

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS  
TITLE 4. BUSINESS REGULATIONS  
DIVISION 4. CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
ARTICLE 6. ENTRIES AND DECLARATIONS  
RULE 1632. JOCKEY'S RIDING FEE

EXPLANATION OF CHANGES WITHOUT REGULATORY EFFECT

Business and Professions Code section 19501(b)(1) requires that, after January 1, 2012, whenever the state minimum wage is increased, the scale of minimum jockey riding fees for losing mounts be increased by the percentage of that increase. Labor Code section 1182.12(b)(1)(F) adjusts the minimum wage on January 1, 2026, to sixteen dollars and ninety cents (\$16.90) per hour for all employers not otherwise covered by a higher minimum wage specific to an industry or a locality. Minimum wage increases are subject to certain conditions. However, those conditions are not applicable to this increase to \$16.90 per hour, pursuant to subsection (d). The increase to \$16.90 per hour represents an increase of approximately 2.424 percent (see calculations below) over the \$16.50 per hour set for the year 2025. Therefore, the scale of minimum jockey riding fees for losing mounts must be increased by that percentage.

The amendment to California Horse Racing Board (Board) Rule 1632, Jockey's Riding Fee, will increase the scale of minimum jockey riding fees for losing mounts on January 1, 2026, by approximately 2.424 percent over the scale set for the year 2025. This change is required by law. The change does not materially alter any requirement, right, responsibility, condition, prescription, or other regulatory element of any California Code of Regulations provision. The revision is a "change without regulatory effect" that makes a regulatory provision consistent with a change in California statute, whereby the regulatory provision is inconsistent with and superseded by the change in statute, and the Board has no discretion to adopt a change that differs in substance from the one chosen.

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Minimum wage (dollars per hour), 2025: \$16.50  
Minimum wage (dollars per hour), 2026: \$16.90  
Dollar Amount Increase: \$16.90 - \$16.50 = \$0.40  
Percentage Increase: \$0.40 / \$16.50 = 0.02424

	2025		2026
<u>Gross Purse</u>	<u>Losing Mount</u>	<u>Increase for 2026 (rounded)</u>	<u>Losing Mount</u>
\$100,000 and up	\$278.41	$\$278.41 \times 0.02424 = \$6.75$	$\$278.41 + \$6.75 = \$285.16$
\$50,000–\$99,999	\$226.84	$\$226.84 \times 0.02424 = \$5.50$	$\$226.84 + \$5.50 = \$232.34$
\$25,000–\$49,999	\$195.91	$\$195.91 \times 0.02424 = \$4.75$	$\$195.91 + \$4.75 = \$200.66$
\$15,000–\$24,999	\$175.26	$\$175.26 \times 0.02424 = \$4.25$	$\$175.26 + \$4.25 = \$179.51$
\$10,000–\$14,999	\$164.97	$\$164.97 \times 0.02424 = \$4.00$	$\$164.97 + \$4.00 = \$168.97$
Less than \$10,000	\$154.67	$\$154.67 \times 0.02424 = \$3.75$	$\$154.67 + \$3.75 = \$158.42$