

# Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission records

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Creator: Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission  
Date: 1935-2021  
Extent: Approx. 61 cubic feet

## Administrative History

In 1935, a bill was passed to promote Nebraska's horse breeding industry. The State Racing Commission was created by this law to prescribe and enforce horse racing rules and regulations. The 2010 Legislature increased the commission's membership to five members.

In 2020, Nebraskans approved a constitutional amendment through the initiative petition process that legalized all forms of games of chance at licensed horse racetracks. The Legislature passed LB562 in 2021, which provided the regulatory framework to implement that constitutional amendment and renamed the commission as the State Racing and Gaming Commission. Among other duties, the commission issues licenses under the provisions of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act.

The commission consists of seven members, appointed by the governor and subject to approval by the Legislature. One member is appointed from each congressional district and four members are appointed to at-large terms. No more than four members may belong to the same political party, no more than three members may reside in the same congressional district and no more than two may reside in any one county. No member may have any personal financial interest in a licensed racetrack enclosure or authorized gaming operator. Members are bonded under the blanket surety bond required by Section 11-201 of Nebraska law.

Source: 2022-23 Nebraska Blue Book. p. 682.

## Scope and Content

This record group is arranged into four subgroups by record type. 1) Administrative Correspondence, 1935-2019; 2) Track Records, 1935-2021; 3) Broodmare Records, 1951-1974; and 4) Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders Association, 1949-2002.

## Access Note

These records are public and open for use per Nebraska Revised Statute 84-712.01.

## Description Control

Finding aid revised April 2024 by Anna Holley. Previous version was last updated by Pat Churray in 1990.

## Subject Headings

Ak-Sar-Ben Racetrack (Omaha, Neb.)  
Alliance Breeding and Agricultural Association  
Atokad Racetrack (South Sioux City, Neb.)  
Fonner Park Racetrack (Grand Island, Neb.)  
Foster, Harvey  
Horse racing  
Horse breeders  
Horses  
Knights Of Ak-Sar-Ben  
Madison Downs Racetrack (Madison, Neb.)  
McMillan, C. H.  
National Association of State Racing Commissioners  
Nebraska. State Board of Agriculture  
Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders Association  
Racetracks (Horse racing)  
Stallions  
Thoroughbred horse

## Subgroup 1: Administrative correspondence and records, 1935-2019

Scope and content: This subgroup contains administrative correspondence and records. Records are paper, with some microfilmed for access. The subgroup is divided into two series. Series 1 contains administrative correspondence, often filed alphabetically by subject. Series 2 contains meeting minutes of the Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission, organized chronologically. Minutes are on paper and on microfilm. Microfilmed minutes dated 1935-1974 can be accessed in the reference room.

### Series 1: Correspondence, 1935-1975

Box 1

Adams County, 1936-1946  
Annual Reports, 1936-1974  
including Financial statements, 1935-  
Arizona Racing Commission, 1950-1954  
Bills of Sale, 1947-1957  
Bonds, Licenses, 1935-1944

Bonds (15 folders), 1950-1973  
Boone County, 1937-1944  
Box Butte County, 1935-1941  
California Racing Board, 1947-1957  
Cedar County-Hartington, 1937-1943  
Certificates of Registration - Horses  
(misc.), 1937-1943  
Claims correspondence, n.d.  
incl. claims list, 1943  
Clay County, 1935-1941  
Colorado Racing Commission, 1950-1955

Box 2

Commissioners, 1937-1944  
Commissioners-Other States, 1938-1947  
Contracts, 1935-1941  
County Fairs, 1945-1949  
Custer Case, Slocum vs. Walkins, 1940-1941  
Dawes County, 1935-1943  
Federal Security Agency, 1942-1943  
Fillmore County, 1936-1942  
Foster, Harvey, 1941-1954  
Gage County, 1937-1944  
Garfield County, 1935-1937  
Gate Receipts, 1947-1952  
General Files (4 folders), 1946-1958  
Governor, 1935-1950  
Hall of Fame, 1966-1969, program 1985  
Harris Labs, 1939-1958  
Hooker County, 1946-1949  
Identification of Horses (2 folders), 1949-1955  
Illinois Racing Board, 1951-1955  
Imperial, 1953  
Insurance, 1940-1945  
Jockeys, 1936-1945  
Jockey Club, NY, 1940-1945 & n.d.  
Jockey License, 1921  
Jockeys' Guild, Inc., NY, 1947-1950  
Johnson County, 1935-1939

Box 3

Kimball County, 1936-1942  
Licenses, 1936  
McMillan, C. H. (Texas), 1937-1950

Narcotics Bureau, 1940-1946  
National Association of Racing Commissioners (13 folders), 1935-1962  
National Association of Racing Commissioners  
Proceedings (loose), 1948-1956  
Nebraska Bred Horses, Corres., 1936-1949

Box 4

Personnel, 1974-1975  
Rules & Amendments, 1935-1952 & n.d.  
State Officials Corres., 1945-1948  
Statistics (2 folders), 1959-1969

**Series 2: Meeting Minutes, 1935-2019**

Microfilm Inventory

Roll #1

75-4-3

RMA 0502, Secretary of State

Minutes, April 6, 1935 thru November 5, 1974

Record Inventory

Box 1	1935-1998
Box 2	1999-2001
Box 3	2002-2003
Box 4	2004-2006
Box 5	2013-2016
Box 6	2016-2019

**Subgroup 2: Track Records, 1935-2021**

Scope and content: This subgroup contains track records and it is divided into five series: 1) Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1935-1974; 2) Official Racing Programs, 1946-2021; 3) Daily Reports, 1956-1972; 4) Track Booklets and Ephemera, 1935-1991; and 5) Track Audits, 1972-1997.

Series 1 contains correspondence and annual reports of the various tracks in Nebraska. Series 2 contains the official programs of the Nebraska racing tracks, 1935-2021. Series 3 contains the daily reports (statistical and financial) of the different race tracks. Series 4 contains track booklets and miscellaneous records for different Nebraska and out-of-state tracks including track passes and racing schedules. Series 5 contains track audits.

## **Series 1: Annual Reports and Correspondence, 1935-1974**

### **Box 1**

Ak-Sar-Ben, 1935-1974  
Alliance, 1949-1964  
Atokad, 1956-1973

### **Box 2**

Columbus, 1935-1972  
Falls City Race Meet, 1969  
Fonner Park, 1936-1958  
Lincoln/Nebr. State Fair, 1946-1974  
Madison Downs, 1935-1972  
Scotts Bluff, 1946-1967  
Annual Review, Racing Form, January 22, 1962

## **Series 2: Official Racing Programs, 1946-2021**

Box 1 1946-1954  
Box 2 1955-1960  
Box 3 1961-1963  
Box 4 1966-1970  
Box 5 1971-1973; Custer County Programs, 1975-1976  
Box 6 1974-1976  
Box 7 1977-1980  
Box 8 1980-1986  
Box 9 1981-1983  
Box 10 1984-1986  
Box 11 1987-1989  
Box 12 1987-1990  
Box 13 1990-1991  
Box 14 1992  
Box 15 1993  
Box 16 1994  
Box 17 1995-1997  
Box 18 1996  
Box 19 1997  
Box 20 1999-2001  
Box 21 2001  
Box 22 2002-2003  
Box 23 2004-2005  
Box 24 2006-2007  
Box 25 2008-2009  
Box 26 2010  
Box 27 2010-2012

Box 28            2013-2015  
Box 29            2016  
Box 30            2017-2019  
Box 31            2019-2021

### **Series 3: Daily Reports, 1956-1972**

Box 1            1956-1968  
Box 2            1969-1972

### **Series 4: Track Booklets and Ephemera, 1935-1991**

Box 1

Ak-Sar-Ben Track Booklets, 1961-1970 & n.d.  
Atokad Track Booklets, 1962-1971  
incl. postcards, n.d. and press passes 1964  
Columbus Track Booklets, 1961-1969  
Fonner Park Track Booklets, 1962-1974  
Lincoln Track Booklets, 1962-1969  
Lincoln Passes, 1964-1965  
Madison Downs Track Booklets, 1935, 1939  
Madison Downs Track Booklets, 1962-1971  
Nebraska Racing Schedules, 1960-1971  
Park Jefferson, South Dakota Booklet, 1962  
Prescott Downs, Ariz., Booklet, 1964  
Scottsbluff Co. Fair Official Daily  
Scratch Sheets, September 1966  
Sunland Park, New Mexico Booklet, 1960-1961  
York Races Booklet, August 21, 1963  
Nebraska Rules of Racing, n.d. (8.5 x 11)  
Film - No Contest Race, Lincoln, 7/27/1963  
Badge Lists & Condition Books, 1961

Box 2            Copies of *The American Racing Manual*, volumes dating between 1975-1991

### **Series 5: Track Audits, 1972-1997**

Box 1            1972-1997  
Box 2            1984-1997

### **Subgroup 3: Broodmare and Stallion Records, 1951-1974**

Scope and content: This subgroup contains records about broodmares and stallions. Records are organized into one series alphabetically by the name of the broodmare or stallion dating 1951-1974.

#### **Series 1: Broodmare and Stallion Records, 1951-1974**

- Box 1           A-F, Broodmares, 1958-1974  
Abbadina (1965) thru Funny (1965)
  
- Box 2           G-M, Broodmares, 1958-1974  
Galalourou (1971) thru Mrs. M. H. (1965)
  
- Box 3           N-S, Broodmares, 1958-1974  
Nadamas (1970) thru Sylvia O. (1972)
  
- Box 4           T-Z, Broodmares, 1958-1974  
Tammie Skidadle (1971) thru Zanie Movie (1971)  
A-R, Stallion Records, 1958-1974  
Aero Commander (1965) thru Royal Rex (1966)
  
- Box 5           S-W, Stallion Records, 1958-1974  
Sailing Chance (1967) thru Wooden Nickel (1965)  
Dead Brood Mares, c. 1966-1973  
Dead or Castrated Stallions, 1951-1974  
Applications for Registration and Certificates of Broodmares, 1974

### **Subgroup 4: Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, 1949-2002**

Scope and content: This subgroup contains records of the Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders' Association. It is divided into two series: 1) Breeders' Certificates, c. 1958-1976 and 2) Nebraska Bred Horses, 1949-1974 and 1991-2002.

#### **Series 1: Breeders' Certificates, 1958-1976**

- Box 1           1958-1974 (A-L)
- Box 2           1958-1974 (M-Z)
- Box 3           1975-1976
- Box 4           1976

## **Series 2: Nebraska Bred Horses, 1949-1974; 1991-2002**

- Box 1            Indexes (2 vols)  
                  Correspondence, 1949-1956  
                  Nebraska Bred Lists, 1958-1967  
                  Breeders Awards Reports, 1966-1971  
                  Official Registry, NTBA, 1974  
                  Brood Mares Bred to Stallions outside Nebr., 1974  
                  NTBA Rules & Regulations, 1966, 1969  
                  NTBA Correspondence & Reports, 1956-1974
- Box 2            Nebraska Bred Earnings Cards, 1958-1970  
                  Certificates of Eligibility, 1965-1970
- Box 3            Registered Nebraska Bred Horses, 1991-2002