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#### 71 IAC 6.5-1-1 General provisions

Authority: [IC 4-31-6-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 1. (a) A person entering a horse in a claiming race warrants that the title to the horse is free and clear of any existing claim or lien, either as security interest mortgage, bill of sale, or lien of any kind, unless before entering the horse, the written consent of the holder of the claim or lien has been filed with the stewards and the racing secretary and its entry approved by the stewards. A transfer of ownership arising from a recognized claiming race will terminate any existing prior lease for the horse.

(b) Every horse claimed shall race for the account of the owner at the time of entry, but title to a claimed horse shall be vested in the successful claimant at the time the horse leaves the starting gate and is declared an official starter.

(c) All claimed horses shall go to the test barn for the collection of biological samples, and for observation by the racing veterinarian.

(d) A claim shall be voided, and ownership of the horse retained by the owner at the time of entry, if:

(1) the horse dies on the racetrack;

(2) the horse is euthanized before leaving the racetrack;

(3) the horse is vanned off the racetrack at the direction of the racing veterinarian;

(4) the racing veterinarian determines within one (1) hour of the race that the horse will be placed on the veterinarian's list as physically distressed, medically compromised, unsound, or lame before the horse is released to the successful claimant; and

(5) the biological samples collected confirm the presence of a prohibited substance.

(e) The claim shall not be voided if, prior to the race in which the horse is claimed, the claimant elects to claim the horse regardless of whether the racing veterinarian determines that the horse will be placed on the veterinarian's list or the horse's biological samples confirm the presence of a prohibited substance.

(f) An in-foal filly or mare shall be eligible to be entered into a claiming race only if all of the following conditions are fulfilled:

(1) Full disclosure of such fact is on file with the racing secretary and such information is posted in the racing secretary's office.

(2) The stallion service certificate has been deposited with the racing secretary's office.

(3) All payments due for the service in question and for any live progeny resulting from that service are paid in full.

(4) The release of the stallion service certificate to the successful claimant at the time of claim is guaranteed.

(g) The stewards may set aside and order rescission of a claim for any horse from a claiming race run in this jurisdiction upon a showing that any party to the claim committed a prohibited action, as specified in section 4 of this rule, or that the owner of the horse at the time of entry in the claiming race failed to comply with any requirement of this article. Should the stewards order a rescission of a claim, they may make a further order for the costs of maintenance and care of the horse as they may deem appropriate. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 6.5-1-1; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2861, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 9, 1995, 10:30 a.m.: 18 IR 3405; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); emergency rule filed Dec 11, 2020, 4:14 p.m.: [20201223-IR-071200625ERA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 3, 2022, 3:55 p.m.: [20220316-IR-071220070ERA](#); emergency rule filed Apr 20, 2023, 3:09 p.m.: [20230426-IR-071230297ERA](#); readopted filed Jul 6, 2023, 1:50 p.m.: [20230802-IR-071230371RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 6.5-1-2 Claiming of horses**

Authority: [IC 4-31-6-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 2. Any horse starting in a claiming race is subject to be claimed for its entered price by any:

- (1) licensed owner;
- (2) holder of a valid open claiming certificate; or
- (3) licensed authorized agent acting on behalf of an eligible claimant.

*(Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 6.5-1-2; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2862, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed June 8, 1999, 9:30 a.m.: 22 IR 3121, eff May 26, 1999 [NOTE: [IC 4-22-2-37.1](#) establishes the effectiveness of an emergency rule upon filing with the secretary of state. LSA Document #99-107(E) was filed with the secretary of state June 8, 1999.]; emergency rule filed Jun 22, 2000, 3:05 p.m.: 23 IR 2780; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); emergency rule filed Jun 10, 2016, 11:11 a.m.: [20160615-IR-071160257ERA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 3, 2022, 3:55 p.m.: [20220316-IR-071220070ERA](#); readopted filed Apr 20, 2023, 3:49 p.m.: [20230517-IR-071230071RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

**71 IAC 6.5-1-3 Claim certificate**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 3. (a) Any owner may claim any horse subject to be claimed in flat racing in Indiana provided the owner:

- (1) has started a horse at the current race meeting; or
- (2) has been issued an open claiming certificate by the stewards.

(b) All quarter horses must have the required foal paperwork on file with the Indiana Grand racing office, to be subject to claim.

(c) The stewards shall issue an open claiming certificate to any person who:

- (1) makes application for an owner's license;
- (2) meets all requirements for the issuance of an owner's license;
- (3) does not own, nor has a spouse who:

(A) owns a horse who is eligible and able to race at Indiana Grand; or

(B) has foal papers on file in the Indiana Grand racing office with respect to a horse eligible to race at Indiana Grand;

(4) has an agreement with a trainer licensed in Indiana to take charge of, care for, and train any horse claimed by the holder of the open claiming certificate; and

(5) has at a minimum, the amount of the claim and applicable taxes on deposit with the horsemen's bookkeeper.

(d) An open claiming certificate may not be issued to any person licensed as a trainer in any jurisdiction unless the trainer is a member of a partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or other entity that would otherwise be eligible for an open claiming certificate, and the claim is being made by that entity.

(e) The open claiming certificate shall be valid for the calendar year in which it is issued or until the person to whom the open claiming certificate is issued executes a claim and becomes an owner of a horse through the use of the open claiming certificate, whichever period is shorter.

(f) An open claiming certificate shall not be effective until the next racing day following the date of approval by the stewards.

(g) The open claiming certificate shall be enclosed in the envelope provided for the purpose of claiming by the racing office.

*(Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 6.5-1-3; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2862, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); emergency rule filed Jun 10, 2016, 11:11 a.m.: [20160615-IR-071160257ERA](#); emergency rule filed Apr 18, 2017, 12:54 p.m.: [20170426-IR-071170215ERA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 15, 2019, 2:42 p.m.: [20190320-IR-071190167ERA](#); emergency rule filed Dec 5, 2019, 1:56 p.m.: [20191211-IR-071190646ERA](#);*

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#### 71 IAC 6.5-1-4 Prohibitions

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

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Sec. 4. (a) A person shall not claim a horse in which the person has a financial or beneficial interest as an owner or trainer.

(b) A person shall not cause another person to claim a horse for the purpose of obtaining or retaining an undisclosed financial or beneficial interest in the horse.

(c) A person shall not enter into an agreement for the purpose of preventing another person from obtaining a horse in a claiming race.

(d) A person shall not claim a horse, or enter into any agreement to have a horse claimed, on behalf of an ineligible or undisclosed person.

(e) A person shall not file more than one (1) claim for the same horse. However, separate owners utilizing the same trainer may claim different horses from the same race.

(f) The association shall ensure the claim box is locked. The association shall unlock the claim box only after the deadline for claiming a horse has passed.

(g) For a period of thirty (30) days after a claim, a horse shall not start in a race in which the determining eligibility price is less than the price at which it was claimed. The day claimed shall not count for purposes of counting the applicable thirty (30) day period, and for this purpose the immediate following calendar day after the day claimed shall be the first day. The horse shall be entitled to enter whenever necessary so that the horse may start on the thirty-first calendar day following the claim for any claiming price.

(h) A horse claimed in a claiming race shall not be sold or transferred, wholly or in part, within thirty (30) days after the day it was claimed, except in another claiming race.

(i) A person shall not claim more than one (1) horse in a race. No authorized agent shall submit more than one (1) claim for the same horse in a race, even if the authorized agent represents several owners.

(j) No owner shall claim more than one (1) horse per race. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 6.5-1-4; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2862, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed June 8, 1999, 9:30 a.m.: 22 IR 3121, eff May 26, 1999 [NOTE: [IC 4-22-2-37.1](#) establishes the effectiveness of an emergency rule upon filing with the secretary of state. LSA Document #99-107(E) was filed with the secretary of state June 8, 1999.]; emergency rule filed Jun 22, 2000, 3:05 p.m.: 23 IR 2780; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; emergency rule filed Aug 20, 2002, 3:00 p.m.: 26 IR 55; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 12, 2008, 1:53 p.m.: [20080326-IR-071080191ERA](#), eff Mar 11, 2008 [[IC 4-22-2-37.1](#) establishes the effectiveness of an emergency rule upon filing with the Publisher. LSA Document #08-191(E) was filed with the Publisher March 12, 2008.]; emergency rule filed Apr 30, 2010, 1:34 p.m.: [20100505-IR-071100256ERA](#); emergency rule filed Jan 25, 2012, 12:20 p.m.: [20120201-IR-071120056ERA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 30, 2016, 12:18 p.m.: [20160406-IR-071160138ERA](#); emergency rule filed Apr 18, 2017, 12:54 p.m.: [20170426-IR-071170215ERA](#); emergency rule filed Apr 30, 2018, 3:54 p.m.: [20180502-IR-071180203ERA](#); emergency rule filed Dec 5, 2019, 1:56 p.m.: [20191211-IR-071190646ERA](#); emergency rule filed Dec 11, 2020, 4:14 p.m.: [20201223-IR-071200625ERA](#); readopted filed Apr 20, 2023, 3:49 p.m.: [20230517-IR-071230071RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

#### 71 IAC 6.5-1-5 Procedures for claiming

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 5. (a) To make a valid claim for a horse, an eligible person shall:

(1) have on deposit with the horsemen's bookkeeper, prior to filing the claim, an amount equal to the amount of the claim, plus all transfer fees and applicable taxes;

(2) complete a written claim on a form furnished by the association and approved by the commission;

- (3) identify the horse to be claimed by the spelling of its name on the certificate of registration or as spelled on the official program;
- (4) place the completed claim form inside a sealed envelope furnished by the association and approved by the commission;
- (5) have the time of day that the claim is entered recorded on the envelope; and
- (6) have the envelope deposited in the claim box no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to post time of the race for which the claim is entered.

(b) After a claim has been deposited in the claim box, it is irrevocable by the claimant and shall not be withdrawn from the claim box until the time designated by the stewards.

(c) Officials and employees of the association shall not provide any information as to the filing of claims until after the race has been run, except as is necessary for processing of the claim.

(d) If more than one (1) claim is filed on a horse, the successful claim shall be determined by lot conducted by the stewards or their representatives.

(e) Notwithstanding any designation of sex or age appearing in the racing program or in any racing publication, the claimant of a horse shall be solely responsible for the determination of the sex or age of any horse claimed. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 6.5-1-5; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2862, eff Jul 1, 1995; emergency rule filed Aug 9, 1995, 10:30 a.m.: 18 IR 3406; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 28, 2019, 1:23 p.m.: [20190925-IR-071190319RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

#### **71 IAC 6.5-1-6 Transfer of claimed horse**

Authority: [IC 4-31-3-9](#)

Affected: [IC 4-31](#)

Sec. 6. (a) Upon successful claim, the stewards shall issue, upon forms approved by the commission, an authorization of transfer of the horse from the original owner to the claimant. Copies of the transfer authorization shall be forwarded to and maintained by the stewards and the racing secretary. Upon notification by the stewards, the horsemen's bookkeeper shall immediately debit the claimant's account for the claiming price, applicable taxes, and transfer fees. No claimed horse shall be delivered by the original owner to the successful claimant until authorized by the stewards.

(b) A person shall not refuse to deliver a properly claimed horse to the successful claimant.

(c) Transfer of possession of a claimed horse shall take place immediately after the race has been run unless otherwise directed by the stewards. If the horse is required to be taken to the detention barn for post-race testing, the original trainer or the original trainer's representative shall maintain physical custody of the claimed horse and shall observe the testing procedure and sign the sample tag. However, the successful claimant or the successful claimant's representative shall also accompany the horse to the detention barn.

(d) When a horse is claimed out of a claiming race, the horse's engagements are transferred with the horse to the claimant.

(e) Ownership interest in any horse claimed from a race shall not be resold or transferred back to the original owner for thirty (30) days after such horse was claimed, except by claim for a subsequent race.

(f) A claimed horse shall not remain in the same stable or under the control or management of its former owner.

(g) If the post-race serum or plasma sample of the horse contains cobalt in excess of the threshold established in 71 IAC 8.5-1-9, the claimant will be notified of the test result and he or she may, within forty-eight (48) hours of notification, at his or her option, return the horse to the owner of the horse at the time of entry for the race from which the horse was claimed. (*Indiana Horse Racing Commission; 71 IAC 6.5-1-6; emergency rule filed Jun 15, 1995, 5:00 p.m.: 18 IR 2863, eff Jul 1, 1995; readopted filed Oct 30, 2001, 11:50 a.m.: 25 IR 899; readopted filed Mar 23, 2007, 11:31 a.m.: [20070404-IR-071070030RFA](#); readopted filed Nov 26, 2013, 11:25 a.m.: [20131225-IR-071130345RFA](#); emergency rule filed Sep 15, 2014, 12:44 p.m.: [20140924-IR-071140352ERA](#), eff Sep 30, 2014; readopted filed Oct 7, 2020, 2:27 p.m.: [20201104-IR-071200406RFA](#); emergency rule filed Mar 2, 2021, 3:10 p.m.: [20210310-IR-071210076ERA](#); readopted filed Jul 6, 2023, 1:50 p.m.: [20230802-IR-071230371RFA](#); readopted filed Aug 3, 2023, 12:49 p.m.: [20230830-IR-071230428RFA](#))*

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