

The following rule changes take effect on October 19, 2015.

§309.365. Breakage.

New rule §309.365 requires a greyhound racing association to pay fifty percent of the breakage from a live pari-mutuel pool or a simulcast pari-mutuel pool to the Texas Greyhound Association. The rule also specifies that the greyhound racing association will retain the remaining fifty percent of the breakage.

§311.101 Horse Owners

The amendments allow an applicant for a Trainer's or Assistant Trainer's license to also obtain a Horse Owner's license if the person states an intention to own horses during the term of the license. The amendments also delete the requirement that an applicant provide a Social Security Number in order to acquire an emergency owner's license.

§311.102 Greyhound Owners

The amendment deletes the requirement that an applicant provide a Social Security Number in order to acquire an emergency owner's license.

§311.216 Conduct in Stable Area

The amendment to §311.216 changes an existing reference to safety equipment so it refers instead to the standards of new §311.218, Safety Equipment.

§311.218. Safety Equipment.

New rule §311.218, Safety Equipment, adopts the safety equipment standards established by ARCI.

§313.405 Whips and Other Equipment

The amendment changes existing descriptions of safety equipment in the rule so that it refers instead to the standards of new §311.218, Safety Equipment.

§313.406 Colors and Number

The amendment changes existing descriptions of safety equipment in the rule so that it refers instead to the standards of new §311.218, Safety Equipment. In addition, the amendment provides the stewards with the authority to waive the head number requirement for Quarter Horses, Paints, and Appaloosas in the case of equipment failure, missing equipment, or in the interest of safety.

§315.111. Schooling.

The amendment provides that all schooling races shall be at a distance of no less than three-sixteenths of a mile unless otherwise approved by the judges.

§319.1. Purpose and Definitions.

The amendment adds to the definition of a "prohibited drug, chemical or other substance" by including those substances present in a race animal in excess of concentrations at which such substances could occur naturally.

The following rule changes take effect on November 2, 2015.

§311.1 Occupational Licenses

The amendment to §311.1 deletes language stating that an individual who enters an animal into a race is deemed to be a participant in racing.

§311.104 Trainers

The amendment to §311.104 allows an unlicensed trainer to enter a horse or greyhound into a race, but also requires the trainer to obtain a license one hour prior to the post time of the first race of the day in which the trainer intends to race the horse or greyhound.

§313.110. Coupled Entries

The amendment eliminates the \$50,000 threshold for horses with common ownership interests to run as separate betting interests in stakes races.

§321.322. Triple Trifecta.

New rule 321.322, Triple Trifecta, creates a new wager based on the correct selection of the first three race animals, in order, in three successive races.