

Headcheck Program Overview

Beginning in 2025, the Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) adopted *Headcheck*, a program used at racetracks nationwide and supported by HISA to track jockey injuries and monitor fitness to ride. The ORC implemented this program to improve jockey health, streamline processes, and reduce both time and financial burdens on riders.

The Headcheck program has two required components:

1. **An up-to-date physical examination** verifying the athlete is fit to ride.
2. **A baseline neurological evaluation** to track potential head trauma sustained over the course of a jockey's career.

Baseline Evaluation Requirement

The ORC will provide several days of **no-cost baseline evaluations** prior to the first race meet at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show (EOLS) in Union, Oregon. Dates and times will be provided to jockeys as soon as they become available.

Jockeys who do not take advantage of the free evaluations will be responsible for the **full out-of-pocket cost** of obtaining a baseline test from their own medical provider, in addition to the cost of their physical.

Additional Requirements

- **Non-English-speaking jockeys** must bring a translator with them to the baseline evaluation.
- **Only Oregon-licensed jockeys** are eligible for the baseline testing provided through this program.
- Jockeys may upload their physical directly to Headcheck or bring a copy to the Investigators Office for assistance.
- Jockeys must sign the required Headcheck form ("Authorization for Use, Disclosure, and Receipt of Health Information"). Failure to sign this form may delay approval.
- **Baseline evaluations may be uploaded directly by the jockey or brought to the Investigators Office for assistance with uploading. No-cost baseline evaluations will be uploaded by examiner.**
- The ORC will **no longer accept doctor notes, jockey cards, or any other documentation in lieu of a physical.**

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