

# **2021 HARRINGTON RACEWAY OPERATION PROTOCOL**

## **INFORMATION FOR ALL HORSEMEN RACING AT HARRINGTON RACEWAY DURING THE 2021-RACING SEASON.**

### **Paddock Screening**

- Phase I
  - All horsemen, grooms and drivers must enter the Paddock through the Main Paddock entrance and maintain social distancing (six feet apart). Gate 4 will be closed and locked at 8 a.m. on qualifying days and 1p.m. on race days. Participants must have their Delaware Harness Racing Commission license with them and ready to present when entering the Paddock or they will be denied entry.
  - Only essential racing personnel and Commission and track employees will be allowed in the Paddock:
    - A maximum of one trainer and groom allowed per horse. No owners or guests will be allowed in the Paddock.
    - Only horses who are in-to-go that evening allowed on the grounds. (There will be no training on the front track during live racing.)
    - HRI staff
    - Commission and DSBF staff
    - DSOA staff
  - There will be members of staff dedicated to enforcing social distancing and wearing of facemasks while in the Paddock.
  - All participants will have temperature read prior to being granted access to the Paddock
  - All participants will be questioned about medical status prior to being granted access to the facility. Participants will be asked:
    1. Do you have symptoms of respiratory infection (fever or shaking chills, cough, and shortness of breath, severe sore throat, loss of taste or smell, or muscle aches)?
    2. Have you been in close contact (e.g. within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection?
  - If yes to either question, track will advise participants to follow guidelines set forth in DHSS Essential Services Screening Recommendations for COVID-19 Pandemic.
  - Participants “flagged” by temperature reading of 99.5 degrees (or any other value to be established by DPH) or flagged by questionnaire will be prohibited from entering.
  - Participants demonstrating symptoms will be asked to immediately vacate property.

- After temperature is taken, questions answered and Racing Commission license recorded all participants will be given a wristband corresponding with the race day.
    - The bracelet must be worn as long as that person is in the Paddock.
    - Horses will use stalls just as they did pre-COVID-19.
    - The Lasix Vet will come to the stall (either race stall or designated stall to administer Lasix.
    - Everyone while in the Paddock will be required to wear acceptable facial covering (nose and mouth must be covered). If facial covering is not used, the person will be asked to leave and their racing privileges may be revoked.
  - Participants are responsible for supplying their own facemasks.
- Concession Trailer
  - There will be a Concession Trailer operating during nightly races.
- Track
  - Winners circle will not operate as normal. Drivers will bring their horses past the photographer with no other people in the winner's circle.
- Grandstand/Track Apron
  - Guests, visitors and non-participating horsemen will be allowed on the track apron or simulcast/sports book area.
- Race Office
  - The Race Office will be open to horsemen by appointment only.
  - The DHRC licensing office and DSOA office will be open on a modified basis with very limited access and by appointment.
  - All entries must be made via internet or telephone
  - Online computerized draw will be reinstated
  - Only essential personnel will be allowed in the DHRC licensing and DSOA offices.
    - At no time, shall there be more than one person, other than employees, in the Race Office at one time.
    - Make all claims through the in Simulcast.
- Only Delaware-trained horses, DSBF eligible horses and/or out-of-state trainers who raced at Harrington and/or horses approved by the Director of Racing will be permitted to enter and race horses in overnight races.
  - All drivers (both warming up and racing) must get on/off race bike/jog cart outside of the paddock
    - Grooms/trainers must regain control of the horse from the driver before re-entering the Paddock
  - Drivers must wear face coverings at all times while in the Paddock but may remove them when they go out to drive. The Driver's lounge will remain closed but the locker room will be open. There will be no congregating in the Locker Room and social distancing must be maintained at all times. When not driving or warming up all drivers must vacate the Paddock to the outside seating area. In case of inclement weather, if not driving and between races drivers will stay in a designated area inside the Paddock.

- No driver or trainer will be allowed in the Paddock unless they are scheduled to race.
- No open toe shoes or flip-flops will be worn in the Paddock at any time.
- If race/jog carts are left at the track, they must be kept apart in order to maintain social distancing.
- The trainer will be responsible for passing this information to their owners and employees.
- Sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the Paddock and participants are urged to use frequently.
- Horses and handlers (trainers and grooms) must vacate the Paddock and leave the grounds as soon as possible.

I have read and agree to abide by the “2021 Harrington Raceway Operation Protocol”

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Signature:

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Date:

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