



## **GENERAL TRACK POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

- A. The Track will close at announced times daily. Repeated offenders in not observing track closing times will be asked to vacate the grounds.
- B. On snow days or bad weather days, the Track Superintendent will make the decision to open or close the track for training. The Track Superintendent at his discretion may extend training times which shall be announced.
- C. The minimum-claiming price shall be \$5,000.00. Any horse in any class not proving to be competitive will be asked to vacate the grounds and may be ruled ineligible to race at The Meadows in the sole discretion of the Racing Secretary. Any horse six (6) years or older who is not a winner of a race may not be permitted to race at The Meadows unless approved by the Race Secretary.
- D. All drivers are subject to approval of the Presiding Judge and the Meadows. All changes in trainers (other than for claimed horses) must be reported to the Presiding Judge and Race Secretary. The Meadows, in its sole discretion, may not honor a trainer change or transfer. Horses whose trainers have been changed while the meeting is in progress will not be permitted to race in the stable of the previous trainer for 30 days other than by claim. All trainers on the grounds are required to keep their roster up to date and any changes must be reported immediately to the Racing Secretary. Once a horse is declared in to race, no trainer or owner changes will be made until after the race is contested unless approved by the Meadows.
- E. Any horse not listed on a trainer's original stall application will not be granted stall space without permission of the Racing Secretary. Stall space is not automatically assigned to an owner, trainer or drivers.
- F. Any trainer stabled on the grounds who wishes to bring in an additional horse to race or acquires an additional horse through a claim must fill out a stall application or horse approval form. The racing secretary must approve this application before the stall space is allotted and the horse is brought on the grounds.
- G. A current coggins test, health certificate, EHV and rabies certificate is required to race at The Meadows. Entries may be denied if current tests are not on file. Additional health information may be required at the discretion of the Meadows.
- H. At no time is there to be any leading of horses on the main track. Leading is permitted on the back track up to 8:30 AM.

## **CLAIMING PROCEDURES**

- A. The following negotiable instruments will be accepted in making a claim: cashier checks, certified check, money orders and claim checks from The Meadows (signed over to the Association). Cash will be accepted if deposited with the money room and a voucher is secured.
- B. All claims must be in writing on the designated claiming form and in an envelope, time stamped, and handed to the Bookkeeper at least 15 minutes before the post time originally scheduled for the race in which the claim is being made. It is the claimants' responsibility to fill out the claiming form and claiming check properly. A separate check for transfer fee made payable to the U.S.T.A. is also required.

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- C. Any trainer or owner that chooses to race a claimed horse prior to the result of the testing procedure of the P.H.R.C. shall forfeit any claim to return that said horse.
- D. Owners and trainers are only eligible to claim a horse from a race at The Meadows if they both meet any of the criteria below:
  - 1. Both the Owner and Trainer are assigned stalls and stable horses at The Meadows in the current calendar year; or,
  - 2. Both the Owner and Trainer have both raced at least five (5) horses in the current calendar year at the Meadows; or, (Only Parimutuel Races Considered)
  - 3. Both the Owner and Trainer have not met the minimum requirements of 1 or 2 above but lost a horse racing at the Meadows to a claim in the current calendar year. In this situation said owner and/or trainer may claim a horse to replace the horse which was claimed from them during the current calendar year.

### **SHIP-IN POLICY**

- A. Racing applications and horse approval forms must be filled out in full and approved by the Racing Secretary and/or Director of Racing before ship-in privileges will be granted.
- B. Trainers or their authorized personnel must provide security with proper identification and show a valid Health Certificate and any other required documentation for horses when entering or leaving the backstretch area.
- C. The Meadows may restrict or eliminate ship ins for training on certain days at its sole discretion.

### **TRACK RULES**

- 1. Anyone warming-up horses on the track at least one (1) hour prior to post time of the first race must be in full colors.
- 2. All drivers must be dressed neatly with clean colors, white trousers and clips.
- 3. All Drivers are required to be signed in and physically present in the paddock at least 30 minutes prior to their first scheduled drive and may not leave unless approved by the Judges. Upon returning to the paddock a driver must sign in and be subject to pre-race testing as directed by the PHRC.
- 4. When rain jackets are necessary, either regular colors, rain jackets or transparent jackets worn over colors will be used.
- 5. Objections must be reported to the Patrol Judge in the starting gate immediately after the race and before dismounting.
- 6. In case of a WIN photo, all horses involved in the photo finish must remain on the track. All others should return to the paddock and remain there until the race is declared official.

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7. Scratch and Driver change time is 10:00 AM or at the time as designated on the condition sheet.
8. When mud fenders are required, all drivers will use them or none will.
9. Anyone driving or riding a horse on the track must wear a securely strapped helmet at all times.

### **GENERAL BARN AREA**

- A. No paper, peat moss, woodchips, sawdust or peanut shells are to be used as bedding.
- B. Binder twines or trash is not to be put in the manure wagons.
- C. It is the trainer's responsibility to maintain a clean shed row at all times and keep electrical devices unplugged when not being used or monitored.
- D. Trainers are responsible for maintaining the safe conditions and upkeep of assigned tack rooms and stable area in an effort to maintain a safe environment for all stable operations.

Please note that any of these policies and procedures can be changed or altered at any time at the discretion of the Racing Secretary.

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