

230.310 License for participants in horse racing, sports wagering, or charitable gaming. (Effective July 15, 2026)

- (1) (a) Every person not required to be licensed under KRS 230.300 who desires to participate in horse racing in the Commonwealth as a horse owner, trainer, jockey, apprentice jockey, agent, stable employee, racing official, association employee, or employee of a person or concern contracting with the association to provide a service or commodity and which requires their presence on association grounds during a race meeting, or veterinarian, farrier, horse dentist, or supplier of food, tack, medication, or horse feed, or in any other capacity as the corporation may establish by administrative regulation, shall first apply to the corporation for a license to participate in the activity on association grounds during a race meeting. A person required to be licensed by this section shall not participate in any activity required to be licensed on association grounds during a race meeting without a valid license therefor.
 - (b) An applicant for a license shall submit to the corporation fingerprints as may be required and other information necessary and reasonable for processing a license application. The corporation is authorized to exchange fingerprint data with the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in order to conduct a criminal history background check of an applicant.
 - (c) The corporation may issue a license if it finds that the financial responsibility, age, experience, reputation, competence, and general fitness of the applicant to perform the activity permitted by a license are consistent with the best interest of racing and the maintenance of the honesty, integrity, and high quality thereof.
- (2) (a) Every person who desires to participate in sports wagering in the Commonwealth working in a licensed facility for sports wagering, directly supervising individuals who have the capability of affecting the outcome of sports wagering, or having the capability to affect the outcome of sports wagering through deployment of code to production for any critical component of a sports wagering system or the capability to deploy code to production shall first apply to the corporation for a valid occupational license to participate in that activity.
 - (b) An applicant for an occupational license shall submit to the corporation fingerprints as may be required and other information necessary and reasonable for processing a license application. The corporation is authorized to exchange fingerprint data with the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in order to conduct a criminal history background check of an applicant.
 - (c) The corporation may issue a license if it finds that the financial responsibility, age, experience, reputation, competence, and general fitness of the applicant to perform the activity permitted by a license are consistent with the best interest of sports wagering in the Commonwealth, and the maintenance of the honesty, integrity, and high quality thereof.

- (3) (a) As used in this subsection:
1. "Affiliate" means an entity that is owned or controlled in whole or in part by the licensee; and
 2. "Beneficial interest" means participation in the proceeds of charitable gaming either as a licensee, operator, or charitable recipient of the proceeds of the charity or foundation that receives proceeds.
- (b) An association or track that holds a license to conduct racing under this chapter, or its affiliate, shall not hold a license to conduct charitable gaming under KRS Chapter 238 or have a beneficial interest in the proceeds of charitable gaming.
- (c) This subsection shall not prevent an association or track that holds a license to conduct racing under this chapter, or its affiliate, from:
1. Leasing space to a charitable organization or nonprofit organization at a commercially reasonable rate; or
 2. Conducting raffles or other special limited charity fundraising events as authorized by the corporation.
- (d) Every person who desires to be licensed to participate in charitable gaming shall first meet the standards of this chapter and the standards established in KRS Chapter 238.
- (e) The corporation may issue a license if it finds that the financial responsibility, age, experience, reputation, competence, and general fitness of the applicant to perform the activity permitted by a license are consistent with the best interest of charitable gaming in the Commonwealth, and the maintenance of honesty, integrity, and high quality thereof.
- (4) A license may be issued for the calendar year for which an applicant applies or, if authorized by administrative regulation of the corporation, a license may be issued that expires on the last day of the birth month of the licensee. A license may be renewed by the corporation. The license shall be valid at all horse race meetings in the Commonwealth during the period for which it is issued unless suspended or revoked under the administrative regulations promulgated by the corporation under this chapter. The occupational license to participate in sports wagering may be suspended or revoked pursuant to administrative regulations promulgated by the corporation under this chapter. With respect to horse owners and trainers, the corporation may promulgate administrative regulations to facilitate and promote uniform, reciprocal licensing with other states.

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