

HORSEMEN'S GUIDE

HARRINGTON RACEWAY 2021

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COVID-19 SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

The COVID-19 guidelines are a part of Harrington Raceway's (HRI) reopening health plan. They are not issued by the DHRC; however, as racing participants, the DHRC does respect and will adhere to such guidance. Please refer to the HRI 2021 Operation Protocols which can be found @ the Harrington Raceway & Casino website.

- The DHRC Offices will be open by appointment only. The Judges may be reached by phone @ (302)342-3001, 3002, or 3003.
- The DHRC Licensing Office is open by appointment only. Call (302) 342-3007 to be escorted into the office. All other inquiries and license renewals must be done via the telephone number above or online at:
<https://agriculture.delaware.gov/harness-racing-commission/forms-applications/>
- All claims must be delivered to the Simulcast Manager on duty.
- One licensed groom and one licensed trainer allowed per horse and the horse must always be attended.
- Visitor Passes will NOT be issued.
- All licensees will undergo an HRI health check before admittance.
- Masks must always be worn.
- Please be aware of the new paddock set up and traffic patterns.

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DRIVER'S GUIDE

- **Timeliness - YOU MUST SIGN IN 1 HOUR BEFORE THE POST TIME OF YOUR FIRST RACE**
 - Due to the short durations between scheduled post times, there will be only a 15-minute grace period for drivers in 2021.
 - To get the 15-minute grace period, you must call and speak to the Judges only
 - You may be removed from your drive once you are 15-minutes late.
- Chin straps must be buckled at all times while on the track & you must wear a safety vest at all times on the track.
- No excessive talking on the track.
- **DRIVERS LYING BACK IN THE SULKY TAKING RACING ROOM AWAY FROM A TRAILING HORSE MAY BE CONSIDERED AN ACT OF INTERFERENCE. Hand holds should be adjusted to allow maximum control of your horse.**
- If you give a hole, you must immediately pull and attempt to go forward.
- **When pulling a horse, you must attempt to move this horse forward.**
- Do not jam horses behind you while on top or when letting another horse go.
- Avoid driving in a half-in half-out position.
- Keep feet on stirrups except to pull earplugs. Feet should be on stirrups and not dangling or resting on forks. Kicking fines will increase with each violation during the meet.
- If you cannot post parade a horse, please let the trainer know so they can find someone to parade the horse.
- If you are forced inside pylons, you must report it to the starter that you believe you were forced inside pylons or you still may be penalized.
- Do not drive in between two horses or come up the rail unless there is room for the horse and the bike to get through. If there is no room for the whole package to get through, any contact may be considered your fault.

- Drivers must sign in with the paddock judge at least one hour before scheduled post time of your race. If you are going to be late, please call the Judges. Drivers that call the Judges (not the race secretary, paddock judge, switch board operator, or anyone else) may be given a 15-minute grace period.
- Horses should come up into & remain on the starting gate until the word “go” is given.
- Impelling of a horse
 - No one handing before the ¼ pole.
 - You may one hand no more than 3 times between the ¼ pole and the 7/8’s
 - Do not use whip between the horses legs
 - No whipping after the finish
 - Whips are to be used above and between the shafts.
 - Stay off the horse’s stifles
 - No whipping the outside of the shaft
 - You may hit your wheel disk provided it causes no interference
 - Whips must not be longer than 4 feet in length with a cracker no longer than 6 inches. No modifications to the whip or cracker are allowed.
 - Drawing your hand behind your head to use your whip is not allowed.
- Objections are to be made with the starter before dismounting.
- Report broken equipment to the starter or paddock judge ASAP.
- If you are involved in an inquiry, report to the paddock judge as soon as possible.
- Once you have signed in to drive, you may not leave the paddock until you have completed your driving obligations for that program.
- Do NOT unhook horses before entering or while in the winner’s circle.
- Do not leave the paddock after a race until the race is declared “OFFICIAL”.
- The Judges will be available by phone at 11:00 AM. The DHRC offices are open by appointment only.

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DRIVER SIGN IN SCHEDULE

RACE	POST TIME	SIGN IN TIME
1 st	4:30	3:30
2 nd	4:53	3:53
3 rd	5:10	4:10
4 th	5:28	4:28
5 th	5:46	4:46
6 th	6:03	5:03
7 th	6:21	5:21
8 th	6:39	5:39
9 th	6:57	5:57
10 th	7:16	6:16
11 th	7:34	6:34
12 th	7:51	6:51
13 th	8:08	7:08
14 th	8:25	7:25
15 th	8:42	7:42

- YOU MUST SIGN IN 1 HOUR BEFORE POST TIME OF YOUR FIRST RACE
- IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE, YOU MAY BE GIVEN A 15-MINUTE GRACE PERIOD IF YOU CALL THE JUDGES **(DO NOT CALL THE PADDOCK JUDGE, SWITHBOARD OPERATOR, RACING SECRETARY, OR ANYONE ELSE – A CALL TO THE JUDGES IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET A GRACE PERIOD. IF WE HAVE TO CALL YOU, YOU WILL BE FINED.)**
- DRIVERS THAT ARE REPEATEDLY LATE WILL NO LONGER BE GIVEN A GRACE PERIOD.
- DRIVERS THAT SIGN IN LATE (AND HAVE NOT CALLED THE JUDGES) WILL BE FINED.
- IF YOU DRIVE AT ANOTHER TRACK DURING THE DAY, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO DRIVE AT HARRINGTON RACEWAY AS SCHEDULED.

THE GRACE PERIOD IS A BUFFER IF YOU GET STUCK IN TRAFFIC. IT IS NOT AN EXCUSE FOR YOU TO DRIVE AN EXTRA RACE AT ANOTHER TRACK.

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FINE GUIDE

- LATE DRIVER CHANGE - \$100
- FAILURE TO DRIVE - \$100 PER MISSED DRIVE. FINE WILL GO UP IN INCREMENTS OF \$25 PER DAY OF MISSED DRIVES.
- KICKING - \$200 (1ST OFFENSE) FINE WILL DOUBLE WITH EACH OFFENSE
- FOOT OUT OF STIRRUP (WITH NO KICKING) - \$100
- OVER THREE ONE-HAND WHIPPING FROM ¼ TO THE 7/8'S – MINIMUM \$200
- ONE HANDING BEFORE THE ¼ POLE - MINIMUM \$200
- HITTING SHAFT – MINIMUM \$100
- HITTING BELOW SHAFT – MINIMUM \$200
- USING WHIP BETWEEN HORSES' LEGS – MINIMUM \$200
- CUTTING HORSE – MINIMUM \$300
- EXCESSIVE USE OF WHIP – MINIMUM \$200
- INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP – MINIMUM \$200
- TALKING ON TRACK - \$25
- FAILURE TO COME UP INTO POSITION BEHIND THE GATE - \$50
- LATE TO LASIX - \$200
- WARMING UP BEFORE AMICAR - \$100
- INTERFERENCE – MINIMUM 3 DAYS OR \$200 FINE.
- PYLON VIOLATION \$50
- CUTTING LAST PYLON - \$100
- BLOCKING PASSING LANE - \$100 - \$200 with placing
- PASSING LANE VIOLATION - \$100
- FAILURE TO DECLARE A SUBSTITUTE TRAINER - \$50 (1ST OFFENSE)
- GIVING A HOLE - \$50
- LEANING BACK IN THE RACE BIKE – WARNING (1ST OFFENSE) \$200 FINE.
- FAILURE TO KEEP THE WHOLE CLOSED BEFORE THE ¼ POLE - \$ 50

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GENERAL GUIDE

- In case of an accident or loose horse, do not go onto the track unless requested to do so by an official.
- No late entries will be accepted for qualifying races. Enter a day or two early so your qualifying entry will be on time.
- All persons in the paddock should have their DHRC license available for inspection at all times. Keep your DHRC & USTA licenses up to date!
- Safety vests must be worn at all times while on the track.
- Chin straps must be buckled at all times while on the track: warming up, before, during and after the race and while returning from the winner's circle.
- Trainers and Drivers are responsible to know when scratch time is. Trainers are responsible to know if the driver they name will be here. Do not name a driver if you do not know if he or she will be here.
- No excessive talking on the track.
- **Do not leave horses unattended in the paddock or test area.**
- Check schedules to make sure your horse is not late for Lasix or the paddock.
- Do not warm up before blood gas testing or before Amicar treatment.
- Claimed horses are required to ENTER only in Delaware for 60 days unless released in writing by Harrington Raceway or Dover Downs (this includes qualifiers, dark times, and after the meet ends).
- If you claim for another party you must have an agent's license for that party. **DO NOT SIGN ANYONE ELSE'S NAME ON A CLAIM FORM.** Forms must be filled out completely with a listed trainer, person picking horse up, and the correct spelling of the horse's name. Claims must be turned in 30 minutes before post time for the race you are claiming from.
- Trainers that are not at the track with their horse(s) should designate a substitute trainer IN WRITTING to the Judges. This should be done every time the regular trainer is not in attendance.

- **Trainer should have their horse ready to post parade. You are responsible for having your horse on time to parade. No excuse if your driver is warming up or otherwise not available to parade your horse.**
- **Please make sure all head poles are properly fastened.**
- **Have saddle pads securely attached.**
- **When entering, enter your horses using the event number and state the name of the class to avoid confusion.**
- **All horses entered to race must have a valid coggins result on file with the DHRC**
- **The Judges' will be available by phone at 11:00 a.m. on race days.**
- **Do not unhook horses before entering or while in the winner's circle.**
- **Please keep your stable roster up to date in the Commission Office.**
- **Remember to turn in scratch slips.**
- **Once a horse is treated with Lasix, it must remain in its stall and be attended.**
- **If you are currently using prescription medications, notify the DHRC Chief Investigator**
- **ALL Trainers must have up to date Workman's Comp. information on file in the DHRC Licensing Office.**
- **ALL Grooms must be listed on an up to date Stable Roster in the DHRC Licensing Office.**

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Monday through Wednesday
PADDOCK/SALIX/AMICAR SCHEDULE

RACE	PADDOCK	POST TIME	LASIX	AMICAR
1	2:30	4:30	1:00 - 1:30	3:00 - 3:30
2	2:53	4:53	1:23 - 1:53	3:23 - 3:53
3	3:10	5:10	1:40 - 2:10	3:40 - 4:10
4	3:28	5:28	1:58 - 2:28	3:58 - 4:28
5	3:46	5:46	2:16 - 2:46	4:16 - 4:46
6	4:03	6:03	2:33 - 3:03	4:33 - 5:03
7	4:21	6:21	2:51 - 3:21	4:51 - 5:21
8	4:39	6:39	3:09 - 3:39	5:09 - 5:39
9	4:57	6:57	3:37 - 3:57	5:37 - 5:57
10	5:16	7:16	3:46 - 4:16	5:46 - 6:16
11	5:34	7:34	4:04 - 4:34	6:04 - 6:34
12	5:51	7:51	4:21 - 4:51	6:21 - 6:51
13	6:08	8:08	4:38 - 5:08	6:38 - 7:08
14	6:25	8:25	4:55 - 5:25	6:55 - 7:25
15	6:42	8:42	5:12 - 5:42	7:12 - 7:42

- Drivers for the first race must sign in by 3:30.
- All Drivers must sign in with the paddock judge one hour prior to the post time of their first scheduled drive.
- Horses racing on Amicar may not warm up until they have been treated with Amicar (aminocaproic acid).
- Horses that arrive late for Salix treatment will be scratched.
- Horses must be attended while in the paddock or test area.
- Lasix will be administered in the horse's assigned race stall.
- **DO NOT WARM UP BEFORE BEING RELEASED BY PADDOCK JUDGE**

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CLAIMING REMINDERS

1. Claiming form should be filled out completely with the correct spelling of the horse's name.
2. Claims must be signed by all owners or an authorized agent.
3. Authorized agent must be an agent for all owners they sign for on the claim.
4. A trainer must be listed.
5. The person picking up the horse must be listed.
6. Do not sign anyone else's name. Sign your name only. If any signature on a claim form is found not to be authentic, the claim will be disallowed, and all persons associated with the claim may be subject to disciplinary action.
7. **TURN CLAIM FORMS INTO THE SIMUCAST MANAGER ON DUTY**
8. **Claims must be turned in 30 minutes before the actual post time of the race (the post time that comes up on the tote board, not the scheduled post time or off time).**
9. Claimed horses are eligible to enter for races only in the State of Delaware for a period of 60 days following the claim. This is from race date to entry date and includes qualifiers, the time during the summer break, and after the meet has ended.
10. No transfer of a claimed horse is allowed for 30 days. If you sell a claimed horse after 30 days, but before 60 days, please remind the new owner/trainer about the 60 day rule above.