

**WAC 260-36-062 Fitness to participate.** (1) All applicants for a jockey, apprentice jockey, exercise rider, pony rider or outrider license must certify on their application that they are physically fit to ride.

(2) During the conduct of a race meet, if the board of stewards finds that a threat to the public health, safety or welfare requires emergency action, the board of stewards may require a jockey, apprentice jockey, exercise rider, pony rider or outrider to provide a physician's written statement verifying fitness to ride before being allowed to ride in a race or on the grounds of the racing association.

(3) All applicants for a groom, assistant trainer, or other employees of the trainer not on horseback, must certify on their application that they are physically fit to perform the duties of the position they hold.

(4) If, during the year of license, a groom, assistant trainer, or other employee of the trainer becomes injured, they will report the injury to the trainer, who must in turn report the injury to the board of stewards or executive secretary. If the injury adversely impacts an employee's ability to perform their duties, the board of stewards or executive secretary may require the employee provide a physician's written statement verifying fitness to perform their duties before the employee will be allowed to return to work on or off the grounds of the racing association.

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