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Youth days

On September 21st & 22nd, 2012, Prairie Meadows will host six youth ages 16-18 at Prairie Meadows Racetrack in Altoona, IA for two days of fun and interactive learning on the backside of the racetrack.

Each participant will experience one-on-one mentoring with a trainer, assisting with barn duties, and helping with the training of a horse which they will see run in a live race during the event.

The 2-day agenda will include:

- Care & maintenance of race horses
- Morning workouts & training
- The starting gates
- The racing office & entry process
- Farrier work
- Track maintenance & repair
- Tour of the test barn
- Meet the stewards & racing officials
- Meet & talk with jockeys
- Race preparation of horses
- Awards banquet
- Race sponsorship with group trophy presentation in the Winner's Circle
- Scholarships to be awarded

Participants will be selected from the received application based on submitted essay and general application. Participants will be chaperoned by licensed racetrack officials and members of the horsemen's organizations.

Those attending will have fun and learn while they work and experience the rewarding sensation of a job well done as their horses cross the finish line.

This is an opportunity to experience the challenges and rewards that center around the horse racing industry. The goal of this program is to give young adults the opportunity to work firsthand alongside horsemen, increasing their knowledge and appreciation of the horse racing industry.

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<http://iqhra.com/youth-days.php>

[Applications must be received by July 1, 2012](#)

Racing Industry Links

Race Records and Results

[EquineLine](#)
[EquiBase](#)
[Racing Affiliates](#)
[Racing Medication and Testing Consortium](#)

Organizations

[American Horse Council](#)
[Associations of Racing Commissioners International \(RCI\)](#)
[The Jockey Club](#)
[National Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association \(HBPA\)](#)
[National Racing License](#)
[National Thoroughbred Racing Association \(NTRA\)](#)
[Racetrack Chaplaincy of America \(RTCA\)](#)
[Texas Horsemen's Partnership](#)

Sale Companies

[Heritage Place Sale](#) - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (405) 682-4551
[Texas Quarter Horse Association Yearling Sale](#) - Houston, Texas (800) 945-6157
[Ruidoso Horse Sale Company](#) - Ruidoso, New Mexico (575) 378-4474
[Schvaneveldt Yearling Sale](#) - Pomona, California (714) 826-5584
[Eclipse Sales Company](#) - Grand Prairie, Texas (940) 365-9907
[Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association Yearling Sale](#) - Des Moines, Iowa (515) 262-2342
[Los Alamitos Equine Sales Company](#) - Los Alamitos, California (714) 236-1755
[Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association Sale](#) (318) 487-9506

Education/Career

[AQHA Owner Education](#)
[AQHYA Racing Experience](#)
[University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program](#)
[University of Louisville Equine Industry Program](#)

Tracks that offer Quarter Horse Racing

Tracks (U.S.)

Alameda County Fair - Pleasanton, CA

Arapahoe Park - Aurora, CO

Beulah Park - Grove City, OH

Brown County Fair - Aberdeen, SD

Bucking Horse Sale Racing - Miles City, MT

California State Fair-Sacramento, CA

Canterbury Park - Shakopee, MN

Cassia County Fair - Burley, ID

Chippewa Downs - Belcourt, ND

Crooked River Roundup - Prineville, OR

Dayton Days at Columbia County Fairgrounds - Dayton, WA

Delta Downs - Vinton, LA

Dixie Downs - ST George, UT

Downs at Albuquerque, The - Albuquerque, NM (also New Mexico State Fair)

Eastern Idaho Fair - Blackfoot, ID

Eastern Oregon Livestock Show - Union, OR

Elko County Fair - Elko, NV

Emerald Downs , Auburn, WA

Evangeline Downs - Opelousas, LA

Fair Meadows at Tulsa - Tulsa, OK

Fair Play Park - Hastings, NE

Fair Grounds - New Orleans, LA

Fairmount Park -Collinsville, IL

Fort Erie Race Track - Fort Erie, ON

Fort Pierre Racetrack - Fort Pierre, SD

Fresno District Fair - Fresno, CA

Gem County Fair - Emmett, ID

Gillespie County Fair - Fredericksburg, TX

Graham County Fair - Safford, AZ

Grants Pass Downs - Grants Pass, OR

Greenlee County Fair - Duncan, AZ

Harney County Fair - Burns, OR

Hialeah Park - Hialeah, FL

Hoosier Park - Anderson, IN
Indiana Downs - Shelbyville, IN
Jerome County Fair - Jerome, ID
Kalispell Race Meet - Kalispell, MT
Laurel Brown Racetrack - South Jordan, UT
Les Bois Park - Garden City, ID
Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie - Grand Prairie, TX
Los Alamitos Race Course - Los Alamitos, CA
Louisiana Downs - Bossier City, LA
Manor Downs - Manor, TX
Montana State Fair - Great Falls, MT
Mount Pleasant Meadows - Mt. Pleasant, MI
Oneida County Fair - Malad City, ID
Pocatello Downs - Pocatello, ID
Portland Meadows - Portland, Oregon
Prairie Meadows - Altoona, IA
Red Mile, The - Lexington, KY
Remington Park - Oklahoma City, OK
Retama Park - Selma, TX
Rillito Park - Tucson, AZ
River Downs - Cincinnati, OH
Ruidoso Downs - Ruidoso Downs, NM
Rupert Downs - Rupert, ID
Sam Houston Race Park - Houston, TX
Sandy Downs - Idaho Falls, ID
San Joaquin County Fair - Stockton, CA
San Mateo County Fair - San Mateo, CA
Santa Cruz County Fair - Sonoita, AZ
Solano County Fair - Vallejo, CA
Sonoma County Fair - Santa Rosa, CA
Sun Downs - Kennewick, WA
Sunland Park - Sunland Park, NM
Sunray Park - Farmington, NM
Sweetwater Downs - Rock Springs, WY
Tillamook County Fair - Tillamook, OR
Turf Paradise - Phoenix, AZ

Western Montana Fair - Missoula, MT

White Pine Raceway - Ely, NV

Will Rogers Downs - Claremore, OK

Yavapai Downs - Prescott Valley, AZ

Yellowstone Downs - Billings, MT

Zia Park - Hobbs, NM

Tracks (Canada)

Ajax Downs - Ajax, Ontario

Assiniboia Downs - Winnipeg, MN

Evergreen Park - Grande Prairie, AB

Kin Park - Vernon, BC

Marquis Downs - Saskatoon, SK

Melville District Agripark - Melville, SK

Millarville Race Society - Millarville, AB

Northlands Park - Edmonton, AB

Rocky Mountain Turf Club - Lethbridge, AB

Sagebrush Downs - Kamloops, BC

Stampede Park - Calgary, AB

Sunflower Downs, Princeton, BC

Tracks (Mexico)

Hipodromo de las Americas - Mexico City

State of Iowa Regulatory Policies for Iowa Bred Quarter Horses

How to register a horse as an Iowa Bred

Forms

Call the office (515) 281-4103 to have them mailed

Download on line at

<http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/>

On the left side of the page, 7th box down click on Forms and Licenses

Scroll down 2/3 of the page. On the right hand side of the page, look for Horse and Dog Breeding Bureau. Find form and click to print.

Rules:

Stallions

A proven stallion

Register him before Jan 1 with the Horse and Dog Bureau with the blue *Application for Eligibility Iowa Registered stallion form*. This will require a \$30 fee.

The stallion must be in the state of Iowa Dec 31 of the year before he starts standing mares. If he moves out of state he will lose his eligibility and need to re-apply from scratch.

If you have a maiden Stallion

Register him upon arrival in the state with the Department use the blue *Application for Eligibility Iowa Registered Stallion form*. The stallion can begin servicing mares his first year, but he will need to maintain residency in the state through December 31 of that year. He cannot leave the state.

Stallion Affidavit

All stallions must be owned 51% by an Iowa resident. The *Stallion Affidavit* must be notarized and provided to the H&D office. The Code of Iowa does not recognize lease agreements.

Leaving the State

If the stallion leaves before Aug 1 to breed a mare his stallion status is invalidated. He will need to reapply and begin again.

A Stallion can leave for medical reasons. The owner would need to contact the H&D Bureau and notify them before he leaves and when he returns. An affidavit from a vet will need to accompany the information provided to the H&D Bureau.

Filing a *Record of Mares of Mares Bred*

After the breeding season is completed, a record of Mares Bred must be filed with the H&D Bureau. This information is used to verify mares that complete a required bred back.

Mares

To begin the process for a broodmare in Iowa, first fill out the salmon colored *Broodmare Registration Application form*. This will require a \$30 fee paid once for the ownership of the mare. In addition H&D will need a green *Mare Status Report* and a copy of her registration papers showing ownership. The Code of Iowa does not recognize lease agreements.

If you purchase a mare who is already in the H&D program, you only need to complete the

Mare Transfer of Ownership Form which also has a \$30 fee, but requires less paperwork to fill out.

If the mare is bred to a stallion that is not an Iowa standing stallion and the mare is from out of state, the mare must be in the state of Iowa and a pre foal inspection completed before Dec 31 or she will be subject to the Iowa Breed Back requirements. A Post foal inspection will follow. The post foal inspection must be completed before the mare and foal leave the state for any reason.

If she is bred to an Iowa Standing Stallion, the mare must arrive and be pre foal inspected prior to foaling. She must complete 30 days of residency, then have a post foal inspection. All inspections must occur before the mare and foal leave the state.

Breed Backs

If a mare arrives in the state of Iowa after Dec 31 and is not bred to an Iowa Standing Stallion the foal can be an Iowa Bred, if the following year the mare is bred to an Iowa Standing Stallion. The Stallion report verifies the completion of the breed back requirement.

The *Breed Back Policy Statement* attached below clarifies breed back questions.

Recipient Mares and Embryo transfers

A donor mare does not need to actually stand beside a recipient mare, but all the H&D Bureau records follow the donor mare. The records will refer to the recipient mare for example: if the mare was named *Hail Mary*, the recipient mares would be listed as *Hail Mary Recip 1, Hail Mary Recip 2* etc.

All recipient mares are registered under the donor mare and do not require additional registration fees.

The recipient mare must be in the state of Iowa before December 1 before she foals in order for a breed back to not be required of the donor mare.

If the recipient mare arrives in the state of Iowa after December 1 and is not in foal to an Iowa Standing Stallion a breed back to an Iowa Standing Stallion will be required of the donor mare.

The donor mare will follow the guidelines specified in the Breed Back Policy Statement.

Foals or Racing Livestock who are Iowa Breds

To register a foal to race who is an Iowa Bred and is eligible for the Iowa Breeders Awards complete the purple *Iowa Foaled application*.

A \$30 fee will need to accompany the registration form along with the original registration papers. **This is the only time the original papers are required in the office.** Original papers require a state bred stamp directly on the papers.

If a horse is purchased that was previously stamped and the new AQHA papers do not have a stamp there is no charge to re-stamp the papers.

Breeders Awards

Breeders Awards are paid to the owner of the mare at time of foaling, not to the owner at time of conception.

The awards are paid at the end of the calendar year.

Policy Statement

Bred Back Requirements for Mares Foaling in Iowa Bred Program

The following policy statement is designed to clarify Breed Back requirements defined in the Iowa Code.21-62.15(99D) c. It was voted on and approved by ITBOA in 2008 annual meeting.

“Continuous residency from December 31 until the foal is inspected by a department inspector if the mare was bred by other than an Iowa registered stallion and which is not bred back to an Iowa registered stallion.”

- I. Summary
 - a. Any mare that enters the state after December 31, of the year bred, must file a Mare Status Report in a timely manner **prior** to foaling.
 - b. **Mares that arrive after December 31, who are not already in foal to an Iowa Registered Stallion, must breed back to an Iowa Registered Stallion.**
- II. Overview
 - a. If a mare bred in year 1 to an out of state stallion arrives in Iowa after Dec 31 of the year she was bred (i.e. in this example year 1 for a year 2 foal) then she must breed back to an Iowa Registered Stallion in order for her foal that year to qualify as an Iowa bred. Therefore, both foals would be Iowa eligible.
 - b. The Code does not say she must conceive and carry. It does say she must breed back.
- III. Special Circumstances
 - a. Owner/Breeder/Agent decisions
 - i. If the mare is left open for a year or more based upon the decision of her owner/breeder or agent [in this case years 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, etc (for any reason such as to recalibrate her foaling calendar and have an earlier foal, or because of financial constraints on the owners, or whatever the reason may be)], then **the weanling foal of year 2 does not qualify for Iowa bred status until the mare completes the breed back requirement.**
 - b. Health reasons
 - i. If the mare dies, or is unable to ever conceive again then Iowa bred status can be conferred on her foal, with supporting documentation by a veterinarian.
 - ii. If the mare is injured during foaling or sustains an injury which does not result in permanent injury, but does result in the interruption of her ability to be bred for one or more years, Iowa Bred temporary status can be conferred on her year 2 foal, with supporting documentation by a veterinarian when that foal reaches.
 1. When the mare is once again able to be bred, the mare must complete the breed back requirement.
 2. If her year 2 foal has received Temporary Iowa Bred Status and the breed back requirement is not fulfilled (i.e. the dam is bred to an out-of-state stallion and not bred to an Iowa Registered Stallion), Breeders Awards earned by her year 2 foal under temporary status will remain, but the year 2 foal will lose its Iowa Bred Status beginning the year its dam is bred to an out-of-state stallion in violation to the breed back requirement.

Prairie Meadows Condition Book

Reprinted from the Prairie Meadows Condition Book:

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Racing Office FAX	515-967-1376
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The Racing Department makes every effort to provide accurate information, however on occasion errors, omissions, or inaccuracies do result from receiving incorrect data from outside sources, data entry mistakes or other causes. Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino Inc. assume no liability for any consequences as a result of such errors.

ENTRY SCHEDULE

<u>Entry Day*</u>	<u>Race Day</u>
Saturday	Friday
Wednesday	Saturday
Thursday	Sunday

*Unless Otherwise Noted In the Condition Book

AGENT ENTRIES

Agents may be allowed to make entries at any time prior to the close of entries, however entries made after 10:30am may be made only upon permission and discretion of the Racing Secretary or his designee.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

Quarter Horses

1. Horses that have started for a claiming price of less than \$2,500 will not be eligible to stable or race at Prairie Meadows unless they have won for \$2,500 or more since starting for less than \$2,500.
2. Quarter Horse maidens which have started for a claiming price of less than \$2,500 will not be eligible to stable or race at Prairie Meadows.
3. Quarter Horse maidens older than five (5) years old must have competed in a pari-mutuel race within twelve (12) months of the race to be eligible to race at Prairie Meadows.
4. Horses over twelve (12) years of age will not be eligible to stable or race at Prairie Meadows.

5. All horses and ponies must have a current negative coggins test dated within twelve (12) months when entering the stable area.
6. All horses and ponies (regardless of breed) must have a current negative Theileria Equi test dated within twelve (12) months when entering the stable area.
7. No ponies allowed without approval of Prairie Meadows. (Stables must be allotted 10 or more stalls to have a pony approved).
8. Horses which meet eligibility requirements cannot make themselves ineligible while racing at the current meet.
9. Eligibility does not imply automatic stall approval.

PREFERENCE

1. In over-filled races, preference will be given to horses in order of their assigned preference date, earliest date first. Horses having identical preference dates will be chosen by lot.
2. Preference dates will not supersede conditions of the race.
3. All horses intending to race at Prairie Meadows will be assigned a preference date. A horse can only have one date at any particular time. Horses will not be eligible to receive a date until their papers and coggins are on file in the Racing Office.

Dates assigned will be of two types:

- a) All horses registering by Wednesday August 15, 2012 at 4:00 PM will receive a zero (R0 date), which is the lowest date possible.
 - b) All horses registering after Wednesday August 15, 2012 at 4:00 PM will receive a R1 (one) or an R (R date) corresponding to the day of the meeting when registered.
4. Note: Horses without a current negative coggins with foal papers will not be able to receive a preference date.
 5. Preference dates are good at any distance.
 6. A zero (0) date has first preference.
 7. Horses that enter and are in the body of a race will receive an R date corresponding to the day of the meet they race and lose any date previously held. This excludes stakes, handicap stakes and trials.
 8. Horses which scratch or are scratched will be assigned an R date as if they had run.

9. A horse placed on the steward's, starter's, or vet's list will lose their date and be assigned an R date corresponding to the day of the meet they are removed from the list.
10. Horses which have established a date will lose said date should their papers be withdrawn from the Racing Office, or demonstrate intent to race elsewhere. Should papers be removed from the Racing Office for just cause (i.e. Tattoo, etc.), the Racing Secretary may determine the status of the preference date established.
11. A horse which is a scheduled starter in a canceled race will retain their previous date.
12. In no way does the transfer of ownership or trainer transfer affect a horse's preference date.
13. When a horse name appears in the body of a race, other than a stakes or trial race, and is entered the following day, such entry will receive no consideration should the race in which it is entered be over-filled.
14. In rule numbers 3 (b) and 9 above, should a horse be registered, or come off a list on a non-racing day, the next racing day will be used as its preference date.

WINNERS PREFERRED

Unless specific conditions of a race state otherwise, in all races winners shall receive first preference.

CONDITION ELIGIBILITY

Means horses that meet the condition of the race are preferred over those that do not. Example: winners of two races entering into non winners of three races would have preference over a horse that has only one win regardless of preference date.

PIROPLASMOSIS/COGGINS TEST/HEALTH CERTIFICATE

All horses, including ponies, shipping to Prairie Meadows, whether intrastate or interstate, must be accompanied by:

- 1) A valid coggins certificate or health certificate with a negative coggins result dated no more than ten (10) days prior to arrival, or a valid negative coggins certificate dated within the past twelve (12) months on file in the Racing Secretary's Office.
- 2) Proof of a negative test for Theileria Equi. The test must have been performed within the past 365 days and include the tattoo number of the horse or an accurate description. A copy of the original test is acceptable.

Said documents must be presented at the stable gate upon arrival or horses will not be permitted to enter the grounds.

Horses are not permitted to start, nor are eligible to receive a preference date without a current negative coggins on file. All horses with expired coggins will lose their preference date. When a valid coggins test is received in the racing office, the horse will receive the current racing date.

FUROSEMIDE

1. The form prescribed by the commission for the use of furosemide shall be considered the official entry form and the declaration for use must be made at entry time, noting either furosemide use or first time furosemide use.
2. The eligibility of horses for use of furosemide must be determined before entry and is the responsibility of the trainer. Please check with the commission veterinarian if you have questions regarding furosemide use.
3. Any horse that bleeds through furosemide will not be allowed to race for a period of 30 calendar days, beginning the day following the incident.
4. The form for discontinuance of furosemide must be filled out in the commission veterinarian office at or before entry time.

TEST BARN

1. First and Second placed horses in overnight races and First, Second, and Third placed horses in stakes races, as well as any other horses requested by the state vets must report to the test barn immediately following the race.
2. All entered horses may be subject to pre-race blood gas testing. Failure to comply will result in the horse being scratched.

STAKES PREFERENCE

1. Unless the specific conditions of an open stakes states otherwise the following will apply:
2. In the event more than twelve (12) horses enter, high weights on the scale, taking into consideration sex and age, shall be preferred. In no case may a same-owner entry start to the exclusion of a single interest.
3. Different owner entries shall receive equal draw according to weights.

PREFERENCE FOR IOWA-BRED STAKES

Preference to start will be given to those horses having accumulated the highest 2011-2012 earnings at the closing time of entries. This preference will be utilized regardless of the ownership of the horses involved.

NAMING OF RIDERS

1. Riders must be named at the time of entry.
2. Before naming any rider, the trainer, owner, or other person authorized must first engage the services of the rider and state on the entry or to the person taking the entry whether it is a first or second call, excluding trial races.
3. Any owner, trainer, or other duly authorized person failing to follow this procedure will be subject to disciplinary action.

CHANGE OF EQUIPMENT

1. All trainers requesting a change of blinkers must first secure a card from the starter certifying that the horse has broken from the gate with blinkers.
2. All trainers who request a flipping halter must secure permission from the starter at the time of entry. The use of a flipping halter or Cornell collar must be declared at time of entry.
3. Horses must run in the same equipment as their last start, unless you have a change of equipment card.
4. Change of equipment must be declared at the time of entry.

TRANSFERS

All owner or trainer transfers regarding horses of record must be approved by the stewards.

Horses transferred to another trainer are ineligible for entry for a period of 48 hours following the transfer.

SHOES

1. Front horse shoes which have toe grabs greater than four millimeters shall be prohibited from racing or training on all surfaces at Prairie Meadows Race Track and Casino. This includes, but is not limited to the following: grabs, bends, jar calks, stickers and any other traction device worn on the front shoes.
2. Any hind shoe with a turndown of more than one-quarter inch will not be allowed on the racing or training courses.

WEIGHTS

1. Owners, trainers and other duly authorized persons must be careful to claim allowances at the time of entry and are solely responsible if a horse starts with the incorrect weight and is therefore disqualified.
2. After a horse is entered and has been assigned a weight to carry in a race the assignment of weight shall not be changed except to correct an error.

3. Horses not entitled to the first allowance in a race are not entitled to the second, and if not the second, then to no subsequent allowance.

4. The clauses “maiden, claiming, or starter not considered” and/or “races where entered for ____ or less not considered” shall apply both to the eligibility and to the allowance unless otherwise specified by the Racing Secretary.

SCRATCHES

1. The scratching of a horse out of an engagement for a race is irrevocable. All scratches must be approved by the stewards.

2. In races other than stakes, no horse shall be permitted to scratch if the number of betting interests remaining in the race number less than eight (8), unless the stewards permit a lesser number. Where there are more requests to scratch, that if granted, would leave a field of less than eight (8) betting interests, the stewards shall determine by lot which entrants may be scratched and permitted to withdraw from the race.

3. Any owner, trainer or other duly authorized person wishing to scratch out of an engagement to race must do so by 10:00 am on the day of the race.

PADDOCK

Horses failing to report to the paddock (10.5(1)(a)(24)) will be placed on the stewards' list for four (4) days, starting the day after the violation and will not be allowed to enter or race until removed from the list.

WORKOUTS

1. No horse shall be started unless the horse has raced or had an approved timed workout satisfactory to the stewards.

2. A horse which has not started for a period of sixty (60) days or more shall be ineligible to race until it has completed a timed workout prior to the day of the race in which it is entered. The workout must have occurred on the grounds of a licensed facility within the previous sixty (60) days.

3. First time starters must have two (2) approved timed workouts and be approved to race by the starter.

4. Trainers shall be responsible to report to the clocker the names and the distances to be worked of all horses entering the racetrack for workouts.

OWNER'S SILKS

1. All horses racing at Prairie Meadows will be required to race in owner silks or stable silks.

2. Each trainer upon registration in the Racing Office is required to turn in silks for his or her owners at that time.
3. Horses will be permitted to race in substitute (or house) colors one time if individual silks are not provided. Failure to provide individual silks thereafter may result in disciplinary action.
4. Prairie Meadows will not be held responsible for silks left later than one week after the final day of the meet.

TATTOOING

All horses must be tattooed to be eligible to start. The horse must be signed up in the Racing Office. The cost of tattooing a horse is \$65.00, which must be paid to the Tattooer.

SHIP INS

1. Under no circumstances should any horse be shipped to Prairie Meadows without first securing arrangements with the Stall Superintendent at 1-800-325-9015 Ext. 1209.
2. Horses shipping in to race will be assigned a stall in the receiving barn, and these horses must report to that stall only. (No Exceptions).
3. Horses shipping in to race must be on the grounds in their assigned stall by 9:00 a.m. the day of the race for veterinary examination (unless prior approval is made with the State Vet's Office).
4. Horses must vacate the receiving barn by 7:00 a.m. the day after they race.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Per IRGC rule 10.2(9) Helmets and vests: A facility shall not allow any person to exercise any horse on facility grounds unless that person is wearing a protective helmet and safety vest of a type approved by the commission.

PROPER ATTIRE

Proper dress, safety helmets and vest will be required when ponying a horse to the post.

All pony escorts must wear attire designated by Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino and can be purchased from the Horsemen's Liaison. Any person leading a horse to the paddock must be neatly dressed and will be required to wear a numbered vest for identification of the horse to the public.

CLAIMING

1. Eligibility price. A horse that is declared the official winner in the race in which it is claimed may not start in a race in which the claiming price is less than the amount for which it was claimed.
 - a. After the first start back or 30 days, whichever occurs first, a horse may start for any claiming price.

b. A horse which is not the official winner in the race in which it is claimed may start for any claiming price.

c. This provision shall not apply to starter handicaps in which the weight to be carried is assigned by the handicapper.

2. No right, title, or interest for any claimed horse shall be sold or transferred except in a claiming race for a period of 30 days following the date of claiming. The day claimed shall not count, but the following calendar day shall be the first day.

3. Racing elsewhere. A horse that was claimed under these rules may not participate at a race meeting other than that at which it was claimed until the end of the meeting, except with written permission of the stewards.

a. This limitation shall not apply to stakes races.

4. Deposits made by cash, cashier's check or bank draft for claims must be on deposit with the Horsemen's Bookkeeper one (1) hour prior to post time of the claiming race.

5. Deposits for claiming races made by wire transfer must be on deposit with the Horsemen's Bookkeeper no later than ten (10) minutes prior to post time or the end of the banking, day, whichever comes first.

6. Tax on a horse being claimed is 6%.

7. All claimed horses will be exchanged in the Test Barn.

HORSEMEN'S BOOKKEEPER

- The Horsemen's Bookkeeper has an office located in the southeast corner downstairs in the main grandstand building with an entrance door from the apron just north of the paddock walking ring. Business hours are generally from 1:00pm until the last race on Friday and Saturday and from 12:00 Noon until the last race on Sunday. All business will be conducted during these hours.
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations require submission of signed W-9 forms with Federal ID number or Social Security number in order for checks to be issued. Failure to file these forms will delay the process of receiving purse monies.
- If you have a name or address change, please contact the Horsemen's Bookkeeper to avoid any delays in transactions, mailings, etc.
- All Entry, Starting, and Jockey Mount Fees must be in the Horsemen's Bookkeeper office before that race. If a horse places 5th through Last in Overnight races, a \$90 Purse Participation will be paid which usually covers a majority of the Jockey Mount Fee.
- The IRS requires a W9 to be on file with the Horsemen's Bookkeeper for every owner or managing partner of an entity before any transactions can take place. An Iowa State Income Tax of 5% is withheld on purse earnings won by out-of-state horsemen.
- Per IRGC requirements, a Deductions Authorization is required. This must be completed and on file with the Horsemen's Bookkeeper. This form allows photos, videos, fines, etc. to be deducted from your account.

- Checks drawn on horsemen’s accounts can only be issued to the individual owner, managing partner, authorized agent, IRGC, or Prairie Meadows. No checks will be issued to pay for personal expenses.
- Purse money is available upon request within 48 hours after the stewards have notified the bookkeeper that all tests have cleared the drug testing laboratory. All accounts will automatically be closed at the end of meet. No request is necessary.

PURSE DISTRIBUTION

(Overnight races only)

6th through last: \$90

Remaining to be distributed:

1ST	60%
2ND	20%
3RD	12%
4TH	5%
5TH	3%

JOCKEY PAY SCALE Quarter Horses

Purse	Winning Mount	Second Mount	Third Mount	Fourth Mount	Other Mounts
Up to \$12,499	10%	\$75+2%	\$75+2%	\$75+2%	\$90
\$12,500 to \$24,999	10%	5%	\$75+2%	\$75+2%	\$90
\$25,000 to \$49,999	10%	5%	5%	\$80+2%	\$90
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10%	5%	5%	\$90+2%	\$90
\$100,000 and up	10%	5%	5%	5%	\$90

DVD's

Prairie Meadows will no longer offer complimentary win tapes however, DVD's of a horse's performance are available for \$10.00 per race (up to 5 races will fit on one DVD).

Race replays are available on the Prairie Meadows website at <http://www.prairiemeadows.com>

STABLE RULES

1. Bedding: Straw and shavings are allowed. For ship-ins there will be shavings unless other arrangements are made with the Stall Superintendent.
2. Manure and Garbage Receptacles: Please put manure in the manure receptacle and the garbage in the garbage receptacle.
3. Water Restrictions: Water consumption in the stable area will be monitored by Prairie Meadows. All faucets must be turned off when not in use. Automatic shut-off nozzles must be used on all hoses.
4. Electric: All fans must be a 3 prong grounded cord. No exceptions. Any violators will be subject to a fine.

DORMITORY ROOMS

1. Dorm rooms shall be assigned only to trainers stabled at Prairie Meadows.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the trainer to maintain the cleanliness and condition of each room.
3. A \$300 deposit shall be required per dorm room.
 - a. This deposit may be refunded after the room has been inspected for its condition and cleanliness.
 - b. Part or all of the deposit may be forfeited if the room is not left in satisfactory condition.
4. All dorm rooms are property of Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino Inc. and shall be made available for inspection by Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino Security personnel at any time without prior notice.
5. Any rooms not found in satisfactory condition at any time shall be grounds for loss of dorm room privileges.
6. The use of dorm rooms is a privilege and may be revoked at any time with or without cause.
7. Contact the Security Office with questions regarding dorm rooms: 515-967-1212

CITIZENS FOR PRESERVATION OF RACING

The Citizens for Preservation of Racing fund enables the racing industry to inform, support, and encourage the Iowa Legislature as it prepares legislative action. We were successful in 2011 with Account Deposit Wagering language and are preparing for future issues that are critical to our racing industry. The CPR is funded by a voluntary \$5.00 fee, which will automatically be deducted each time your horse starts a race. If you do not wish to contribute to this committee, or are a corporation, please notify the Horsemen's Bookkeeper at the end of the meet. Anyone is welcome to review the fund's records upon request.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2012 LIVE RACING

ALL OWNERS AND TRAINERS/ASST. TRAINERS MUST BE LICENSED BY THE POST TIME OF THE FIRST RACE.

TEMPORARIES ARE NO LONGER OFFERED.

1. Fingerprints: If you are 14 or older you must be fingerprinted or you must provide proof of fingerprinting with a date of 2009 or newer from another racing jurisdiction.
 - a. Proof would be one of the following: copy of another jurisdictions license with the fingerprint date on it or a letter from another racing jurisdiction stating the date you were printed. If you cannot provide proof, you will be fingerprinted (\$46.25 fee).
2. All fees are to be paid by check, money order or exact change. The Commission does not accept credit cards, nor will the Commission provide change.
3. All applicants must answer all questions on the application. If you had no new "Yes" answers pertaining to rulings since last being licensed at Prairie Meadows, you may write the following: "no new rulings since last being licensed at Prairie Meadows" and please put the last year you were licensed. You must still mark the appropriate "Yes" box. If you have "Yes" answers pertaining to your criminal history you must be specific with your answers. You have to list any criminal history. The Commission does not allow the following: "See record", "On file", etc.
4. All owners must disclose their percent of ownership, the horse's name, and if applicable, all other Owners and their percentage on the back of the application. If the horse(s) are leased, add capital "L" beside the name of the horse(s) and list the Lessor in the Other Owners column.
5. Both the Lessor and Lessee must be licensed as Owners.
6. All Owners must list who their Trainer will be and the horse(s) that will be racing in Iowa (Question 18 on application).
7. If you are going to be licensed as an Owner/Trainer you cannot name another Trainer. You must train your own horses.
8. All applicants must sign and date their application on the back or licensing cannot be completed.
9. Partnerships/Corporations/Stable Names: All parties owning 5% or more must be licensed as individual Owners and a Partnership/Corporation/Stable Name form must be completed. The person executing the application needs to list all parties involved with the following information: Name, percentage of ownership, complete address, date of birth, and social security number. Be sure the person executing the application signs and dates page 3 of the application or licensing cannot be completed.
10. All non-citizens of the United States (except owners) must supply the licensing office with current I-94 or Green Card and Social Security Card showing you are authorized to work in the United States

at the time of licensing. If you do not have the required information, you will be turned away. Non-English speaking applicants must be accompanied by an interpreter to be processed.

11. Incomplete applications will be returned and this may delay your licensing.

All information should be faxed to the IRGC Licensing Office @ 515-967-1290. If you have any questions please call 1-800-325-9015 ext. 1260 or 1259. If you reach the voice mail, please leave your name and telephone number and your call will be returned as soon as possible. You may e-mail any questions or requests for applications to PM.Licensing@iowa.gov

Return Applications, Fingerprints (if applicable) and Fees to:
IOWA RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION LICENSING OFFICE
1 Prairie Meadows Drive
Altoona, IA 50009-0901

A complete set of rules and license application can be obtained on the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission Website at:
<http://www.iowa.gov/irgc>
<http://www.prairiemeadows.com> under the Racing link.

WORKMENS COMPENSATION

1. Under Iowa Workers' Compensation law, every employer is required to either furnish workers' compensation insurance on their employees or qualify as self-insured.
2. Regardless of whether or not an employer carries this insurance, an employer is still responsible for payment of any benefits that may be due and owing under Iowa Workers' compensation law.

IOWA BRED PROGRAM

Iowa Bred Quarter Horses

Prairie Meadows is proud of the Iowa Bred incentives available to all Iowa Bred owners who race with us. The breeding rules of Iowa include provisions for both purse supplements and breeder awards, and they are available for every race. This year the supplement program for the Quarter Horses will be 45% for restricted races, and 55% for open company races. (Subject to adjustment) An example of the impact the supplement has on the purse is offered below. Note: The example shown below does NOT take into consideration paying all places in races with more than five (5) runners. Specific questions about the Iowa program for Quarter Horses should be addressed to the I.Q.H.R.A. @ 515-262-2342.

Quarter Horses

Iowa Maiden Special Weight with a purse of \$11,000 plus a 45% 'Restricted' race supplement of \$4,802. The total purse becomes \$15,802.

Base

Purse \$11,000 Supplement 45%

Placing Percent Base Purse Supplement Total

Win 60% \$6,600 \$2,970 \$9,570

Place 20% \$2,200 \$990 \$3,190

Show 12% \$1,320 \$594 \$1,914

Fourth 5% \$550 \$248 \$798

Iowa Maiden Special Weight with a purse of \$11,000 plus a 55% 'Open' race supplement of \$5,869. The total purse becomes \$16,869.

Base

Purse \$11,000 Supplement 55%

Placing Percent Base Purse Supplement Total

Win 60% \$6,600 \$3,630 \$10,230

Place 20% \$2,200 \$1,210 \$3,410

Show 12% \$1,320 \$726 \$2,046

Fourth 5% \$550 \$303 \$853

How to Find a Veterinarian in the State Of Iowa

The Iowa Veterinary Medical Association (IVMA) maintains a website that enables people to search for a vet. Go to the IVMA website. Click on Public then click on Find a Vet, or go directly to

<https://m360.iowavma.org/frontend/search.aspx?cs=1276>

Search by work city, last name, species handled by the practice, complementary and alternative medicines, and board certifications.

Information required in shipping horses across state and country borders

Dr. Kevin Petersburg (515-284-4140), Iowa's Area Veterinarian In Charge (AVIC), can direct any people with questions to the appropriate contacts and information on interstate and foreign export (depends on country of destination).

It is the destination that determines the rules to follow. State of destination and local jurisdiction, whichever is the most restrictive, has input on regulatory requirements on interstate importation – each state can adopt rules more restrictive than the federal ones and likewise for local authorities such as racetracks and sale barns.

Most every state is consistent with their equine import requirements. The easiest resource for finding this information on a national basis is by going to the GlobalVetLink website and clicking on the state of destination: <http://www.globalvetlink.com/regulations/>

The website provides a link for each state and all of their animal import requirements, including the telephone number if a permit is also required. It is important to remember this is the state's import requirements and sometimes an individual show or event may have additional testing

and/or vaccination requirements. It is recommended horse owners contact the responsible party for the event to make sure they meet all entry requirements. Sometimes events will have a book of exhibition requirements or this information will be posted on their internet website.

In regards to international movement requirements individuals can contact the USDA Veterinary Services office in their respective state. The Area Veterinarian In Charge (AVIC) is responsible for approval of international Certificates of Veterinary Inspection and has access to the country of destinations requirements as well as the US import requirements. In Iowa you call the federal AVIC office, Dr. Kevin Petersburg (515-284-4140). As a general reference for information about import and exports USDA does have a

website: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/index.shtml

List of Iowa Bred Foals born in 2010

Correct as of Jan 9, 2012

Mare Name	Foal Sex	Foal Date	Owner of mare at time of foaling
1. ALL EYES ON YAWL	Filly	04/11/2010	HORN LEWIS
2. AMANDA B TRU	Colt	04/10/2010	GARRELS WARREN
3. BEDUINOS HEART	Colt	03/04/2010	BAIN LARRY - BUTCH-
4. BLUE ARRAY	Colt	04/14/2010	BORGLUM CHRIS
5. BLUE TREAT	Colt	05/16/2010	KONECNY PATTY
6. BOOT N SCOOTN BOOGIE	Filly	04/01/2010	HAMMES VERNON
7. BUG YAWL	Colt	03/10/2010	MEADOW RIDGE FARMS LLC
8. BURN DOWN CHICKIE	Filly	03/23/2010	SCHWARTZ WALTER / KAY
9. CHICKS DUMPLING TWO	Colt	05/03/2010	WESSELS LARRY J
10. COSTLY SPECIAL LADY	Filly	04/13/2010 Pending Eligibility	MURILLO JOSEPH A.
11. DASH THRU SUE	Colt	03/18/2010	TONDERUM PAUL
12. DASHA SHAMROCK	Colt	04/27/2010	RIST RUSSELL
13. DASHERS PLEASURE	Filly	05/09/2010	HAMMES VERNON
14. DEALING STYX	Colt	05/12/2010	HOYT GENTRY M
15. DOCS CLASSY WING	Colt	04/08/2010 Pending Eligibility	WEIDEMANN JON
16. DRESSED IN STYLE	Filly	03/15/2010	SCHWARTZ WALTER / KAY
17. EASY MOONWALK	Colt	03/30/2010	HENRY LARRY G
18. EYE ON DESIGN	Filly	03/13/2010	SLY BOB
19. FANCY DEALIN	Filly	04/01/2010	PAULSEN CURTIS
20. FHF MARTHAS ROSE	Colt	04/01/2010	BORGLUM CHRIS
21. FIRST TO GO GO	Filly	03/18/2010	MC CLELLAND BARBARA
22. FLASH BAYOU	Filly	02/19/2010	HEIMS KEVIN

23. FLYING ROSEBUD	Filly	04/24/2010	SLY BOB
24. FREE FLYING LADY	Filly	03/01/2010	HAMMES VERNON
25. GENERAL JANE	Filly	05/09/2010	KONECNY PATTY
26. HONOR THAT MOON	Colt	04/21/2010	KONECNY PATTY
27. HOOKS TOP GUN	Colt	05/16/2010	SLY BOB
28. IMA DOLLY REBISON	Filly	03/20/2010	BORGLUM CHRIS
29. IRIS CINNAMON	Filly	03/21/2010	HAMMES VERNON
30. KARINA CORONA	Filly	02/16/2010	REED RICHARD
31. LADY BRIDLEWOOD	Filly	03/01/2010	SPIEKER DIANA
32. LEGENDS KITA	Colt	04/22/2010	HAMMES VERNON
33. LEWS LITTLE SHAKEM	Colt	05/06/2010	WESSELS LARRY J
34. LW WHAT SAY YOU	Colt	03/17/2010	SLY BOB
35. MAKE IT A QUICKIE	Filly	04/30/2010	GREGORY DAVID J
36. MANETS LOVENROMANCE	Filly	04/07/2010	SPERFSLAGE JEREMIAH & CARRIE
38. MANETS LOVENROMANCE RECEP 1	Colt	03/12/2010	SPERFSLAGE JEREMIAH & CARRIE
39. MATTEIS FLASH	Filly	04/29/2010	SCHWANTES JIM
40. MAYDECKS REQUEST	Colt	04/23/2010	HAMMES VERNON
41. MISS HURRIFAX	Colt	03/27/2010	MC CLELLAND BARBARA
42. MISS LEADING COINS	Colt	05/06/2010	HAMMES VERNON
43. MOVE OVER INDIAN	Filly	04/18/2010	ROHWEDER CLARINDA
44. OUGHT TO BEHOLD	Colt	05/06/2010	SMITH RONALD P
45. PLENTY BULLISH	Filly	05/23/2010	THORNTON KATHY L/BROGAARD J M
46. PRIVATE KEEP	Colt	04/27/2010	SLY BOB
47. QUEEN OF ANYWHERE	Colt	03/25/2010	BROWN BOB /SANDY
48. REAL EASY NIKI	Colt	04/05/2010	HARVEY JIM

49. REBAS DEAL	Filly	04/06/2010	ONSTOT CRAIG R
50. ROCKETS TINY DOLL	Colt	05/11/2010	BROGAARD JUDITH M
51. RODEO RONA	Filly	04/14/2010	HARVEY JIM
52. RU CHIKITA	Colt	04/17/2010	URICH BOB
53. RU UPITY	Filly	05/10/2010	URICH BOB
54. RUSHIN BULLETTE	Filly	04/25/2010	SONBERG DENNIS L
55. SAVING UP	Filly	03/10/2010	REED LEONARD D
56. SHAKEM DAISY	Filly	02/04/2010	HOVEY CHRISTINE A
57. SHEZA FRIENDLY KAS	Filly	05/01/2010	HAMMES VERNON
58. SHEZAREAL MASTER	Filly	02/28/2010	BORGLUM CHRIS
59. SISSY SLICK	Filly	03/21/2010	ROHWEDER CLARINDA
60. SIXARUN SAL	Colt	03/23/2010	SPERFSLAGE JEREMIAH & CARRIE
61. SNAZZY JAZZ DANCER	Colt	04/27/2010	INGRAM ELTON JUNIOR
62. SPECIAL EVENTS CHICK	Colt	03/08/2010	THORSON TERRY
63. SPECIAL MOON BEAM	Filly	03/07/2010	SPERFSLAGE JEREMIAH & CARRIE
64. SPECIAL STEPPER	Colt	04/20/2010	URICH BOB
65. STOLI MINUTE	Filly	01/14/2010	SULLIVAN VINCE
66. STONYS JO ACK	Colt	04/15/2010	KONECNY PATTY
67. STRAW IN THE GLASS	Filly	04/03/2010	SLY BOB
68. SWEET FLEET BAR	Filly	04/06/2010	BORGLUM CHRIS
69. SWEET POWDER PLAYER	Filly	04/27/2010 Pending Eligibility	RIST RUSSELL
70. TAKIN A HIKE	Colt	04/17/2010	SULLIVAN VINCE
71. THE LADY JEAN MOON	Filly	04/01/2010	HENRY LARRY G
72. TRS DASHIN DIAMOND	Colt	05/09/2010	HAMMES VERNON
73. TRS RONAS DASH	Colt	05/03/2010	HAMMES VERNON

74. TWO SICK TO FLY	Filly	04/21/2010	BROWN BOB /SANDY
75. UNCOMMON CAPTIVITY	Colt	04/24/2010	ONSTOT CRAIG R
76. WATCH A BLOND COOKIE	Filly	05/16/2010	NOLL STEVE
77. WRANGLERS N WARPAIN	Colt	02/26/2010	HARVEY JIM
78. WRANGLERS TEN	Filly	03/25/2010	KENOYER TAMMIE
79. ZEVIS SUGAR MOON	Filly	05/10/2010	HAMMES VERNON
80. ZEVIS WEAPON	Filly	06/17/2010	CAMPBELL FRANK L

List of Iowa Bred Standing Stallions in Iowa

State ID Number	Stallion Name	Owner state ID
State ID	Name of Horse	Current Owner
QS000098	DOLLARS COONIE	000149
QS000118	DASHIN ELVIS	001286
QS000136	CUSTOM COYOTE	001477
QS000160	HOT SHOT DASH	000464
QS000176	EASY ALFRED	000477
QS000181	JUNOS BABY	002073
QS000182	DASHING LIGHTFOOT	002073
QS000188	FLASH ONE	002480
QS000197	TRS METER ME DASH	000830
QS000200	SPECIAL PASSUM	000814
QS000204	IRIS JOES BOY	002707
QS000210	TALKALOTA BULL	000983
QS000215	FIRST DOWN DEVIL	001286
QS000217	CASH MOONWALK	002500
QS000219	SKIRT CHASIN ALIBI	000464
QS000224	GO JUNIOR COWBOY	003284
QS000225	JUST AMAZING JESS	000464
QS000226	MUD BUGGIN SPECIAL	000564
QS000227	DESIGN TO DASH	003153
QS000228	DESIGN BY OKEY	003153
QS000229	FIRST DINASTIA	001244
QS000230	CARTELS FEATURE	001595
QS000231	ROYAL MEDICINE MAN	003153

Information on Owning a Race Horse

New Owner Guide

Reprinted from AQHA

Catch the Bug

Maybe you've been a horse lover since childhood and have always dreamed of owning one of your own. Or perhaps, after viewing the excitement of a stakes race on television, you've wondered what it would take to get involved yourself. Possibly, you've owned horses and competed in other disciplines, but now you're interested in the sport of racing. Whatever your background, as a potential owner, you might not realize how easy acquiring a racehorse can be.



To encourage ownership of racing American Quarter Horses, the American Quarter Horse Association's Racing Department has compiled this guide to owning "America's Fastest Athlete". This topics covered in the links below should help you in choosing a trainer, understanding common veterinary practices, picking races for a horse, reading a sale catalog page, using Internet resources, buying insurance, tracking expenses and much more.

If you have questions about any of the topics covered in this section or to request a FREE DVD of "Owning America's Fastest Athlete," e-mail racing@aqha.com.

First-Timers Guide

Everything you wanted to know about American Quarter Horse racing but were afraid to ask... American Quarter Horse racing is an exciting, heart-pounding event.

The American Quarter Horse originated in 17th century Colonial America. After working all day, colonists would match their horses down the quarter-mile streets in the towns.

From this descends the modern sport of American Quarter Horse racing, a true American sport.

Powerful horses, the fastest in the world, drag race down the track, sending dirt flying and making the very earth rumble.

With everything that takes place at a track, racing might seem overwhelming to some people. But don't worry, everyone has to start somewhere and the next few pages will serve to answer some questions about American Quarter Horses and the sport of racing.

The most important thing to remember - have fun!

About the Horse

American Quarter Horses are the fastest horses in the world, and among the fastest of all animals. Able to run at speeds up to 55 mph, they can travel a quarter-mile in less than 21 seconds, starting from a flat-footed standstill.

In American Quarter Horse racing, the clock begins as soon as the starter pushes the button and the starting gates open. In comparison, Thoroughbreds are given a running start. Although they break from the gate just like American Quarter Horses, their timer does not begin until they are several strides from the gate.

What is the difference between an American Quarter Horse and a Thoroughbred?

An American Quarter Horse is traditionally a short, stocky horse that is a specialized sprinter. They are the dragsters of the horse racing world. Horses run all-out at distances between 220 and 870 yards. American Quarter Horse races are measured in yards. The classic distance is 440 yards, or a quarter-mile, which is originally where the horse drew its name.

A Thoroughbred is a tall, lanky horse that specializes in running long distances. They commonly run between six furlongs (three-quarters of a mile) and two miles. Thoroughbreds were originally bred in Europe.

The most famous American Quarter Horse race is the \$2 million All American Futurity (G1), run at Ruidoso Downs in New Mexico.

The most famous Thoroughbred race is the Kentucky Derby, held at Churchill Downs in Kentucky.

What are the different types of races?

Race conditions dictate the type of horse that can run in a particular race. Common race types include:

Maiden: A horse of any sex that has never won a race.

Claiming: The blue-collar level of racing. All the horses in a claiming race are for sale, and licensed people can purchase them through the racing office.

Handicap: Horses are given different weights to carry based on ability. A horse that has a better race record is given a handicap (more weight) to even the playing field.

Allowance: Traditionally for horses beyond the claiming ranks. These races give specific criteria the horse must meet to be able to race, such as "3-year-olds and upward, which have never won two races."

Stakes: A race for the best of the best. These high-prestige races have large purses attached to them.

Futurity: A stakes race for 2-year-olds only.

Derby: A stakes race for 3-year-olds only.

Do the Same Horses Run in Every Race?

Each race has different horses competing. Racehorses usually get two weeks of rest between each race. Rarely will a horse race again after only a week of rest. Between races, horses will rest and train in the mornings to prepare for upcoming races. Generally speaking, claiming-level

horses will run more often than higher-quality allowance or stakes-level horses.

What's a speed index?

The speed index calculates the average speed of the three fastest horses over three years at a given distance at a given track. It is a tool used only in American Quarter Horse racing to compare horses in a race.

The Track

Who runs the track?

The track is a business and is managed as such. Because of the pari-mutuel wagering system set up at all tracks, the track has no interest or stake in the outcome of a race. It is solely a venue to allow people to bet against each other on the horses. When bettors put money down on a race, the track takes a slice of the total money wagered, usually about 20 percent. The remaining 80 percent is returned to bettors in the form of winnings. This percentage is much higher than those of state lotteries, which often remove 50 percent of the total money bet.

Races are regulated by stewards, who are officials hired by the track or the state racing commission to objectively view races and make sure no fouls are committed.

What is a race program and how do you read it?

Programs differ from track to track, but all are there to help you choose a horse on which to place a wager. Use the program to evaluate a race and decide which horse you think would make the best bet.

Every horse is assigned a program number. The program will always list each horse's owner, trainer and jockey.

The program also lists a brief pedigree. An example of one would be "Rare Jet - Native Parr by Heisanative (TB)." That means the horse's sire (father) is Rare Jet, his dam (mother) is Native Parr and his maternal grandsire is Heisanative (TB).

In American Quarter Horse racing, the "TB" signifies a Thoroughbred horse. A Thoroughbred can be crossed with an American Quarter Horse to produce an appendix American Quarter Horse. These horses are allowed to compete in events just like a full-blooded American Quarter Horse. The program also lists their sex, either mare or filly (m./f.), stallion or colt (h./c.) or gelding (g.); colors such as chestnut (ch.), sorrel (s.), gray (gr.) and bay (b.); and their age.

If a horse is using special equipment, such as blinkers, that will be noted. Blinkers are a piece of equipment put on the horse's head with special cups around the eyes. They block part of the horse's view, to both sides and to the rear, so he is better able to concentrate on racing.

A horse using legal medications including Bute (phenylbutazone) or Salix (also known as "Lasix" or furosemide) also will have that noted. Bute is a mild pain reliever equivalent to human aspirin. Salix is used to prevent bleeding in the lungs, a condition called pulmonary edema, which can afflict a racehorse during intense physical exercise.

Finally, many racetracks add past performances to the programs, where the horse's race history is detailed. Reading past performances can be intimidating to a newcomer, so seek out someone who is experienced or inquire with the track help desk.

How are odds made?

Odds are based on the amount of money wagered on a race. All odds are calculated based on the money bet on horses to win. A horse's individual odds result from taking the amount of win money bet on the individual horse, divided by the total amount bet on the race.

A longshot, or a horse with high odds, will pay more money if it succeeds in finishing in the top three.

Wagers in the other pools, such as place and show pools or exotics, do not affect the odds shown on the tote board.

In addition, the morning line odds shown in the program do not affect the odds shown on the toteboard. These are only a prediction of how the track handicapper believes the public will wager.

What is a racehorse's job?

Before a horse is allowed to race, it must be registered with the AQHA and must be given a permanent identifying tattoo on its upper lip. The tattoo is a combination of numbers and letters unique to that horse and is applied prior to the horse's first race. Before each race the number on the lip is checked with the official record to be sure they match.

Horses train in the mornings to get in shape for races. Sometimes they are just jogged or galloped around the track. Other times they are sent to workout, which is when the horse is exercised at racing speed for a certain distance. The workouts are recorded for you to read and use in making wagering decisions.

Each race pits horses against each other for a set amount of purse money. Most horses live on the backside, or barns located near the track. Sometimes they ship in from other places, such as farms or other racetracks. At a scheduled time before their race, horses are walked to the paddock. This is the area where they are saddled in preparation for the race. Once they are saddled, the jockeys mount and the horses are led out onto the track. Once there, they are paraded before the stands and given a chance to warm up. This is called the "post parade". Horses are then led to post, or starting gate. At post time, the gates open and the horses run the race. The winner takes a trip to the winner's circle for a photo. After the official results are posted on the tote board, bettors can collect their winnings and horses are returned to the barns where they are cooled and bathed.

Immediately after a race, the top three finishers are taken to a test barn, where veterinarians collect urine and blood samples from them to test for prohibited medications.

The Race

Do the jockeys own the horses?

Jockeys are free agents and are hired on a race-by-race basis. They are not allowed to own horses they ride. They are paid by the horse's owner for each race they ride. In addition, if they win a race, they are entitled to a percentage of the purse money (usually 10 percent).

Jockeys often help exercise and train horses in the mornings, as well as ride them in the actual races.

Often a jockey will consistently ride one trainer's horses with success. A smart handicapper looks for these pairings as they can be a good way to find a winner.

Why do jockeys whip the horses?

The jockey's whip or "stick" is a communication tool with many uses. Its primary purpose is to encourage the horse to give his best. It also is used to tell the horse when to accelerate and to keep the horse running in a straight line. In many instances the stick never touches the horse. Just seeing the stick or feeling a gentle nudge helps a horse keep his mind on racing.

The stick is designed so it doesn't hurt the horse. It is made of leather and is flexible. Track stewards monitor the race carefully and watch to see if a jockey is using a stick excessively.

Why should I bet?

Wagering can range from a casual \$2 bet to a more complex one involving multiple horses. The wagering system at the track is called a pari-mutuel wagering system. This means that wagers are made against fellow bettors, never the house. Betting is a fun, and oftentimes profitable way to enjoy racing. Choosing a horse and backing him in a race helps you become more involved in the racing experience.

What are the different kinds of wagers?

There are three basic types of wagers. The first is a "win" wager. This means you choose the horse that you think will finish first. You also can make a "place" wager, where if the horse you choose runs first or second, you get money back. A "show" wager pays you back if your horse runs first, second or third. When you make place or show wagers, you have a greater chance of winning, but the payouts are usually less.

Placing complex bets, called exotic wagering, involves multiple bets on multiple horses. This includes exacta, trifecta and superfecta wagering, as well as multi-race wagers such as a daily double or pick-6.

How do I choose a horse?

There are as many ways to pick a horse as there are bettors. Many bettors, especially newcomers, like to choose based on a horse's color, looks, or use a special combination of the program numbers. Often, more experienced race goers do what is called handicapping. They look

at the horse's past performance as a puzzle and piece together the race conditions, breeding and other factors to choose the horse they think is most likely to win.

If you are interested in learning more about handicapping, there are many excellent guidebooks. In addition, tracks often hold informative seminars or sell tip sheets that feature betting advice from experienced handicappers. Once you make your choice, you can visit a mutual teller or use an automated wagering machine to place your bet electronically.

Life after the Races

When a racehorse retires, what happens to it?

Racehorses are retired from competition once they begin showing signs of slowing down or losing interest in running. Most horses retire when they are between 2 and 6 years old, but horses can race through the age of 12.

Once they retire, if they are not used for breeding, American Quarter Horses are especially suited to new careers. Most horses enjoy being able to continue working, and the versatile nature of the American Quarter Horse allows it to excel in the competition arena, on a ranch or as a recreational riding horse.

Ex-racehorses have gone on to compete successfully in events such as steer wrestling, barrel racing, roping and English events such as jumping and driving. Sometimes they return to the track as pony horses, the horses that lead racehorses to the starting gate. Other ex-racers go on to higher callings, such as therapy horses and police mounts.

More Information

If you are interested in owning a racing American Quarter Horse, AQHA has professional trainers ready to get you started. For a directory of trainers near you, visit [click here](#). You can also download AQHA's Racing Buyer's Guide or contact your [state Quarter Horse racing association](#). Click [here](#) on information about getting started in the racing industry.

To experience the excitement of American Quarter Horse racing for yourself, view our monthly racing calendar or [list of all North American racetracks](#). To help you bet the races, AQHA has a free online [handicapping guide](#), you can also watch racing action on TV or visit the [Q-Racing Aces page](#).

