

# **2020 HARRINGTON RACEWAY OPERATION PROTOCOL**

## **INFORMATION FOR ALL HORSEMEN RACING AT HARRINGTON RACEWAY STARTING WITH QUALIFYING ON JUNE 9<sup>th</sup> AND 10<sup>th</sup> AT 9 A.M. AND CONTINUING WITH LIVE RACING STARTING ON JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> AT 4:30 P.M. AND CONTINUING EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY THROUGH JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

- **Paddock Screening**

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- 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. There will be no schooling during the spring meet.)
  - 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.
  - Participants will be required to wear acceptable face covering or refused entry.
- 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 in races one (1) through five (5) (note: New race stall pattern) will be taken directly to their race stall. If horse is in race six (6) through nine (9) they will go into a designated holding stall. The Paddock Judge will call horses in races six (6) through nine (9) when it is time to go into their race stall.
- The Lasix Vet will come to the stall (either race stall or designated stall to administer Lasix.
- On qualifying days horses in races one (1) through five (5) go directly to their race stalls (note: New race stall pattern) races six (6) through nine (9) will not be able to enter the Paddock until called by the Paddock Judge.
- 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
  - Concession Trailer will not operate during Phase I.
- Track
  - No owners, guests, media or fans allowed on 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
  - No guests, visitors or non-participating horsemen will be allowed in the grandstand or on the track apron
- 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 Paddock Judge.

- Only Delaware-trained horses, DSBF eligible horses and/or out-of-state trainers who raced at Harrington in 2019 with 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. All drivers will arrive at, and leave, the paddock in their race colors. The driver’s lounge and lockers will remain closed. Drivers must bring all necessary color changes and gear in a duffle bag that will be placed with the Paddock Judge. 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.
  - Only one hot/cold water tap will be available in the Paddock and one in the Containment area during Phase I. A Harrington employee will dispense all water.
  - 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 “2020 Harrington Raceway Operation Protocol”

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Signature:

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Date:

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