

CHAPTER 55. FIRE PREVENTION AND SECURITY

3A O.S., § 204(A)

325:55-1-1. Purpose

The rules of this Chapter describe the requirements for fire prevention and security during a Commission-sanctioned race meeting and within the enclosure of the horse racing facility of an organization licensee under the authorization of the provisions of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act, 3A O.S., § 200 et seq.

325:55-1-2. Definitions

In addition to the definitions provided in Section 200.1 of Title 3A, of the Oklahoma Statutes, the following words or terms, when used in this Chapter, shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Act" means the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act [3A:200 et seq.]

"Commissioner" means a member of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission.

"Day" means a 24-hour period ending at midnight.

"Occupation license" means a state requirement for any person acting in any capacity pursuant to provisions of the Act.

"Organization license" means a state requirement for any person desiring to conduct a race meeting in Oklahoma within the minimum standards as required by the Act and the rules of the Commission.

"Restricted area" means any area within the enclosure where access is limited to licensees whose occupation requires access. Those areas which are restricted shall include but not be limited to the barn area, paddock, test barn, Stewards' tower, racecourse, mutuel line and money rooms, or any other area designated restricted by the organization licensee or the Commission, or both. Signs giving notice of restricted access shall be prominently displayed at all entry points.

"Rules" means the rules adopted by the Commission to implement the provisions of the Act.

"Steward" means a duly appointed Racing Official with powers and duties specified by statutes or rules.

"Year" means calendar year.

75 O.S. §§ 302, 305, and 307; 3A O.S. § 200.1(B)
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325:55-1-3. Security Control

Every organization conducting a race meeting shall maintain security controls over its premises, and such security controls are subject to the approval of the Commission.

325:55-1-4. Identification Required

No person shall be admitted to a restricted area within the enclosure without a license, visitor's pass, or other identification issued by the Commission or the organization on his/her person. Whenever deemed advisable, the Stewards or the organization may require the visible display of the identification as a badge. No person shall use the license or credential issued to another, nor shall any person give or loan his/her license or credential to any other person.

325:55-1-5. Organization Credentials

The racing organization shall establish a system or method of issuing credentials or passes to restrict access to its restricted areas or to ensure that all participants at its meeting are licensed as required by this Chapter; provided, however, that no such system or methods may exclude any investigator or employee of the Commission or any peace officer when on duty; nor shall any person be excluded on the basis of sex, color, creed, or national origin or ancestry.

325:55-1-6. Organization to Prevent Unauthorized Access to Restricted Areas

Unless granted exemption by the Commission, every organization shall prevent access to and shall remove or cause to be removed from its restricted areas any person who is unlicensed, or who has not been issued a visitor's pass or other identifying credential, or whose presence in such restricted area is unauthorized. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to exclude members of the Commission and any staff members of the Commission in the conduct of official duties.

325:55-1-7. Examination of Personal Effects

The Commission, its authorized officers or agents may enter the stables, rooms or other places within the premises of a recognized meeting to inspect and examine the personal effects and property of any licensee or other person in or about or permitted access to any restricted area; and each licensee in accepting his/her license and each person entering such restricted area does thereby consent thereto. If a person refuses to permit such inspections and examinations, such person may be summarily suspended by the Stewards pending further proceedings by the Stewards and/or the matter referred to the Commission, which may revoke said licensee's occupation license and/or assess any other penalty provided for by this Title and the Act.

325:55-1-8. Compliance with Orders of Security Officers and Public Safety Officers

No licensee shall willfully ignore or refuse to comply with any order of a security officer of the organization or any public safety officer of any police, fire or law enforcement agency when such order is issued or given in the performance of duty for the

purpose of controlling any hazardous situation or occurrence. No person shall interfere with public safety officers or security officers in the performance of their duties.

325:55-1-9. Fire Prevention

An organization licensee shall make adequate provision for fire prevention, protection against fire, and fire suppression within the enclosure in accordance with the provisions of this Title and requirements of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal Commission. Prior to commencing construction, remodeling, or alteration of any of the facilities within the enclosure, plans and specifications shall be presented to the State Fire Marshal for approval. Every organization shall post in a conspicuous place in its stable area, the fire regulations applicable within the enclosure and such other postings as shall be required by the State Fire Marshal.

325:55-1-10. Smoking in the Shedrow

Smoking in the shedrow, stall, or feed storage area inside a barn is prohibited.