# 2018

# Arizona Department of Gaming Division of Racing



# Annual Report



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# Statutory Requirement

In accordance with A.R.S. § 5-104(P), the Arizona Department of Gaming – Division of Racing/Racing Commission ("ADG-Racing") submits this annual report for Fiscal Year 2018 ("FY18"). Pursuant to this statute, the Director shall distribute the report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the Secretary of State. The report also will be made available for public access online at <a href="www.azgaming.gov">www.azgaming.gov</a>.

# Mission

To regulate and supervise pari-mutuel racing and wagering conducted in Arizona to protect racing participants and the wagering public.

### Fiscal Year 2018 State Revenues

Summary	ADW	Commercial Horse	Commercial Dog	County Fair	FY18	FY17
Race Days/Performances	·			<u>I</u>		
Live Race Days/Performances <sup>1</sup>	450	128	0	18	596	649
Dark Day – Simulcast Only	834	246	725	0	1,805	1,910
Total Race Days	1,284	374	725	18	2,401	2,559
Number of Races						
Live AZ Races <sup>2</sup>	3,640	1,036	0	143	4,819	5,216
Simulcast Races	429,863	50,593	121,545	2,351	604,352	674,445
Total Number of Races	433,503	51,629	121,545	2,494	609,171	679,661
Attendance <sup>3</sup>						
On-Track	0	284.212	43.845	48.652	376,709	342.993
Off-Track	0	446.169	109,784	23,029	578,982	586,587
Total Attendance	0	730,381	153,629	71,681	955,691	929,580
Pari-Mutuel Handle		,	,	,,,,,	,	
Handle Breakdown by Source						
Live Races <sup>1</sup> - <b>Taxable</b>	\$542,453	\$9,715,747	\$-	\$1,577,004	\$11,835,204	\$11,266,338
Simulcast Races – Non-Taxable	\$14,384,304	\$97,049,527	\$20,254,160	\$5,351,620	\$137,039,611	\$138,452,478
Total Arizona Pari-Mutuel Handle⁴	\$14,926,757	\$106,765,274	\$20,254,160	\$6,928,624	\$148,874,815	\$149,718,816
Handle Breakdown by Location						
On-Track Handle	\$-	\$21,832,571	\$4,788,867	\$2,512,931	\$29,134,369	\$29,420,927
Off-Track Handle	\$14,926,757	\$84,932,703	\$15,465,293	\$4,415,693	\$119,740,446	\$120,297,889
Total Arizona Pari-Mutuel Handle <sup>4</sup>	\$14,926,757	\$106,765,274	\$20,254,160	\$6,928,624	\$148,874,815	\$149,718,816
Average Handle Per Race Day	\$11,625	\$285,469	\$27,937	\$384,924	\$62,005	\$58,507
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Commingled (Export out of AZ)	\$-	\$132,322,363	\$-	\$11,367,224	\$143,689,587	\$127,308,094
State Revenues						
Regulatory Wagering Assessment (RWA)	\$74,634	\$1,257,005	\$101,271	\$52,162	\$1,485,072	\$2,314,993
Gross 2% Live Pari-Mutuel State Tax <sup>5</sup>	\$10,849	\$194,315	\$-	\$31,540	\$236,704	\$225,334
Returned to Wagering Public	\$11,317,627	\$78,056,944	\$15,799,156	\$4,988,186	\$110,161,913	\$111,920,910
Settlement to/from Host	\$598,084	\$5,914,167	\$(110,364)	\$437,545	\$6,839,432	\$5,921,250
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Track Mutuel Revenue	T #0.05= ===		A		***	404 :== -::
Total Track/ADW Commission <sup>6</sup>	\$2,938,983	\$22,076,568	\$4,536,032	\$1,416,786	\$30,968,369	\$31,177,669
Breakage Capital Improvement Rebate	\$72,063 \$-	\$476,858 \$-	\$29,336 \$-	\$35,553 \$-	\$613,810 \$-	\$474,554
Capital Improvement Repate  Capital Improvement AGP Non-Taxable	\$- \$-	\$- \$-	\$- \$-	\$- \$-	\$- \$-	\$- \$-
Revenue Withheld – Charity Days	\$179	\$7,678	\$-	\$-	\$7,857	
Revenue Withheld – County Fair	\$811	\$-	\$-	\$31,210	\$32,021	\$72.211
Hardship Tax Credit <sup>7</sup>	\$-	\$10,983	\$-	\$107	\$11,090	\$11,220
Total Track Revenue	\$3,012,036	\$22,572,087	\$4,565,368	\$1,483,656	\$31,633,147	\$31,743,195
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Purses <sup>1</sup>	\$-	\$9,693,670	\$-	\$687,780	\$10,381,450	\$9,607,186

<sup>1</sup> A.R.S. Title 5, 5-110(H) - Notwithstanding any other law, live dog racing shall not be conducted in this state after December 31, 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Shows days with AZ live race betting and days with only simulcast betting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ADW Providers do not have physical locations to track attendance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Any differences with Total AZ Pari-Mutuel Handle for Commercial Horse Track and County Fair is due to "Pool Adjustment." All Pool Adjustments net \$0.00 at the end of the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Pari-Mutuel State Tax paid to the State is Gross 2% Live Pari-Mutuel State Tax less Tax Credits. Tax Credits include Charity Days, County Fairs, and Hardship Tax Credit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Horse and Greyhound Total Track Commission: FY2017 was Gross Track Commission and FY2018 is Net Track Commission. ADW and County Fair Track/ADW Commission for FY2017 and FY2018 is Net Track Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> As of May 13, 2016, "Laws 2016, Chapter 247 eliminates the Hardship Tax Credit, which is used to offset the amount of pari-mutuel tax owed by greyhound and horse racing tracks. Credits awarded prior to Chapter 247 may still be used by horse racing tracks to offset parimutuel tax in future years. Greyhound tracks will be unable to use previously-accrued credits due to the elimination of live dog racing by Laws 2016, Chapter 246." - FY17 Appropriations Report - Department of Gaming. Adjustment to the \$11,058 reported to the Arizona Department of Revenue in October 2018.

Advanced Deposit Wagering Providers							
	Turf Paradise Bets <sup>4</sup>	TVG Network	Twin Spires	XpressBet	FY18	FY17	
Wagering Days/Performances							
Live Race Days/Performances <sup>1</sup>	54	132	132	132	450	507	
Dark Day – Simulcast Only	136	233	233	232	834	947	
Total Wagering Days	190	365	365	364	1,284	1,454	
Number of Races							
Live AZ Races	436	1,068	1,068	1,068	3,640	4,076	
Simulcast Races	72,095	53,969	170,148	133,651	429,863	498,090	
Total Number of Races	72,531	55,037	171,216	134,719	433,503	502,166	
Pari-Mutuel Handle  Handle Breakdown by Source							
Live Races - Taxable	\$25,472	\$312,365	\$74,138	\$130,478	\$542,453	\$403,592	
Simulcast Races - Non-Taxable	\$479,122	\$7,595,446	\$2,559,963	\$3,749,773	\$14,384,304	\$13,974,731	
Total Arizona Pari-Mutuel Handle	\$504,594	\$7,907,811	\$2,634,101	\$3,880,251	\$14,926,757	\$14,378,323	
Average Handle Per Race Day	\$2,656	\$21,665	\$7,217	\$10,660	\$11,625	\$9,889	
State Revenues							
Regulatory Wagering Assessment (RWA)	\$2,523	\$39,539	\$13,171	\$19,401	\$74,634	\$119,504	
Gross 2% Live Pari-Mutuel State Tax <sup>2</sup>	\$509	\$6,247	\$1,483	\$2,610	\$10,849	\$8,072	
Returned to Wagering Public	\$386,909	\$5,966,290	\$2,007,285	\$2,957,143	\$11,317,627	\$11,102,150	
Settlement to/from Host	\$12,428	\$371,522	\$85,830	\$128,304	\$598,084	\$410,17	
ADW Mutuel Revenue							
Total ADW Commission <sup>3</sup>	\$102,987	\$1,522,894	\$529,277	\$783,825	\$2,938,983	\$2,826,336	
Breakage	\$2,271	\$47,105	\$11,708	\$10,979	\$72,063	\$31,594	
Revenue Withheld – Charity Days	\$34	\$95	\$23	\$27	\$179	\$95	
Revenue Withheld - County Fair	\$-	\$519	\$91	\$201	\$811	\$1,388	
Total ADW Revenue	\$105,292	\$1,570,613	\$541,099	\$795,032	\$3,012,036	\$2,859,413	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Race Days show days with AZ live race betting and dark days with only simulcast betting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pari-Mutuel State Tax paid to the State is Gross 2% Live Pari-Mutuel State Tax less Tax Credits. Tax Credits include Charity Days, County Fairs, and Hardship Tax Credit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ADW Commission for FY2017 was Net Track Commission and FY2018 Total Track/ADW Commission is reported as Net Track Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> On 01/08/18 Turf Paradise Bets ceased taking bets as an Advance Deposit Wagering Provider.

	Rillito Park	Turf Paradise	FY 2018	FY2017
Race Days/Performances <sup>1</sup>				
Live Race Days/Performances	8	120	128	106
Dark Day – Simulcast Only	3	243	246	238
Total Race Days	11	363	374	344
Number of Races	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Live AZ Races	65	971	1,036	847
Simulcast Races	728	49,865	50,593	47,135
Total Number of Races	793	50,836	51,629	47,982
Attendance	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
On-Track	21,759	262,453	284,212	194,764
Off-Track	0	446,169	446,169	405,263
Total Attendance	21,759	708,622	730,381	600,027
Pari-Mutuel Handle			•	
Handle Breakdown by Source				
Live Races* – Taxable	\$548,880	\$9,166,867	\$9,715,747	\$7,321,689
Simulcast Races – Non-Taxable	\$143,435	\$96,906,092	\$97,049,527	\$87,927,015
Total AZ Pari-Mutuel Handle <sup>2</sup>	\$692,315	\$106,072,959	\$106,765,274	\$95,248,704
Handle Breakdown by Location				
On-Track Handle	\$692,315	\$21,140,256	\$21,832,571	\$18,261,239
Off-Track Handle	\$-	\$84,932,703	\$84,932,703	\$76,987,465
Total AZ Pari-Mutuel Handle <sup>2</sup>	\$692,315	\$106,072,959	\$106,765,274	\$95,248,704
Average Handle Per Race Day	\$62,938	\$292,212	\$285,469	\$276,886
Commingled (Export out of AZ)	\$485,982	\$131,836,381	\$132,322,363	\$105,983,161
State Revenues				
Regulatory Wagering Assessment (RWA)	\$5,909	\$1,251,096	\$1,257,005	\$1,687,621
Gross 2% Live Pari-Mutuel State Tax <sup>3</sup>	\$10,978	\$1,251,096	\$1,257,005	\$1,007,021
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Returned to Wagering Public	\$424,292	\$77,632,652	\$78,056,944	\$70,512,005
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Settlement to/from Host	\$82,322	\$5,831,845	\$5,914,167	\$4,529,093
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Track Mutuel Revenue				
Total Track Commission <sup>4</sup>	\$160,835	\$21,915,733	\$22,076,568	\$19,712,598
Breakage	\$4,215	\$472,643	\$476,858	\$324,945
Capital Improvement Rebate	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Revenue Withheld – Charity Days	\$-	\$7,678	\$7,678	\$7,446
Revenue Withheld – County Fair	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Hardship Tax Credit <sup>5</sup> Total Track Revenue	\$10,983 <b>\$176,033</b>	\$- \$22,396,054	\$10,983 \$22,572,087	\$11,220 \$20,056,209

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Race Days and financial data do not include County Fair dates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Any difference with Total AZ Pari-Mutuel Handle is due to "Pool Adjustment." All Pool Adjustments net \$0.00 at the end of the year.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Horse Total Track Commission for FY2017 was Gross Track Commission and FY2018 is Net Track Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As of May 16, 2013, "Credits awarded prior to Chapter 247 may still be used by horse racing tracks to offset pari-mutuel tax in future years. Greyhound tracks will be unable to use previously-accrued credits due to the elimination of live dog racing by Laws 2016, Chapter 246." – FY17 Appropriations Report – Department of Gaming. Adjustment to the \$11,058 reported to the Arizona Department of Revenue in October 2018.

	AGP	TGP	FY18	FY17 <sup>3</sup>
Race Days/Performances <sup>1</sup>	·			
Dark Day – Simulcast Only	362	363	725	725
Total Race Days	362	363	725	72
Number of Races				
Simulcast Races	59.019	62,526	121,545	123,542
Total Number of Races	59,019	62,526	121,545	123,54
Attendance			•	
On-Track	19,571	24,274	43,845	42,92
Off-Track	45,235	64,549	109,784	108,53
Total Attendance	64,806	88,823	153,629	151,46
Pari-Mutuel Handle				
Handle Breakdown by Source				
Simulcast Races – Non-Taxable	\$13,813,376	\$6,440,784	\$20,254,160	\$19,940,71
Total Arizona Pari-Mutuel Handle <sup>2</sup>	\$13,813,376	\$6,440,784	\$20,254,160	\$19,940,71
Handle Breakdown by Location			A / TOO DOT	
On-Track Handle	\$2,958,775	\$1,830,092	\$4,788,867	\$4,842,92
Off-Track Handle	\$10,854,601	\$4,610,692	\$15,465,293	\$15,097,78
Total Arizona Pari-Mutuel Handle <sup>2</sup>	\$13,813,376	\$6,440,784	\$20,254,160	\$19,940,71
Average Handle Per Race Day	\$38,158	\$17,743	\$27,937	\$27,50
State Revenues				
Regulatory Wagering Assessment (RWA)	\$69,067	\$32,204	\$101,271	\$166,19
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Returned to Wagering Public	\$10,532,393	\$5,266,762	\$15,799,156	\$15,331,61
Settlement to/from Host	\$96,022	\$(206,386)	\$(110,364)	\$30,92
Track Mutuel Revenue				
Total Track Commission <sup>2</sup>	\$3,164,265	\$1,371,768	\$4,536,032	\$4,544,33
Breakage	\$20,696	\$8,640	\$29,336	\$33,84
Capital Improvement Rebate	\$-	\$-	\$-	9
Capital Improvement AGP Non-Taxable	\$-	\$-	\$-	9
Total Track Revenue	\$3,184,960	\$1,380,408	\$4,565,368	\$4,578,17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A.R.S. Title 5, 5-110(H) – Notwithstanding any other law, live dog racing shall not be conducted in this state after December 31,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Greyhound Total Track Commission for FY2017 was Gross Track Commission and FY2018 is Net Track Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Revised FY2017 Race and Attendance figures changed the Average Handle Per Race Day from \$32,087 to \$27,504.

\$107

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\$486,153

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\$107

\$1,483,656

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\$428,922

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\$4,249,400

\$1,648,871

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\$457,633

\$211,315

Total Track Revenue

Hardship Tax Credit<sup>4</sup>

Purses

\$-

\$11,181

\$4,935

<sup>1</sup> Any differences with Total AZ Pari-Mutuel Handle is due to "Pool Adjustment." All Pool Adjustments net \$0.00 at the end of the year.

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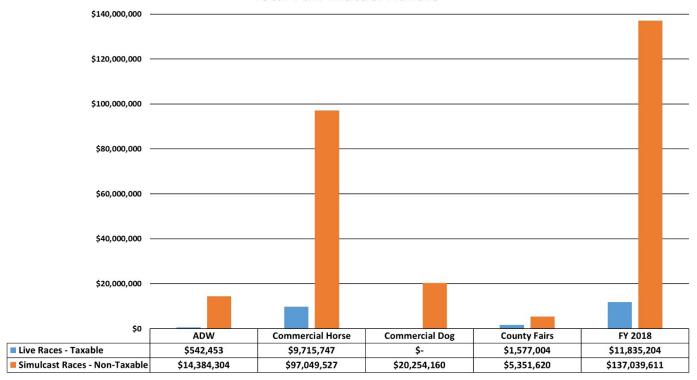
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Rillito Racing, Inc. Hardship Credit on live Turf Paradise bets placed at Rillito Park.

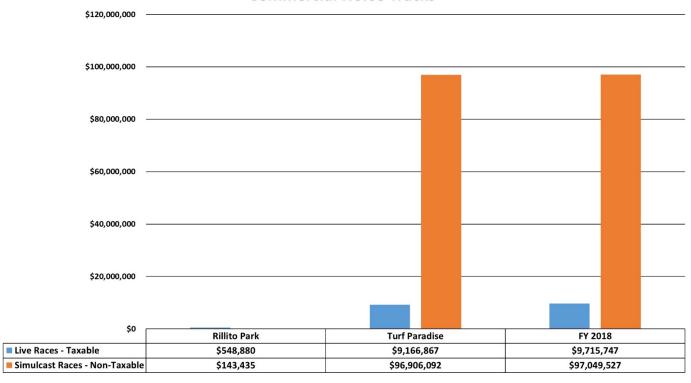
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Santa Cruz cancelled 04/28/18 and 04/29/18 race dates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> County Fair Races: Pima County Fair raced at Rillito; La Paz, Yuma, and Greenlee Counties raced at Turf Paradise.

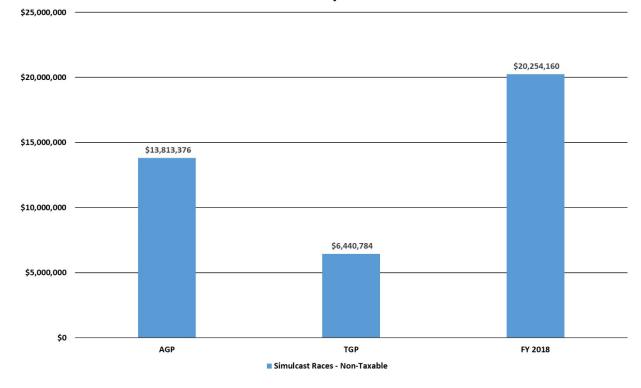
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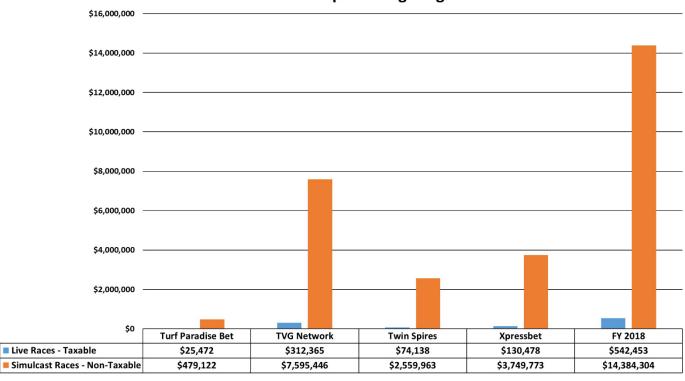
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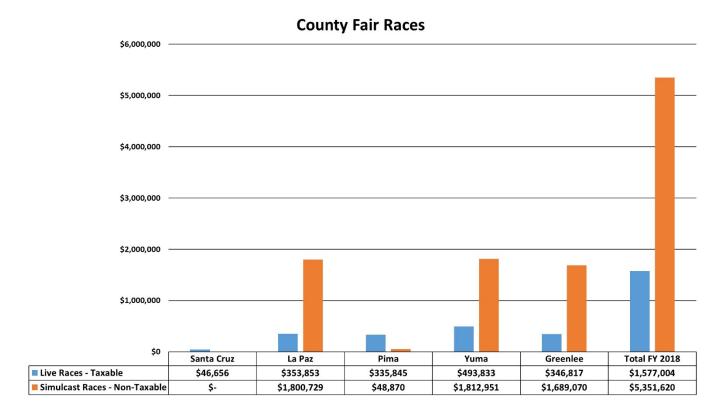
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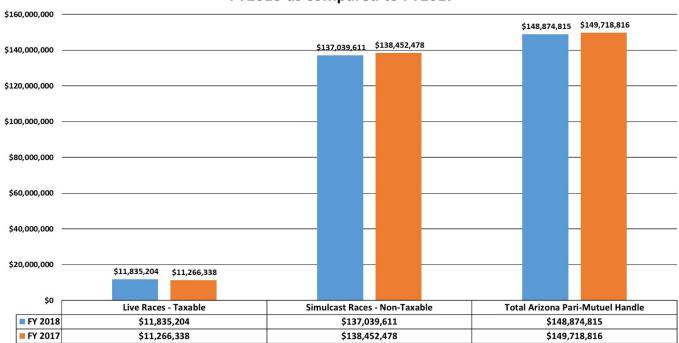
#### **Advanced Deposit Wagering**



#### Pari-Mutuel Handle At a Glance (cont.)



#### **Total Pari-Mutuel Handle** FY2018 as compared to FY2017



#### **Capital Improvement Funds**

**A.R.S.** 5-111.02 allows a permittee to retain a percentage typically paid to the State, as a means of encouraging improvements of racing facilities for the benefit of the public, breeders, and horse owners, and to increase revenue to the State from the increase in pari-mutuel wagering resulting from capital improvements.

In FY18, no capital improvement funds were used pursuant to A.R.S. § 5-111.02 that would otherwise be State revenues.

#### **Hardship Tax Credit**

Laws 2016, Chapter 247 eliminated the hardship tax credit, which is used to offset the amount of pari-mutuel tax owed by horse and greyhound racing tracks. Credits awarded prior to Chapter 247 may still be used by horse tracks to offset pari-mutuel tax in future years. Greyhound tracks are unable to use previously-accrued credits, due to the elimination of live dog racing, by laws 2016, Chapter 246.

Horse Track	(As of 7/1/17) Allowable Hardship Tax Credit	FY18 Hardship Used or Transferred	(As of 6/30/18) Balance of Hardship Tax Credit
Rillito Park	\$295,014	\$11,090 <sup>1</sup>	\$283,924
Turf Paradise	\$14,564	\$-	\$14,564

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Adjustment to the \$11,058 reported to the Arizona Department of Revenue in October 2018.

# Regulation

**ADG-Racing** regulates and supervises all commercial and county fair race meetings, in addition to parimutuel wagering conducted on- and off-track, in order to enforce laws and regulations and protect racing participants and the wagering public.

# **Licensing/Permitting**

**ADG-Racing** processes and investigates all license applications in a timely manner, while ensuring only eligible applicants receive licenses. In FY18, ADG-Racing continued to elevate its customer service levels by dramatically reducing investigation licensing timeframes. These efficiencies have well-positioned ADG-Racing to support the State's growing racing industry.

FY18 Performance Measures	Issued	Denied	Revoked
Number of Racing Licenses	2003	6	0
Number of Temporary Permits	2	0	0

In FY18, the ADG-Racing issued 2,003 licenses, which generated revenue in the amount of \$152,379. It also assessed \$27,264 in penalties to licensees/permittees for various infractions.

Additional Revenue Source	Horses	Greyhounds	FY18 Total
Licensing Fees Assessed	\$147,913	\$4,466	\$152,379
Monetary Penalties Assessed	\$27,264	\$0	\$27,264
Total Revenues	\$175,177	<b>\$</b> 4,466	\$179,643

	FY18	FY17	
License Type	Licenses Issued	Licenses Issued	
ADW	3	4	
ADWP Employee	9	5	
Apprentice Jockey	6	7	
Assistant Starter	11	0	
Assistant Trainer	14	0	
Authorized Agent—Partial	16	41	
Authorized Agent—Full	23	39	
Chief Financial Officer	1	1	
County Fair Manager	5	4	
County Fair Permit	3	6	
Duplicate License	92	74	
Exercise Rider	84	147	
Groom	264	440	
Jockey	47	63	
Jockey Agent	6	9	
Mutuel (Owner/Manager)	218	111	
Occupational	176	255	
Official	20	33	
OTB (Owner/Manager)	130	74	
Outrider	4	7	
Owner	512	831	
Owner/Assistant Trainer	2	1	
Owner/Trainer	71	198	
Permittee Board	0	5	
Plater/Farrier	6	19	
Pony Person	47	112	
Security Employee	42	31	
Stable	53	91	
Temporary Claim	23	29	
Tote Company	3	3	
Tote Employee	39	29	
Track GM	10	1	
Track Owner	6	0	
Trainer	38	69	
Valet	0	8	
Vendor Employee	9	18	
Vendor	3	8	
Veterinarian	7	9	
Total Licenses Issued	2,003	2,782	
Total Licensing Fees	\$152,379	\$254,905	

# Investigations

ADG-Racing investigates all possible violations of racing laws and rules. Figures presented in the following FY18 Performance Measures table, reflect the total number of investigations conducted for every incident, inspection, and background investigation, which includes processing of fingerprints and any resulting false applications. ADG-Racing conducts a background investigation for each license applicant who submits fingerprints, as required by A.R.S. § 5-108.

FY18 PERFORMANCE MEASURES					
Number of Incident Investigations	35				
Number of Background Investigations	1,858				
Total Number of Investigations Conducted	1,893				

# ADG-Division of Racing Budget

#### ADG-Racing's FY19 appropriation:

- \$1,901,100 operating budget;
- \$250,000 earmarked for Breeder's Awards; and
- \$1,779,500 pass through to the County Fairs Livestock and Agriculture Promotion Fund, administered by the Governor's Office

The primary funding source of ADG-Racing is the Regulatory Wagering Assessment (RWA). Other funding sources include licensing fees, pari-mutuel taxes, dark day assessments, and Advanced Deposit Wagering Assessments (ADWAs). The following table presents ADG-Racing's projected expenditures for FY19, and actual expenditures for the three preceding fiscal years.

OPERATING BUDGET	Actu		Expend. Plan <u>FY19</u>	
	FY16	FY17	FY18	
Personal Services	1,289,777	1,154,900	706,600	854,300
Employee-Related Expenses	529,511	398,500	231,300	324,000
Professional & Outside Services	431,911	226,900	216,500	325,600
Travel – In-State	31,456	20,300	12,100	9,300
Travel – Out-of-State	5,188	4,800	5,300	4,000
Other Operating Expenditures	204,090	146,900	341,100	316,900
Equipment	4,349	98,600	3,000	0
Transfer Out	270	17,000	-	67,000
Operating Budget Subtotal	\$2,496,552	\$2,067,900	1,515,900	1,901,100
Arizona's Breeders' Award – Governor's Office	- 07.040	200,000	0	0
Arizona Breeders Award	37,642	36,500	250,000	250,000
County Fairs Livestock and Agricultural Promotion	1,779,500	1,779,500	1,779,500	1,779,500
Special Line Item Subtotal	1,817,142	\$2,016,000	\$2,029,500	\$2,029,500
AGENCY TOTAL	\$4,313,695	\$4,083,900	3,545,500	3,930,600
FUND SOURCES				
General Fund	1,779,500	1,979,500	1,779,500	1,779,500
Racing Regulation Fund	2,534,195*	2,104,400	1,765,900	2,151,100
AGENCY TOTAL	*****	¢4.092.000	2 545 500	2 020 600
AGENCY IOTAL	\$4,313,695*	\$4,083,900	3,545,500	3,930,600

<sup>\*</sup>This FY16 amount was corrected in FY18 to reflect actual vs. appropriated funds.

Employee Statistics	FY16	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY18</u>	Expend. Plan <u>FY19</u>
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) - Avg.	15.7	12.67	13.4	21.3
Part-Time - Avg.	4	3.17	-	-
Temporary/Seasonal - Avg.	2	1.17	2	2
Contracted	5	12	5	5
TOTAL	26.7	29.01	20.4	28.3

#### **A.R.S. § 5-106** requires ADG-Racing to appoint:

- 1. A supervisor of Mutuels;
- 2. A.R.S. § 5-106 also requires the [Division of Racing] to employ two (2) persons qualified as stewards for all races, and three (3) persons qualified as stewards for races conducted by a county fair racing association;
- 3. Security Personnel (establish a Security Section); and
- 4. As many other employees as may be necessary for the enforcement of the laws of this state and the rules relating to racing.

# **Key Events & Recommendations**

In May 2018, the Arizona Racing Commission awarded a temporary three-year-commercial horse racing permit to J & J Equine Enterprises (dba Arizona Downs), which re-opens the horse track in Prescott Valley, Arizona after a nine-year absence.

The Commission approved a 35-day race meet beginning May 24, 2019 through September 2, 2019, which authorizes a continuous, year-round racing circuit to the horse racing industry of Arizona.

The return of live horse racing to Prescott Valley, Yavapai County/rural Arizona is anticipated to stimulate tourism and provide other positive economic impacts from business and job growth in the surrounding communities.

In May 2018, the Legislature passed HB2589, which allows counties with a population of less than 800,000 to apply for grants to help fund live racing at their county fair race tracks.

As pari-mutuel racing continues to evolve in the Arizona, ADG-Racing will research opportunities to increase state revenues and provide recommendations to state leadership at that time.