

HISTORY OF THE RACING COMMISSION

The Legislature passed the Idaho Horse Racing Act on March 5, 1963. The purpose of the Act was to authorize and regulate horse racing and pari-mutuel betting on horse races. Provisions of the Idaho Horse Racing Act are administered and regulated by a three-member Commission appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Members are appointed for alternating six-year terms.

The Idaho State Racing Commission employs a Director, appointed by the Commissioners and 2 secretaries to perform the day-to-day operations of the Commission. The Director appoints State Stewards, State Judges, Veterinarians, Mutuel Inspectors, and Licensing Clerks to insure honest, efficient operation of the pari-mutuel system and to insure compliance with the racing rules and the Idaho Racing Act.

The Commission has authority to prepare and promulgate a complete set of rules and regulations to govern race meets in order to assure the individuals who participate at race meets will act in the best interest of racing. The Commission also approves the calendar of racing days at each track.

In 1969, the Act was amended, changing the name of the Idaho Horse Racing Committee to the Idaho State Horse Racing Commission. The amendment strengthened the Commission, giving it power to suspend or revoke licenses or levy fines for violations of the Act. Furthermore, the amendment states that all hearings are subject to the Administrative Procedures Act and that "all law enforcement officers in the State shall assist in the enforcement of this act and the rules and regulations of the Commission."

The Commission was placed under the administration of the

Department of Law Enforcement when the Idaho State Government was reorganized in July 1974. Although the Department has little or no control over the Commission, the Commission is still organized under the Department of Law Enforcement.

The Commission is funded by receipts from occupational license fees, fines, and 1-1/4% tax on the pari-mutuel handle.

The Breed Fund account was established by the Idaho Legislature authorizing one half of one percent (.50%) of the daily handle to be distributed to the lawfully constituted representatives of each breed, to benefit owners and/or breeders of Idaho bred racing horses.

The Small Track Fund Account was established by the Idaho Legislature authorizing one half of one percent (.50%) of the daily handle from each racetrack is distributed to the small tracks in Idaho to assist in their support. All Idaho race tracks contribute to this fund and share in its distribution based on their individual number of race days. Tracks whose average daily handle of less than \$60,000 shall be recipients of this fund. Les Bois Park is the exception, in that they contribute but are not a recipient of annual funds, due to the fact that Les Bois Park pari-mutuel handle grosses in excess of \$60,000 a race day.

Idaho Code, Chapter 25, Section 54-2508 states each licensed racetrack pays to the Commission a fee of \$25.00 for each day of racing, which is placed in the public school income fund of the State. Idaho Code, Chapter 25, Section 54-2514, dictates that fairboards or fair districts which conduct race meetings in connection with regularly scheduled annual fairs shall be exempt from payment of these fees.

During March 1980 the distribution formula for the pari-mutuel handle was changed. The significant changes include increases in the percentage for the race track and establishment

of percentages for breeder associations and small track sponsors. The following table illustrates these changes as set forth in IDAHO CODE, § 54-2513.

DISTRIBUTION OF WAGERED MONEY

PRIOR TO MARCH 1980

(TAKE OUT 17%)

Daily Handle	Owners & Breeders of Idaho Bred Horses	Horse Racing Comm.	Race Track	Public Schools	Returned to Pool Winners
To \$20,000	1/2%	1-1/4%	15-1/4%	0%	83%
\$20,000-\$30,000	1/2%	1-1/4%	14%	1-1/4%	83%
\$30,000-\$40,000	1/2%	1-1/4%	13%	2-1/4%	83%
\$40,000-\$50,000	1/2%	1-1/4%	12%	3-1/4%	83%
Over \$50,000	1/2%	1-1/4%	11%	4-1/4%	83%

DISTRIBUTION OF WAGERED MONEY

AFTER MARCH 1980

(TAKE OUT 20%)

Daily Handle	Breeder Assoc.	Sponsor Assoc.	Racing Comm.	Race Track	Public School	Return to Pool Winners
To \$20,000	1/2%	1/2%	1-1/4%	17-3/4%	0%	80%
\$20,000-\$30,000	1/2%	1/2%	1-1/4%	17-1/2%	1/4%	80%

\$30,000 \$40,000	1/2%	1/2%	1-1/4%	16-1/2%	1-1/4%	80%
Over \$40,000	1/2%	1/2%	1-1/4%	15-1/2%	2-1/4%	80%

In 1987, the Act was amended, changing the name of the Idaho State Horse Racing Commission to the Idaho State Racing Commission. The amendment was needed to allow greyhound racing which began in August 1988.

The 1988 Legislature amended Idaho code 54-2513 for 1% of the various pools to be deposited in the Idaho Centennial Futurity account for the 1990 Centennial year.

GREYHOUND DISTRIBUTION OF WAGERED MONEY
AFTER 1987
(TAKE OUT 20.5%)

Daily Handle	Owner/ Breeder	County Fund	Racing Comm.	Public School	Return to Pool Winners
To \$20,000	1/2%	1%	1-1/4%	0%	79%
\$20,000\$ 30,000	1/2%	1%	1-1/4%	1/4%	79%
\$30,000 \$40,000	1/2%	1%	1-1/4%	1-1/4%	79%
Over \$40,000	1/2%	1%	1-1/4%	2-1/4%	79%

HORSE % DISTRIBUTION OF WAGERED MONEY

AFTER 1987

(TAKE OUT 21%)

Daily Handle	Breeder Assoc.	Small Track	Racing Comm.	Centennial	Public School	Return to Pool Winners
To \$20,000	1/2%	1/2%	1-1/4%	1%	0%	79%
\$20,000-\$30,000	1/2%	1/2%	1-1/4%	1%	1/4%	79%
\$30,000-\$40,000	1/2%	1/2%	1-1/4%	1%	1-1/4%	79%
Over \$40,000	1/2%	1/2%	1-1/4%	1%	2-1/4%	79%

In the 1990 legislative session, the Legislature passed Idaho Code § 54-2512 providing for simulcasting of racing events that take place in other locations. The distribution of deposits of the pari-mutuel bets in simulcasting are the same as live meet distributions.

On April 12, 1990 Title 54, Chapter 25 Section 13, Idaho Code, was amended to provide for distribution of certain receipts to the Equine Education account. Chapter 8, Title 57, Idaho Code was amended by the addition of a new section 54-2514 to create the Equine Education Account. The Equine Education Fund was appropriated only to the University of Idaho for its veterinary science program to enhance and forward the work conducted at the northwest equine reproduction laboratory. The act was in full force and effect on and after July 1, 1991.

HORSE % DISTRIBUTION OF WAGERED MONEY

1990

(TAKE OUT 21%)

Daily Handle	Breeder Assoc.	Small Track	Racing Comm.	Public School And Equine	Return to Pool Winners
To \$20,000	1/2%	1/2%	1-1/4%	0%	79%
\$20,000-\$30,000	1/2%	1/2%	1-1/4%	1/4%	79%
\$30,000-\$40,000	1/2%	1/2%	1-1/4%	1-1/4%	79%
Over \$40,000	1/2%	1/2%	1-1/4%	2-1/4%	79%

GREYHOUND DISTRIBUTION OF WAGERED MONEY

AFTER 1990

(TAKE OUT 23%)

Daily Handle	Owner/Breeder	County Fund	Racing Comm.	Public School	Return to Pool Winners
To \$20,000	1/2%	1%	1-1/4%	0%	77%
\$20,000-\$30,000	1/2%	1%	1-1/4%	1/4%	79%
\$30,000-\$40,000	1/2%	1%	1-1/4%	1-1/4%	79%
Over \$40,000	1/2%	1%	1-1/4%	2-1/4%	79%

The Idaho State Racing Commission maintains a membership with the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI). As a member of the ARCI the Commission can obtain

information through their information system on licensees and disciplinary proceedings of other racing commissions that are also members. In 1992 the Commission implemented the ARCI reciprocal licensing recommendation.

The following tables show the growth or decline of the State of Idaho racing industry.

LIVE HORSE

GROWTH OF RACING BY RACING DAYS AND MONEY WAGERED

Calendar Year	Racing Days	Total Handle	Average Daily Handle
1964	48	\$ 608,634	\$12,680
1965	58	741,288	12,781
1966	76	1,233,524	16,231
1967	84	1,952,329	22,342
1968	81	2,027,880	25,036
1969	79	2,255,362	28,549
1970	111	4,115,511	37,068
1971	124	5,540,647	44,683
1972	125	6,505,314	52,043
1973	107	5,877,890	54,934
1974	118	6,558,060	55,577
1975	131	7,376,737	56,311
1976	127	8,155,840	64,219
1977	120	9,308,382	77,570
1978	127	10,900,965	85,835

1979	135	11,842,473	87,722
1980	128	10,057,040	78,571
1981	127	11,052,755	87,030
1982	115	10,062,552	87,500
1983	127	10,765,249	84,766
1984	112	8,912,958	79,580
1985	104	9,114,942	87,644
1986	106	9,203,123	86,822
1987	113	9,883,728	87,466
1988	127	9,747,914	76,755
1989	119	8,276,080	69,547
1990	113	8,209,497	72,650
1991	111	8,057,061	72,586
1992	110	8,232,409	74,840
1993	110	8,009,082	72,809
1994	108	7,280,733	67,414
1995	106	6,882,780	64,932
1996	99	6,142,046	62,041
1997	82	5,432,000	66,244
1998	87	4,721,513	54,270
1999	82	Not Complete	

LIVE GREYHOUND

GROWTH OF RACING BY DAYS AND MONEY WAGERED

Calendar Year	Racing Days	Total Handle	Average Daily Handle
1988	108	\$10,223,980	\$94,666
1989	306	22,728,393	74.764

1990	308	20,005,267	64,952
1991	307	19,275,115	62,785
1992	303	20,380,907	67,263
1993	303	18,795,055	62,029
1994	413	15,281,621	37,002
1995	325	10,171,798	31,298

In 1995 the Coeur d'Alene Greyhound Park closed it's doors. The Legislature passed int law a bill on banning live Greyhound racing in the State of Idaho. A sunset clause was included in that bill to eliminate the simulcasting of greyhound racing from other states into Idaho by July 1, 1999. Legislation was passed in 1999 to eliminate the sunset clause so simulcast of greyhound races could continue.