

DIRECTIVE 2025-D-1
OAC 325: 25-1-30 JOCKEY MOUNT FEES

The Jockey Mount Fee Rule is long established with the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission. Amendments occurred in 2000 and 2010. The Commission is current proposing an amendment to add a special fee schedule of Quarter Horses, Paints, and Appaloosa mounts.

Current Rule:

325:25-1-30. Jockey mount fees

(a) Jockey mount fees in the absence of a contract or special agreement shall be the greater of the appropriate percentage (%) of the purse as indicated on the chart below or \$75.00:

Purse	Winning Mount	Second Mount	Third Mount	Losing Mount
\$1,000 to \$39,999	10%-Win Purse	5%-Place Purse	5%-Show Purse	\$75.00
\$40,000 to \$74,999	10%-Win Purse	5%-Place Purse	5%-Show Purse	\$80.00
\$75,000 to \$99,999	10%-Win Purse	5%-Place Purse	5%-Show Purse	\$85.00
\$100,000 & Up	10%-Win Purse	5%-Place Purse	5%-Show Purse	\$105.00

(b) The purpose of this Section is not to set a minimum or a maximum fee, but merely to provide a fee in the event that the parties have not made any other written agreement to the contrary. In the event the parties reach an agreement with respect to the fees to be paid the Jockey, a contract or agreement in writing signed by the Jockey or his/her agent and the Owner or his/her Authorized Agent specifying the agreed upon fee in the event of a winning mount, second place mount, third place mount and losing mount, shall be delivered to the Horsemen's Bookkeeper prior to the running of the race in question. The Horsemen's Bookkeeper shall debit the Owner's purse account in accordance with the provision of the contract or written agreement. If no contract or written agreement is submitted to the Horsemen's Bookkeeper prior to the running of the race in question, the Horsemen's Bookkeeper shall debit the Owner's purse account in accordance with the fee scale set forth in this Section, which is to apply in the absence of a contract or written agreement between the parties.

(c) A jockey mount fee is considered earned by a jockey when the jockey is weighed-out by the clerk of scales, except:

- (1) when a jockey elects to take himself or herself off a mount; and
- (2) when the stewards replace the jockey with a substitute jockey for reasons other than the jockey suffering an injury during the time between weighing-out and the start of the race.

(d) If the jockey does not weigh-out because the owner or trainer replaces the jockey with another jockey, the owner or trainer shall pay the same fee to each jockey engaged for the race.

Proposed Permanent Rule:

325:25-1-30. Jockey mount fees

(a) Jockey mount fees in the absence of a contract or special agreement shall be the greater of the appropriate percentage (%) of the purse as indicated on the chart below or \$75.00:

(1) For Thoroughbreds:

Purse Mount	Winning Mount	Second Mount	Third Mount	Losing Mount
\$1,000 to \$39,999	10%-Win Purse	5%-Place Purse	5%-Show Purse	\$75.00
\$40,000 to \$74,999	10%-Win Purse	5%-Place Purse	5%-Show Purse	\$80.00
\$75,000 to \$99,999	10%-Win Purse	5%-Place Purse	5%-Show Purse	\$85.00
\$100,000 & Up	10%-Win Purse	5%-Place Purse	5%-Show Purse	\$105.00

(2) For Quarter Horses, Paints and Appaloosas:

Purse Mount	Winning Mount	Second Mount	Third Mount	Losing Mount
<u>\$1,000 to \$39,999</u>	<u>10%-Win Purse</u>	<u>>\$120 or 5%-Place Purse</u>	<u>>\$115 or 5%-Show Purse</u>	<u>\$110.00</u>
<u>\$40,000 to \$74,999</u>	<u>10%-Win Purse</u>	<u>5%-Place Purse</u>	<u>5%-Show Purse</u>	<u>\$115.00</u>
<u>\$75,000 to \$99,999</u>	<u>10%-Win Purse</u>	<u>5%-Place Purse</u>	<u>5%-Show Purse</u>	<u>\$120.00</u>
<u>\$100,000 & Up</u>	<u>10%-Win Purse</u>	<u>5%-Place Purse</u>	<u>5%-Show Purse</u>	<u>\$140.00</u>

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The Proposed Permanent Rule must take effect immediately for the best interest of the industry participants. The purpose of this Directive is to direct the Stewards to immediately enforce the new fee schedule added to OAC 325: 25-1-30, pending the proposed rule progressing through the permanent rulemaking process.

This Directive supersedes any previous Directive or memoranda which may be in conflict with this Directive.



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Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission