

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
TITLE 4. CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS  
DIVISION 4. CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
ARTICLE 4. OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RULE 1500, APPRENTICE JOCKEY

1500. APPRENTICE JOCKEY.

(a) An apprentice jockey is a race rider who has ridden less than 40 winners or less than two years since first having been licensed in any racing jurisdiction, and who otherwise meets the license qualifications of a jockey.

(b) The apprenticeship of an apprentice jockey shall automatically terminate one year from the date of ~~the his or her fifth~~ tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) winning ride of the apprentice jockey, or on the date of ~~the his or her~~ (40<sup>th</sup>) winning ride of the apprentice jockey, whichever comes later. No apprenticeship shall extend for more than two years from the date of the ~~fifth~~ tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) winning mount, except for good cause the Board may extend the termination date of an apprenticeship or amend the conditions under which the apprenticeship is granted.

(c) Any combination of Thoroughbred, Appaloosa, Arabian or Paint races at authorized race meetings in the United States, Canada or Mexico, which are reported in the Daily Racing Form or other recognized racing publications, shall be considered in determining eligibility for license as an apprentice jockey; provided, however, that any person who has ridden as a licensed jockey in any racing jurisdiction shall have the burden to establish that the granting of an apprentice jockey license to him or her is in the best interest of the rider and of Thoroughbred, Appaloosa, Arabian or Paint racing in this State. Nothing herein shall prohibit an apprentice jockey contract between the apprentice and a qualified employer.

(d) An applicant for apprentice jockey may be prohibited from riding until the stewards or the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB/Board) have sufficient opportunity (not to exceed 14 days) to verify the applicant's previous riding experience.

(e) The conditions of an apprentice jockey license do not apply to quarter horse racing. A jockey's performances in quarter horse racing do not apply to the conditions of an apprentice jockey license.

(f) An individual seeking to become an apprentice jockey may obtain an apprentice certificate by submitting a form provided by the Board and obtaining approval from the stewards. An individual

shall not receive more than one apprentice license. In case of emergencies, a copy of the original certificate may be obtained from a CHRB office.

(g) An applicant with an apprentice certificate approved by the stewards may be licensed as an apprentice jockey. The apprentice certificate will grant an apprentice jockey all the allowances and conditions as stated in this rule, and Rule 1619, Apprentice Jockey Allowance.

(h) An apprentice jockey that has ridden less than ten (10) winners may not accept mounts on two-year-olds, first time starters, or in turf races, without the prior approval of the stewards.

(i) The apprentice jockey will be responsible to have their apprentice certificate with them at all times. Prior to riding, the apprentice certificate will be submitted to the clerk of scales at each racing association in which the apprentice is licensed and riding.

(j) If an apprentice jockey is unable to ride for a period of seven (7) consecutive days or more after the date of their tenth (10th) winning mount because of service in the national armed forces, enrollment in an institution of secondary or higher education, restrictions on racing, physical disablement or illness, or pregnancy, the stewards or CHRB may extend the time during which such apprentice weight allowance may be claimed for a period not to exceed the period such apprentice jockey was unable to ride. An extension may be granted for other reasons that may be acceptable to the Board. The Board and stewards may grant extensions to apprentice licenses and certificates which they have issued. All other requests for extensions shall be directed to the jurisdiction that approved the apprentice license or certificate.

(1) An apprentice jockey can submit an Apprentice Jockey Extension Form CHRB-248 (New 08/22), which is hereby incorporated by reference, to a CHRB licensing office if they meet the requirements of subsection (j).

Authority: Sections 19440 and 19460  
Business and Professions Code

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ARTICLE 6. ENTRIES AND DECLARATIONS  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RULE 1619, APPRENTICE JOCKEY ALLOWANCE

1619. APPRENTICE JOCKEY ALLOWANCE.

An apprentice jockey shall be allowed the following weight allowances in all ~~Thoroughbred, Appaloosa, Arabian and Paint~~ races; except stake and handicap races, and pursuant to Rule 1500(d):

~~(a) Ten pound allowance beginning with the first mount and continuing until the apprentice has ridden five winners.~~

~~(b)~~ (7) A seven (7) pound allowance beginning with their first mount and continuing until the apprentice jockey has ridden an additional 35 ten (10) winners; and

~~(c)~~ (5) A five (5) pound allowance from their tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) winner and until the apprentice jockey has ridden a total of forty (40) winners, or for one year, whichever comes later. If an apprentice has ridden a total of 40 winners prior to the end of a period of one year from the date of riding their fifth winner, they shall have an allowance of five pounds until the end of that year.

~~(d)~~ If after one year from the date of his or her fifth their tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) winning mount the apprentice jockey has not ridden a total of forty (40) winners, from the date of their first winning mount, they may continue to ride with a five (5) pound weight allowance for one more year from the date of their tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) winning mount or until they have ridden forty (40) winners, the applicable weight allowance shall continue for one more year or until the date of the 40<sup>th</sup> winner, whichever comes first.

~~(e)~~ An apprentice jockey allowance may be waived with consent of the steward's permission at the time of entry by the trainer or the trainer's designee.

~~(f)~~ In no event may an apprentice jockey allowance be claimed by more than 2 (two) years from the date of the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) winning mount, unless an extension has been granted by the stewards or the CHRB pursuant to CHRB Rule 1500 (j).

Authority:       Section 19562  
                      Business and Professions Code

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
CHRB-248 (New 08/22)

## APPRENTICE JOCKEY EXTENSION FORM

Date:

To:

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby request an extension of my jockey apprentice allowance for the following reason(s):

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Service in the National Armed Forces.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Enrollment in an Institution of Secondary or Higher Education.                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Restrictions on Racing.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Physical Disablement, Illness, or Pregnancy.                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other reason which may be acceptable to the CHRB. (Provide explanation below) |

My jockey apprentice allowance expires on:   
(DATE)

Total number of calendar days I was unable to ride and requested as an extension in this application:

If due to Restrictions on Racing, please explain:

Name(s) of Steward(s) at track:

If due Physical Disablement, Illness, or Pregnancy, please explain:

Note to applicant: No request for extension due to Physical Disablement, Illness, or Pregnancy will be considered by the Commission without a confirming report from your doctor. Be sure to secure letters from attending physicians stating nature and extent of injury, date, etc. and names of stewards presiding at meeting where you were injured or became ill.

I was examined at the time by:  on   
(NAME OF PHYSICIAN) (DATE)

(ADDRESS OF EXAMINING PHYSICIAN)

I was examined and declared fit to ride by  on   
(NAME OF PHYSICIAN) (DATE)

(ADDRESS OF EXAMINING PHYSICIAN)

Attached is a letter from my physician verifying above facts.

If applicable, my apprentice contract expires on  with   
(DATE) (NAME OF CONTRACT HOLDER)

Respectfully submitted by,

(PRINT FULL NAME)

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)