each access to the detention barn as designated by the commission.

f. The building, location, arrangement, furnishings, and facilities are subject to commission approval.

**10.2(8) *Ambulance.*** A facility must maintain, on the premises during every day that its track is open for racing or exercising, an ambulance for humans and an ambulance for horses, equipped according to

prevailing standards and staffed by medical doctors, paramedics, or other personnel trained to operate them. When an ambulance is used for transfer of a horse or patient to medical facilities, a replacement ambulance must be furnished by the facility to comply with this rule.

**10.2(9) Helmets and vests.** Any person on horseback on facility grounds must wear a protective helmet and safety vest that comply with the safety standards for helmets and vests set forth in the most current edition of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rulebook, rule 2293—Equipment, approved by the Federal Trade Commission, as amended to May 6, 2026.

**10.2(10) Racetrack surface and rails.** The surface and rails of a racetrack, including track cushion, subsurface, base, inside rails, and outside rails, must be designed, constructed, and maintained to provide for the safety of the jockeys and horses in accordance with the most current edition of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rulebook, rule 2153—Racetrack Facilities, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), approved by the Federal Trade Commission, as amended to May 6, 2026.

**10.2(11) Films, recordings, and photographs.** A facility must provide:

a. A video or digital recording 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, must be provided in the stewards' stand. The location and construction of video towers must be approved by the commission.

b. One camera, designated by the commission, to record the prerace loading of all horses into the starting gate and to continue to record until the field is dispatched by the starter.

c. One camera, designated by the commission, to record 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.

d. At the discretion of the stewards, video camera operators to record the activities of any horses or persons handling horses prior to, during, or following a race.

e. That races run on an oval track be recorded by at least three video cameras. Races run on a straight course must be recorded by at least two video cameras.

f. Upon request of the commission, without cost, a copy of a video recording or photo finish of a race.

g. That video recordings recorded prior to, during, and following each race be maintained by the facility 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.

h. A viewing room in which, on approval by the stewards, an owner, trainer, jockey, or other interested individual may view a video recording of a race.

i. Following any race in which there is an inquiry or objection, the replays of the incident in question that were utilized by the stewards in making their decision. The facility will display to the public these replays on designated monitors.

**10.2(12) Communications.**

a. Each facility must provide and maintain in good working order a communication system between:

- (1) The stewards' stand;
- (2) The racing office;
- (3) The tote room;
- (4) The jockeys' room;
- (5) The paddock;
- (6) The test barn;
- (7) The starting gate;
- (8) The weigh-in scale;
- (9) The video camera locations;
- (10) The clocker's stand;
- (11) The commission veterinarian;
- (12) The track announcer;
- (13) The location of the ambulances (equine and human); and

(14) Other locations and persons designated by the commission.

*b.* A facility must provide and maintain a public address system capable of clearly transmitting announcements to the patrons and to the stable area.

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