

**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 65<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Racing Commission	\$303,900	\$299,400	\$305,400	
Pari-mutuel Distributions \$	<u>\$2,400</u>	<u>\$1,700</u>	<u>\$1,700</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$306,300</b>	<b>\$301,100</b>	<b>\$307,100</b>	

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
Personnel Costs	\$132,500	\$187,600	\$203,300	
Operating Expenditures	\$78,000	\$143,300	\$133,700	
Capital Outlay	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	
Trustee/Benefit Payments	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$2,300</u>	<u>\$1,400</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$213,000</b>	<b>\$333,200</b>	<b>\$338,400</b>	

**Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided**

<b>Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
Occupational Licenses	\$61,434	\$61,188	\$54,614	
Fines	\$1,050	\$1,600	\$2,200	

**Part II – Performance Measures**

<b>Maintain the Integrity of Horse Racing in Idaho</b>						
<b><u>Objective 1.1 – Safety:</u></b>	actual	100%	100%	100%		
	target	100%	100%	100%		
<b><u>Performance Measure:</u></b> While performing a comprehensive inspection for pari-mutuel racetracks, the Commission seeks to ensure the facilities at the racetracks and the operations comply fully with the statutes and rules of the Commission. Reports are provided to the Racing Association personnel as well as the Idaho State Racing Commission Personal for review/and suggestions.						
<b><u>Objective 1.2 – Owners and Trainers:</u></b>	actual	100%	100%	100%		
	target	100%	100%	100%		
<b><u>Performance Measure:</u></b> Any licensees providing false information on their application may have their license suspended or revoked and could be fined by the Commission. Commission staff meets with licensees to interview and document pertinent information regarding licensee.						
<b><u>Objective 1.3 – Race Meet</u></b>	actual	100%	100%	100%		
	target	100%	100%	100%		
<b><u>Performance Measures:</u></b> 1. Jockeys must have a physical performed prior to being licensed and must provide a doctor's release after any incident. Jockey's will provide the required documentation to the Racing Commission prior to racing.						

<p>2. Horses and jockeys will submit to urine and blood tests as required by the State Vet or the Board of Stewards.</p> <p>3. Horses are free from any forbidden medication or drugs prior to races.</p> <p>4. All races are monitored by State Stewards and are recorded for the fair and equitable treatment of all parties and are scrutinized to identify any possible illegal practices.</p>						
<p><b>Objective 1.4 – Rules</b></p> <p><b>Performance Measure:</b> Investigate all rule infractions and sanction penalties as required for violations. Continually review IDAPA rules for improvement/updates.</p>	actual	100%	100%	100%		
	target	100%	100%	100%		
<p><b>PROMOTE CLEAR COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC</b></p>						
<p><b>Objective 2.1: <u>Develop and present a unified, well-organized image to the public. Continue to provide the public with opportunities for input regarding the integrity of rule enforcement at Commission meetings, as well as participating in other opportunities to interact with horseman’s groups, tracks and breed associations as needed.</u></b></p> <p><b>Performance Measure:</b> The Commission holds quarterly and special open meetings for the public to attend. All meetings are made available to attend virtually as well as posted on the Commission website and Town Hall Idaho. At quarterly Commission meetings, PUBLIC COMMENTS regarding items on the agenda is added to encourage input from racing industry.</p>	actual	100%	100%	100%		
	target	100%	100%	100%		
<p><b>CHART THE FINANCIAL FUTURE OF THE IDAHO STATE RACING COMMISSION.</b></p>						
<p><b>Objective 3.1: <u>Operate the Idaho State Racing Commission in the most cost-effective manner.</u></b></p> <p><b>Performance Measure:</b> The Commission Office located in Meridian has downsized in office space and opened a small office on the Eastern side of the state to be more available to horsemen and closer to the racetracks, as we run mostly all races in Southeastern Idaho.</p>	actual	100%	100%	100%		
	target	100%	100%	100%		

