

New York State Gaming Commission Licensing Overview

General Description

Our purpose is to ensure that New York State's legalized pari-mutuel operations, charitable gaming activities and Class III Indian Gaming facilities operate with integrity and are in full compliance with New York's statutes, the Board's rules and the tribal-State Class III Gaming Compacts, respectively.

We safeguard the interest of the public, including the taxpayers and patrons, by ensuring that the regulated entities and their employees participating in or benefiting from legalized gambling operate with the utmost professionalism. We will expeditiously respond to all public concerns.

Executive management understands that personal integrity is paramount for all Board employees who must ensure honest and proper conduct of legalized gambling and other regulated activities.

To properly serve the public, all employees must perform their duties in an ethical manner that is above reproach. To meet this goal we advocate teamwork, intra-agency communication, mutual respect, training and advancement to reach each employee's potential.

Only through vigilance, competence and dedication can the Board and its employees be successful in performing their statutory responsibilities.

Participants in New York State racing are required to obtain an occupational license. The character and integrity of all participants are

important to the continuity of the sport. Every application is reviewed, updated and carefully processed by the Board's Licensing unit before a license is issued. Also, by statute, fingerprinting is required of each applicant. Where it is believed that an applicant's background

and associates may warrant a finding that his/her participation in racing would be inconsistent with the public interest or the best interest of racing generally, a thorough investigation is conducted before action is taken in the form of a denial, suspension or revocation of his/her license.

Data Collection Methodology

Participants in New York State racing are able to apply for an occupational license at any Commission's race track offices, or at the Main Office in Schenectady, New York. The Commission licenses over 37,000 individuals annually.