



**New York Sire Stakes Night of Champions
Yonkers Raceway**

September 12, 2020

Racing Security Protocols

All horses must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 11, 2020. The race card will consist of an indeterminate number of races, including the eight New York Sire Stakes Final Races.

The N.Y.S. Gaming Commission (Commission) will be utilizing security protocols for each of the New York Sire Stakes Final Races. These protocols require out-of-competition testing of ALL horses. These security protocols will provide additional safeguards to protect the integrity of the sport and the welfare of the horses and foster transparency and accountability by ensuring compliance among horsepersons and veterinarians that travel to New York to compete.

The security protocols in effect for all Sire Stakes Final Races include the following:

- **Horses competing in the 2020 New York Sire Stakes Night of Champions Final Races must be on the grounds of Yonkers Raceway by 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 11, 2020. All horses, along with their veterinary records, must be brought directly to the detention barn upon arrival. The detention barn will open for arriving horses starting at 12:00 p.m.** The horses will be subject to a continuous 24-hour dedicated watch by experienced personnel leading to post time. During a dedicated watch, a Yonkers Raceway security guard or Commission Investigator will keep the horses under constant surveillance. Anyone (e.g., veterinarians) entering a stall or otherwise having physical contact with a horse under watch will be closely observed.
- **A completed [Commission Veterinary Treatment Record Form \(VR1A\)](#), identifying any treatments administered in the previous 48 hours (September 9, 2020 & September 10, 2020), must be submitted to Commission officials at the time the horse is brought to the detention barn on Friday, September 11, 2020.** If no treatments were made, then the Form must still be completed and submitted indicating “no treatment.” The Commission will post these records on its website at www.gaming.ny.gov. The [Commission Veterinary Treatment Record Form VR1A](#) and a completed [sample Commission Veterinary Treatment Record Form](#) for reference have been linked and are otherwise available on the Commission’s Equine Health and Safety webpage.
- Once arrived, horses must remain on the Yonkers grounds until after the running of their race. Exceptions will only be granted in the case of an unforeseeable emergency, as determined by the Commission in consultation with the Presiding Judge and Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund Executive Director.

- Only the trainer and two designated individuals will be allowed detention barn access, and all shall be listed on the detention barn access log. All persons entering the detention barn will be subject to search per Commission rules.
- No horse entered in a New York Sire Stakes Final Race may be treated after arrival in the detention barn on September 11, 2020 unless a Commission Investigator is present. Commission personnel will monitor all treatments of participating horses performed by veterinarians prior to the scheduled post times of their respective races. No veterinarian will be allowed to treat a horse without first making an appointment with Commission Investigators. All medications and paraphernalia will be examined by Commission personnel prior to use. All syringes and containers for administered medication will be retained by the Commission for possible testing.
- No harness bags or containers will be allowed in the detention barn unless searched and permitted by Yonkers Raceway security personnel. Commission and Yonkers Raceway security personnel may restrict the entry of bags or containers into the detention barn until all horses are secured in their stalls.
- All equipment, feed, hay bales, etc. will be subject to search and seizure, as provided by law. Only new, factory sealed feed bags will be permitted in the detention barns. No supplements will be allowed.
- Only bedding (pine shavings) provided by Yonkers Raceway may be used in the detention barn.
- Trainers must bring equipment needed for stall upkeep (pitchfork, rake, etc.) and double-end snaps for water and feed buckets.
- In addition to the detention barn access log, a stall entry/exit log will be maintained by Yonkers Raceway security personnel. All persons, including grooms, veterinarians, trainers, assistant trainers, farriers, or other permitted connections entering a stall as permitted by the Commission, engaging in contact with the horse or performing any service for the horse shall have a valid Commission-issued license on their person. All visits will be logged in by Yonkers Raceway security along with the reason for the visit. Routine stall and horse maintenance by identified grooms and staff will be monitored but will be exempt from logging.
- Race-day furosemide is the only permitted injection a horse may receive within 24 hours of a race and will be administered by Yonkers Raceway veterinarians. Please have an attendant with the horse between 4½ and 4 hours prior to the horse's scheduled post time. Yonkers Raceway veterinarians will not administer furosemide to an unattended horse. The fee of \$20 for furosemide administration is due in cash or check upon administration. Syringes will be retained by the Commission for possible testing.
- On race day, blood samples for TCO₂ analysis may be collected from horses in the detention barn.
- No oral administration of any medication or substance by dose syringe is permitted on race day.

- No more than two Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (e.g., flunixin meglumine, phenylbutazone) may be administered to a racehorse during the week before racing. One may be used until 48 hours before racing, the other may be used only until 96 hours before the race.
- Dimethyl sulfoxide, or DMSO, may be applied topically on race day, but may not be administered by other means within 48 hours of the race.
- Within 24 hours of post time, the following are prohibited: nebulizer, puffer treatment, transdermal patches, pulse electromagnetic wave therapy, laser, electro-magnetic blankets, boots, electro-shock, or any other electrical devices.
- For horses receiving anti-ulcer medications, trainers are advised to perform daily administrations at least 24 hours prior to the horse's scheduled post time. By doing so, the horse may receive its race day anti-ulcer medication after racing and without interrupting its treatment schedule.
- Trainers should be mindful that over-the-counter nutritional supplements, homeopathic remedies, and herbal preparations are not regulated by the Federal Drug Administration and may contain prohibited substances with no notice on the product label.
- A horse will have an opportunity to go out on the track and/or infield for grazing during a set period of time decided by Yonkers Raceway management. Everyone wishing to get their horse out will be allowed to do so. The detention barn area will also provide space to walk horses.
- On September 12, 2020, no attending veterinarians will be allowed access to a horse entered in a New York Sire Stakes Final Race except to provide emergency services under the direct supervision of the Commission Investigator and with approval the Commission Equine Medical Director.
- Any horses receiving emergency medication of any kind on September 12, 2020, will be scratched.

The Commission's Harness Racing medication rules are located at Part 4120, which can be accessed [here](#).

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