



Risk Management Plan

Meadowlands Racetrack

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In response to the Covid-19 pandemic we submit what we believe to be a workable plan that will enable us to provide a healthy, safe environment for our employees and those essential to the racing of the horses, allowing us to safely conduct live harness racing at The Meadowlands Racetrack through the remainder of 2020.

Racing, through the various on-line gambling platforms, will importantly provide significant needed income to New Jersey from the taxes generated on every wager that will be made along with payroll taxes.

Through the Meadowlands Racetrack's simulcasting of its desirable racing product it will certainly be the leader in exporting the signal of harness racing around the world.

General Rules of Operation for Meadowlands Racetrack Live Racing:

Personnel & Attendance

- No public shall be allowed in the grandstands or other general massing areas. No pari-mutuel wagering, as live handle, shall be conducted on the premises. No food vendors or distribution of food will be permitted in the paddock. Trainers, grooms, and drivers must bring their own beverages and food and keep them in their respective vehicles.
- Only essential paddock personnel shall be on-site, as well as trainers and essential care personnel (veterinarians, trainers, grooms, farriers). Base number of essential paddock personnel required to be at the location is approximately 12.
- Essential Paddock Personnel Includes:
 - Paddock Judge, Horse Identifier, Equipment/ Numbers Person, Outrider, and two Starting Car Persons; Security (both inside and outside of the paddock); Farrier, Veterinarians. Numbers could be placed in respective horses' stalls prior to the arrival of any horses.
 - No one other than the paddock judge and the Horse Identifier should be in the paddock office at any given time.
 - Essential personnel shall be granted break time for hand washing and other recommended personal disinfecting practices.

Procedures

Track Security (including medical personnel) will remain outside of the paddock and will check in horses and take the temperatures of all personnel via "no-touch" laser thermometers. Verification of licensure will occur upon arrival to the Secure Paddock Area (SPA). A roaming security person in the paddock would ensure that these procedures are followed.

- No visitors in the Secure Paddock Area will be permitted; this includes owners.
- Trainers/Grooms/Drivers shall be those holding a New Jersey license. Those with any underlying health issues or symptoms of illness should not come to the SPA under any circumstances. This includes any person with reason to be concerned for their health as per the latest New Jersey and US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.
- All participants planning to enter the SPA shall verify at home (per CDC guidelines) that they are not running a temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit prior to leaving for the raceway.
- Trainers/Grooms will be limited to the minimum per ship-in party, and their racing staff shall be reduced to following ratio:
 - 1 horse - One Trainer or One Groom
 - 2-3 horses – One Trainer and One Groom
 - 4-6 horses – One Trainer and Two Grooms
 - 7+ horses - One Trainer and a Three Grooms maximum
- Communications should be carried out electronically where possible. All participants shall practice accepted protocol for "social distancing" and remain 6 feet away from others at all times.
- Person to person interaction must be kept to a minimum at all times.

- The placement of the horses shall be staged with a minimum of six feet of separation whenever feasible.
- Entry to the property by those employees arriving duty, all office personnel including the backstretch offices and the transporting horses for racing, detention or any other means shall be scheduled to avoid crowding at the entrance areas.
- The New Meadowlands Racetrack will have ample portable toilets to help with managing contact points. Participants in the SPA should take care to reduce the number of bathroom trips for everyone's safety.
- Infection control practices will be enforced and accommodated with the necessary supplies such as hand washing and sanitizing stations.
- Trainers, grooms, and drivers must bring their own beverages and food and keep them in their respective vehicles.

Designated Personnel shall aid in the SPA by filling the following roles:

- Providing protective gloves and sanitizer stations where possible.
- Monitoring that participants remain 6 feet apart at all times.
- Relaying information to the Paddock Judge.
- Pre-assigned "runners" shall provide hot water and other items for trainers by taking buckets into the paddock, filling them, then returning them to the trainer. This will reduce the amount of people touching surfaces. The "runners" shall wear protective gloves and masks at all times and remain 6 feet away from all participants. (Alternative – one person mans the faucets and will fill buckets that are left for them to grab and fill. The person manning the faucet must wear protective gloves and mask).

Racing Offices

- All above practices shall pertain to the Racing Offices and those who work in them
- No agents will be allowed in the office
- Entries will be taken by telephone or online only
- Draw will be done via teleconference
- Meeting will be done by teleconference when feasible and any necessary gathering shall be limited to a maximum of ten persons.

Race Day Specific Activities upon Arrival – Trainers and Grooms

On Those days the track is open the following protocols shall be strictly adhered to:

Transportation

- Horses must be accompanied by essential licensed personnel only.
- Ship in barns will be used as an extension of the paddock to ensure the necessary number of stalls per trainer with social distancing taken into account.
- Horses shipping in from outside the State of New Jersey shall be placed in a separate secure area in an effort to have contact with local persons kept to a minimum.

- Transportation into the stable area will be permitted between 7:00AM and Noon for qualifying/training.
- Transportation into the stable area will be permitted between 2:00PM and 11:00PM for on live racing nights.

Check-In

- Security personnel will log all those allowed to enter by name, license, date, and time.
- Upon entering the secure area and parking, all trainers, grooms, and drivers shall present the completed Covid-19 Protocol Questionnaire and submit for no-touch temperature scanning. There will be no exceptions.
- Anyone with a temperature exceeding 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit shall immediately leave the paddock area and their horses will be scratched (There will be no exceptions and horsemen and handlers will be advised check their temperature before departing to travel to the racetrack).
- Upon passing the temperature scan, the trainer shall report to the paddock judge and report that the entries are on-site. Six feet of separation shall be maintained for this communication.
- Any who may begin to demonstrate symptoms while in the SPA shall immediately be relieved of duty and sent home.
- Should that occur contact tracing shall be implemented and anyone who may have been exposed via contact will be notified.
- The entirety of that area shall be sanitized via DOH and CDC guidelines as a part of maintaining a clean, safe work environment.

Paddock Procedures

Horses will be pre-assigned stalls in the paddock, which will be conveyed to the trainers before or upon their arrival. Horses may be grouped by trainer, to cut down on the number of handlers needed and to eliminate the need for co-mingling of personnel between racing stables. Empty stalls shall be put in between grooms. Trainers shall keep to the area of their horses all times and leave 6 feet between other participants.

- The procedure of the administration of Lasix will be determined by the New Jersey Racing Commission.
- Ample signage in the paddock and surrounding areas will make sanitization and “social distancing” policies understood to be mandatory.
- Paddock procedures will clearly state that anyone entering the paddock area, including officials, shall always wear suitable face coverings and proper gloves.
- Persons not complying with these policies as stated will be expelled from the property.
- All common surfaces, equipment and areas will be routinely cleaned and disinfected in accordance with DOH and CDC guidelines by trained personnel.
- One-way aisles for movement within the paddock shall be clearly marked to minimize incidental contact.
- No more than one person per horse (the “handler”, no exceptions).

- Equipment for the horses shall remain particular to each horse to avoid contact by sharing.
- Warm-ups shall be kept to a minimum and limited to one warm up per horse.
- During the hitching/unhitching of the race bikes the handler may hold the horse while maintaining a safe distance from the Driver as the Driver hitches/unhitches the bike.
- Horses will go onto the racetrack 7-12 minutes before.
- Paddock and the testing barn will be disinfected after each race card.

Check-Out / Leaving

- After each race the paddock stall area is disinfected with a bleach solution.
- Thirty minutes after conclusion of the race, the handler must leave with the horse unless tending to other horses. Then the handler may remain and check on the horse.
- Horses and equipment shall either be washed at home (preferable) or outside the trainer's trailer or other pre-assigned area.
- Horses to be tested will be tested in the testing barn after the race.

Race Day Specific Activities upon Arrival – Drivers

The following protocols shall be strictly adhered to:

Check-In

- Security personnel will log all those allowed to enter by name, license, date, and time.
- Upon entering the secure area and parking, all trainers, grooms, and drivers shall present the completed Covid-19 Protocol Questionnaire and submit for no-touch temperature scanning. There will be no exceptions.
- Drivers are encouraged to come prepared by having their colors on.
- Drivers must remain isolated in their own vehicle in a designated area and will pick up their mount as the horses exit the paddock on their way to the racetrack.
- The Driver's Locker Room will be unavailable

Procedures

- Drivers shall return to the Winner's Circle alone with the winning horse.
- There will be no transportation from the paddock to the Winner's Circle for the handlers who must remain in the paddock.
- While waiting between races, drivers shall maintain social distancing protocols, remaining in their vehicles whenever feasible.

Check-Out / Leaving

- Upon the driver's last race of the day, he/she should leave the paddock immediately after notifying the paddock judge.