

Sec. 12-574-A37. Apprentice jockeys

(a) Contracts.

(1) Apprentice jockeys shall be bound by all the rules for jockeys, except insofar as said rules may be in conflict with the following specific regulations for apprentices.

(2) Apprentice contracts entered into in the state of Connecticut must be made on forms supplied by the commission, and a copy shall be filed with the commission.

(3) A copy of all apprentice contracts, wherever entered into, must be filed with the commission.

(4) If an apprentice contract is transferred, said transfer must be approved by the stewards and registered with the commission by both the transferor and the transferee.

(5) No person shall be allowed to hold a contract on a jockey or apprentice jockey unless he be in control or possession of such a stable of horses as would, in the opinion of the stewards of the meeting, where the jockey or apprentice jockey makes application for license, warrant the employment of a contract jockey or apprentice jockey.

(6) An application for a license as apprentice jockey shall be accompanied by:

(A) An original, a notarized or photostatic copy of his agreement with his contract employer, and

(B) written proof of at least one year of service with a racing stable, and

(C) birth certificate or satisfactory evidence of the date of birth, and

(D) the fee required by the act.

(7) An apprentice jockey shall not be permitted to ride for any other than his contract employer, without said employer's consent.

(b) Age limit; agreements; allowances.

(1) Any person between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-five (25) years, who has never previously been licensed as a jockey in any country, and who has of his own free will and if underage, with the written consent of his parents or guardian, bound himself to an owner or trainer for a term of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) years (subject to written extension if made for less than five (5) years) by written contract approved by and filed with the commission, and after at least one (1) year service with a racing stable, may claim in all overnight races except handicaps, the following allowances:

(A) Ten (10) pounds until he has ridden five (5) winners and seven (7) pounds until he has ridden an additional thirty (30) winners; if he has ridden thirty-five (35) winners prior to the end of one (1) year from the date of riding his fifth (5) winner, he shall have an allowance of five (5) pounds until the end of that year.

(B) After the completion of conditions above, for one (1) year he may claim three (3) pounds when riding horses owned or trained by his original contract employer provided his contract has not been permanently transferred or sold since his first winner.

(2) Qualifications of contract employers. All holders of apprentice contracts shall be subject to investigation as to character, ability, facilities and financial responsibility and shall, at the time of making the contract, own in good faith a minimum of three (3) horses in training or, if a trainer, shall operate in good faith a stable of at least three (3) horses.

(3) Specifications for contracts. Contracts for apprentice jockeys shall provide for fair remuneration, adequate medical attention and suitable board and lodging for the apprentice.

(4) Under exceptional circumstances, such as inability of an apprentice to ride because

of services in the armed forces of the United States, personal injuries in the conduct of his duty, restrictions on racing, or other valid reasons which interfere with the allowance of one (1) year from riding his fifth winner or the three (3) year period in riding thirty-five (35) winners, the commission may extend the terms of the contract and the allowances provided by the rules of racing.

(5) The commission shall take jurisdiction on applications for extension in cases where personal injuries in the conduct of his duty and restrictions on racing occurred at tracks licensed by the commission.

(6) All other extensions must be acted on by the commission with which the original contract was filed.

(A) Any applicant for an apprentice jockey license, who has served in the armed forces of the United States while between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-five (25) years of age, and previous to having been licensed as an apprentice jockey, shall have the twenty-five (25) year maximum extended for the length of time he served in the armed forces of the United States.

(7) A licensed apprentice who loses his apprentice allowance for any reason shall obtain a jockey license before being permitted to ride again. Jockey or apprentice jockey must continue with his jockey agent until he notifies the board of stewards, in writing, of change of his agent.

(8) An owner or trainer shall be in control of at least three (3) horses in order to hold an apprentice jockey's contract.

(c) **Fees.** Any apprentice or contract rider shall be entitled to the regular jockey fees, except when riding a horse owned in part or solely by his contract holder. An interest in the winnings only (such as trainer's percent) shall not constitute ownership.