



Protocols for NYS County Fair Finals & Landmark Stakes Racing 2020

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Racing at Goshen Historic Track in 2020 is predicated on state and local officials permitting this activity. These protocols may not cover all precautions necessary. The decisions of government or health officials may guide additional requirements or restrictions on race day. Decisions of those officials, the Historic Track personnel and the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund must be followed in order to race. Those who do not follow protocols will not be able to race, will have to vacate the grounds, and will not be due a refund of declaration or staking fees. Questions may be directed to Kelly Young in the NYSS office at 518-388-0224.

Horsemen Protocols

Admittance to the Track:

- * All trucks and trailers will be limited to a single point of entry at the back paddock gate on Parkway. Look for signage or directions on site.
- * Upon arrival, all participants will have their temperature taken. Anyone displaying a temperature over 100.0°F will not be allowed entry to the grounds.
- * All people entering the track will fill out a Covid-19 questionnaire. Anyone responding positively to any of the survey questions or not signing the form will not be allowed entry to the grounds. Participants are strongly encouraged to print out and complete questionnaire at home and bring day of racing to speed entry to Historic Track.
- * Following passing of the health protocol, each horseman shall receive a color-coded wrist band.
- * The number of people admitted with each horse will be limited to two (2) people (ie: the trainer and groom). People who are not necessary to race the horse should not attend (see below for additional rules regarding entry of horse owners). Exceptions to this must be justified and must be approved in advance by the Ag Fund (call 518-388-0224 for Kelly). Every effort should be made to limit the number of people attending. Catch drivers must be listed to drive in the program to be admitted. All individuals entering the grounds must be screened and their attendance recorded.
- * As much as possible, participants are encouraged to not arrive before 9:00 a.m. so staff is in place for entry screening. Post time is 12 noon. If you arrive before that, you may not enter the grounds until you have been screened by an approved individual of the track or NYSS.
- * Declaration fees for the Landmark Stakes are due to the paddock judge no later than 1 hour prior to post time, payable to Goshen Historic Track. There are no declaration fees for the County Fair Finals. Participants should not need to visit the race office on the front side of the track for any reason.

* **Current Coggins and Rabies Certificates:** Participants are strongly encouraged to send current proof of Coggins and Rabies for each horse in advance so they can be recorded in the USTA system, or recorded by the race office at your local pari-mutual track. If this is done, participants will not have to show these documents upon entry to the grounds and it will speed the process. The track will receive a report of those horses with current documents on file; all others will still be required to produce documents upon entry to the grounds. This plan has been approved by the State Veterinarian. Even if documents are recorded, it is still required that horses travel with current proof of Coggins and Rabies and will be subject to random document checks at Historic Track. Be prepared to provide when requested.

* **Out-of-State Horses:** Horses traveling from outside of New York are required to present a certificate of veterinary inspection completed within 30 days of Sept. 6, 2020. This should be presented upon entry to the grounds or may be sent in advance.

Send current Coggins, Rabies and/or Health Certificates for both County Fair and Landmark entries to the Ag Fund by email to kelly.young@gaming.ny.gov or fax to 518-388-2791. The horse's name, test date and lab where the test was conducted must be clearly visible. Include your contact information so we can reach you if there are any questions.

Social Distancing and Face Masks:

* Participants must practice physical distancing by standing at least six feet away from other groups of people not traveling with them while standing or moving around the property, to the extent possible.

* Any time any person must come within six feet of another, at a minimum, an acceptable face covering must be worn. Acceptable face coverings include but are not limited to cloth (e.g. homemade sewn, quick cut, bandana) and surgical masks, unless the nature of the work requires stricter PPE e.g. N95 respirator, face shield. Participants in and around shared barn areas should wear masks at all times.

* Groups of not more than 10 people are allowed at any one time at any one place, and there should be no congregating anywhere.

* Limit the sharing of objects (e.g. buckets, hoses) and discourage touching of shared surfaces; or, when in contact with shared objects or frequently touched areas, wear gloves (trade-appropriate or medical); or, sanitize or wash hands before and after contact.

* Winners circle presentations will be allowed (see rules for owners below).

* Grandstand and race-viewing is limited to only the employees necessary to ensure the integrity of the race. No owners, trainers, or spectators shall be permitted to view from the grandstand. All individuals who are permitted to be on the grounds will be required to view from the backstretch. Any other directions about race viewing will be provided by track officials on the day of the race.

* Saddle pads that need to be used more than once in a day will be sanitized by staff before being used by another horse. Please assist with this by returning saddle pads promptly.

* Tightly confined spaces (e.g. bathrooms) should be occupied by only one individual at a time, unless all occupants are wearing face coverings. If occupied by more than one person, keep occupancy under 50% of maximum capacity.

Owner Protocols

Owners of horses may attend the races, but will be required to adhere to the following:

Advance Reservations Required:

* Only owners with a horse entered to race may attend on the date of the race. Owners must be listed with USTA and in the race program.

* No other spectators shall be admitted.

* Once the overnight list is published, the owners of horses entered may call the Historic Track Race Office at 845-294-5333 to be placed on an admissions list.

* The Racing Office shall confirm the license status of the owner and shall establish a roster of all owners authorized to be admitted.

*** To attend the live racing event, reservations must be made in advance, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept 4, 2020.**

* No same-day admissions shall be accepted.

Admission To The Track:

* All owners will be required to enter Historic Track through the back paddock gate on Parkway. No individuals will be admitted through any other gate, even if they are on the admissions list.

* Owners must be on the advance admissions list and have a current USTA license. A **NYS owner's license or state-issued ID must be shown** to confirm identification.

* Upon arrival, all owners will have their temperature taken. Anyone displaying a temperature over 100.0°F will not be allowed entry to the grounds.

* All owners entering the track will fill out a Covid-19 questionnaire. Anyone responding positively to any of the survey questions or not signing the form will not be allowed entry to the grounds. Participants are strongly encouraged to print out and complete questionnaire at home and bring day of racing to speed entry to Historic Track.

* Following passing of the health protocol, each person shall receive a color-coded wrist band.

* Owners will be directed to parking locations on the day of race by officials on site or signage.

General Attendance Requirements:

* Owners shall always wear a face mask covering both the nostrils and the mouth while on the grounds of a track.

* Appropriate social distancing shall be practiced.

* The track shall provide hand sanitizer dispensers and hand washing stations throughout the backstretch.

* Owners are not permitted in the grandstand as per state rules. They will be required to view from the backstretch. Neither the grandstand nor any box area shall be used for seating of any kind.

* Owners are invited to bring lawn chairs and coolers to help them enjoy the day. Water will be available near the paddock judge. Alcohol is restricted.

* Owners of the winning horse will be allowed in the Winner's Circle, provided they maintain a proper social distancing from others and wear a mask. The track will aid in getting owners from the backstretch to the winner's circle.