

Part I – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The Idaho State Racing Commission was created to enhance, promote and protect the live race industry in the state of Idaho. Our mission is accomplished through licensing; regulations and supervision of all live and simulcast race meets in this state under the terms of the Horse Racing Act, *Idaho Code*, Title 54, Chapter 25.

The Racing Commission is comprised of three members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for six-year terms. The Executive Director is appointed by the Director of Idaho State Police, who then in turn hires and manages the office staff and part-time regulatory personnel, under the direction of the Idaho State Police. Since February of 2015 the commission has been without an Executive Director. Remaining employees are 2 full time administration persons, (1) seasonal part-time licensing clerk, and (3) three part-time seasonal stewards to perform the day-to-day operations. The Racing Commission’s office is located in Meridian at the Idaho State Police facility. A small satellite office was opened in Blackfoot in late 2021 to better serve the industry as most live horse racing occurs in the southeastern part of our state.

Commission Members:

- Chairman Nikeela Abrams
- Commissioner Scot Ludwig
- Commissioner Matthew Woodington

ISP Director:

Colonel Kedrick Wills

The Idaho State Racing Commission is a dedicated fund agency with its revenue coming from a percentage of the pari-mutuel handle, licensing fees and fines. Revenue is driven by the industry.

Revenues for the Commission have been very low in the past several years due to the closure of the largest track located in the heaviest populated area of the state. During the 2021 regular session of the 65th Idaho Legislature, SB1178 was brought forward by the industry as a way to better fund the Commission. This change amended existing law to provide for a retention of a percentage of advance deposit wagering monies by the Idaho State Racing Commission for racing administration. The legislation passed and was signed by the Governor on May 5th, 2021. The industry continues discussions on other possible revenue streams which will help continue to fund this long held tradition in Idaho alive.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

The Idaho State Racing Commission has authority to prepare and promulgate a complete set of rules and regulations to govern race meets in order to ensure the individuals who participate at race meets will act in the best interest of racing. It is the duty of the Racing Commission to license, regulate, and supervise all race meets held in this state. (Title 54, Chapter 25, *Idaho Code*)

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Racing Commission	\$149,700	\$130,500	\$303,900	\$299,400
Pari-mutuel Distributions \$	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$1,700
Total	\$152,100	\$132,900	\$306,300	\$301,100
Expenditures	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Personnel Costs	\$136,300	\$137,400	\$132,500	\$187,600
Operating Expenditures	\$88,400	\$95,600	\$78,000	\$143,300
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$2,200	\$2,400	\$2,500	\$2,300
Total	\$226,900.00	\$235,400	\$213,000	\$333,200

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Occupational Licenses	\$57,998	\$45,849	\$61,434	\$61,188
Fines	\$2,400	\$2,100	\$1,050	\$1,600

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure		FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Maintain the Integrity of Horse Racing in Idaho						
1. Totalizator Tests - Perform inspection and totalizator tests prior to opening of live race meets to confirm compliance	actual	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2. Enforcement – Complete investigations on licensees	actual	100%	100%	100%	100%	
	target	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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