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February 11, 2026

Via Email Only

Re: Proposed amendment to 810 KAR 3:020: Licensing of racing participants.

Dear all:

Pursuant to KRS 13A.255(2), please allow this letter to serve as notice that the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation ("KHRG") has filed a proposed amendment to 810 KAR 3:020. The amendment raises or introduces certain Kentucky licensing fees that were not previously defined or were outdated given the changing horse racing industry in Kentucky.

The KHRG Board of Directors approved the adoption of this proposed amendment at its special meeting on December 16, 2025.

KRS 230.215(2) and 230.310(1) authorize KHRG to promulgate regulations to regulate conditions under which horse racing shall be conducted in Kentucky and to establish licensing requirements for participation in horse racing. Among the changes introduced by this regulation amendment are the creation of a few fees in categories that did not previously exist and the increase of certain other fees to reflect the changing landscape of horse racing in Kentucky. For example, certain licensing fees for quarter horse racing participants have been changed to more closely align with licensing fees for other breeds. Licensing fees are necessary to allow KHRG to effectively administer horse racing licensing regulations in Kentucky. Horse breeds with more racing in the state require higher fees to administer than breeds with less racing.

If this regulation is not found deficient, then the licensing fees defined by this regulation will be as follows (changed fees are bolded and highlighted – green for new fees, light blue for increased fees):

Revised Licensure Fee Chart				
	Thoroughbred	Standardbred	Quarter Horse	Other Breeds
AAHP Animal Chiropractor	\$100	\$100	\$50	\$50
AAHP Equine Dental Provider	\$100	\$100	\$50	\$50
Assistant Trainer	\$150	\$125	\$50 (from \$35)	\$35
Association Employee	\$25	\$25	\$25 (from \$10)	\$10
Claiming	\$150	N/A	N/A	N/A
Driver	N/A	\$125	N/A	N/A
Driver/Trainer	N/A	\$125	N/A	N/A
Equine Therapist	\$50	\$50	\$50 (from \$25)	\$25
Exercise Rider	\$10	N/A	\$10	N/A
Farm Manager	\$50	\$50	\$50 (from \$25)	\$25
Farrier	\$100	\$100	\$50 (from \$35)	\$35
Farrier Apprentice	\$50	\$50	\$50 (from \$25)	\$25
Jockey	\$150	N/A	\$50 (from \$35)	\$35
Jockey Agent	\$150	N/A	\$50 (from \$35)	\$35
Jockey Apprentice	\$100	N/A	\$50 (from \$35)	\$35
Matinee Driver	N/A	\$125	N/A	N/A
Mutuel Employee	\$50	\$50	\$25 (from \$20)	\$20
Owner	\$150	\$125	\$50 (from \$35)	\$35
Owner/Assistant Trainer	\$150	\$125	\$50 (from \$35)	\$35
Owner/Driver	N/A	\$125	N/A	N/A
Owner (Temporary)	\$150	\$125	\$50 (from \$35)	\$35
Owner/Trainer	\$150	\$125	\$50 (from \$35)	\$35
Owner/Trainer/Driver	N/A	\$125	N/A	N/A
Racing Official	\$100	\$100	\$50 (from \$35)	\$35
Special Event Employee	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Stable Agent	\$50	\$50	N/A	N/A
Stable Employee	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Steeplechase Jockey	\$150	N/A	N/A	N/A
Trainer	\$150	\$125	\$50 (from \$35)	\$35
Vendor	\$50	\$50	\$50 (from \$25)	\$25
Vendor Employee	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Veterinarian	\$150	\$125	\$50 (from \$35)	\$35
Veterinary Assistant	\$50	\$50	\$25	\$25
Veterinary Tech	\$50	\$50	\$25	\$25
Military Spouse - any category			Exempt	

A copy of the proposed amendment to 810 KAR 3:020 is attached.

A public hearing on these administrative regulations shall be held at 9:30 AM on February 24, 2026, at 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through 11:59 PM on February

28, 2026. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person below.

Please contact KHRG using the contact information below or in the document letterhead if you would like additional information about this proposed amendment.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Best regards,

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Distributed to representatives of equine and racing organizations across Kentucky, including the following groups:

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