



**2017 Yonkers International Trot at Empire City Casino and
New York Sire Stakes Day of Champions
October 14, 2017**

Racing Security Protocols – Sire Stakes Participants

ALL horses MUST be in the paddock detention area by 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 13. Participants can arrive as early as 7:00 a.m. The race card will consist of 11 races, including the eight Sire Stakes races (\$225,000 purses per race), two Invitational races (\$250,000 purses per race), and the International Trot (\$1 million purse).

The New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) will be utilizing security protocols for all 11 races. These protocols will require out-of-competition testing of ALL horses. (Dr. Scott E. Palmer, NYS Gaming Commission Equine Medical Director and Daniel Haughney, NYS Gaming Commission Director of Investigations).

The protocols will provide additional safeguards to protect the integrity of the sport and the welfare of the horses. The Commission has successfully implemented such measures for Thoroughbred Grade 1 races with purses of \$1 million or more for the past several years. In addition to fostering transparency and accountability in high-profile races, the measures ensure compliance among horsepersons and veterinarians who travel to New York from across the world to compete.

The security protocols in effect for all 11 races include the following:

- Unless exempted by the Presiding Judge, no horse entered in the above-captioned races may be treated after 1:00 p.m. on October 13 unless a NYSGC security person is present. Security personnel will monitor all treatments performed by veterinarians. All syringes and containers for administered medication will be retained by the Commission for possible testing.
- **Horses running in any of the races scheduled for October 14 must be in the paddock detention area by 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 13.** The horses will be subject to a continuous 24-hour dedicated watch by experienced security personnel leading to post time. During a dedicated watch, a security guard or New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) investigator will keep the horses under constant surveillance. Anyone (i.e., veterinarians) entering a stall or otherwise having physical contact with a horse under watch will be directly observed by a NYSGC investigator.

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- The Commission is taking out-of-competition blood samples from participating horses well in advance of the race and sending them to the New York State Equine Drug Testing and Research Program at Morrisville State College for immediate testing. The Commission will coordinate with other jurisdictions to obtain out-of-competition samples from horses that are not stabled in New York.
- No harness bags or containers will be allowed in the paddock.
- Once arrived, horses must remain on the Yonkers facility grounds until after the running of the race. Exceptions will only be granted in the case of an unforeseeable emergency, as determined by the Yonkers Raceway security in consultation with the Commission's Presiding Judge.
- Commission personnel will monitor all treatments of participating horses performed by veterinarians prior to the scheduled post times of the respective races. No veterinarians will treat horses without first making an appointment with Commission investigators. All medications and paraphernalia will be examined by Commission personnel prior to use. All containers for medications administered will be retained by the Commission for possible testing.
- Completed NYSGC Veterinary Record Forms (VR1a), identifying any treatments received in the previous 48 hours, must be submitted to NYSGC officials at the time the horse is brought to the paddock on Friday, October 13, 2017. If no treatments were received, 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. A blank VR1a form for use and a completed sample for reference are enclosed.
- Stall entry/exit logs will be maintained by security personnel. All persons, including grooms, veterinarians, trainers, assistant trainers, farriers, owners or other connections – upon entering the stall, engaging in contact with the horse or performing any service for the horse – must have a valid Commission license or Yonkers Raceway security badge on their person. All visits will be logged in by 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.
- All equipment, feed, hay bales, etc. will be subject to search and seizure, as provided by law, by both Yonkers Raceway and the Commission. Only new, sealed feed bags will be allowed in the paddock. No supplements will be allowed.
- All persons entering the paddock will be subject to possible search per New York State Gaming Commission rules.

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- Salix is the only permitted injection a horse may receive within 24 hours of a race and will be administered by Yonkers veterinarians. Yonkers veterinarians will administer race-day Salix (furosemide). This administration is performed between 4 ½ and 4 hours prior to the horse's scheduled post time. Please have an attendant with the horse during this period. Yonkers veterinarians will not administer Salix to an unattended horse. The fee of \$25 for Salix administration is processed through the Horsemen's Bookkeeper's office. Syringes will be preserved by the Commission for possible testing.
- No oral administration of any medication or substance by dose syringe is permitted on race day.
- No Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (e.g., Banamine) may be administered to a racehorse within 48 hours of post time.
- Only bedding provided by Yonkers Raceway may be used in the paddock.
- Trainers must bring double end snaps for water and feed buckets.
- Trainers must bring equipment needed for stall upkeep (pitch fork, rake, etc.).
- DMSO may be applied topically on race day, but may not be administered by any other means within 48 hours of the race.
- Within 24 hours of the start of the racing program in which a horse is scheduled to race, the following are prohibited: Pulse therapy, laser, electro-magnetic blankets, boots, electro-shock, or any other electrical devices.
- The following are prohibited within 24 hours of post time: Nebulizer, puffer treatment or transdermal patches.
- Trainers should be mindful that over-the-counter nutritional supplements, homeopathic remedies, and herbal preparations are not regulated by the FDA and may contain prohibited substances with no notice on the product label.
- For horses receiving anti-ulcer medications, trainers are advised to perform daily administrations no less than 24 hours prior to the horse's scheduled post time. The horse may then receive its race day anti-ulcer medication after racing and without interrupting its treatment schedule.
- On race day, blood samples for TCO₂ analysis will be collected from horses in the paddock between 45 minutes to 1 hour before post time.

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- Only the trainer and two designated individuals will be allowed paddock access and must be listed on the paddock access log.
- The horses will have an opportunity to go out during a set period of time decided by the Trackman. Everyone wishing to get their horse out will be allowed to do so.
- On October 14, 2017, no attending veterinarians will have access to the horses entered in the above-captioned races, except to provide emergency services under the direct supervision of the NYS Gaming Commission security person and with approval of the Presiding Judge or the NYSGC Equine Medical Director. Any horses receiving emergency medication of any kind on October 14, 2017 will be scratched from the race.
- On October 14, 2017, all horses participating in any of the races must report to a designated assembly point no less than 45 minutes prior to the designated post time. Each individual trainer is responsible for ascertaining their designated post time. TCO₂ blood sampling will be taken before the race.

For specific questions concerning the drug rules, please see NY Harness drug rules (9 CCR-NY 4120) at www.gaming.ny.gov or call the Presiding Judge.

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