



Horse Racing Protocols for 2021 Race Meet

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To protect the health and safety of horsemen, their employees, racetrack employees, racing officials, commission staff and other racing related personnel and vendors, Indiana Grand (IG) and Harrah's Hoosier Park (HHP) recognize that a continuance of the 2020 racing protocols is still necessary due to the remaining effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. While these guidelines have undergone adjustments for the 2021 racing season, some that were in place during 2020 have been discontinued or relaxed. These protocols will be in effect until May 1, 2021 at which time they will be re-evaluated and potentially revised. Further adjustments may occur as additional information from State and county health officials becomes available.

This document is designed as a guide for the safe opening and operation of our racing properties. At all times we will focus on conducting racing in a manner that provides a safe and healthy environment. Full cooperation and commitment of the below plan by all parties will be necessary.

1. General Guidelines:

- a. Hand washing should be top of mind at all times. To the extent possible everyone should wash his or her hands regularly throughout the day with soap and water or using available hand sanitizing stations posted around the backside.
- b. Signage reflecting proper handwashing techniques (in English and Spanish) is currently posted and will be placed in additional restrooms and other public areas to reinforce and remind everyone of the importance of proper and regular handwashing.
- c. Groups or a gathering of individuals should keep social/physical distancing in mind. All essential racing personnel will be encouraged to stay 6 feet apart from one another when possible.
- d. For anyone monitoring their individual health, please consider self-quarantine off property as an option should your symptoms lead you to believe you have contracted the corona virus. If upon testing your results show positive, please contact your trainer or employer immediately.
- e. Track management will establish and maintain sanitizing stations in all main entrances of barns and offices adjacent to and in the barn area. Detailed plans outlining areas of cleaning and disinfecting will be available upon request.
- f. Face masks/face coverings (a mask, scarf, or bandanna) that cover mouth and nose will be mandated for all essential racing personnel and vendors to be worn at all times while in public. All Horsemen will be responsible for purchasing face masks/face coverings for their employees. The properties will supply

facemasks/face coverings to all backside employees and other PPE for all property employees as determined necessary based on job duties. Such necessary job duties that involve jobs requiring closer personal space between the employee and citizen. In these cases, additional PPE such as face shields and gowns will be required and supplied.

- g. Disinfecting of all public areas in the barn area will take place daily to include high-touch areas such as Stall gates (in paddock and receiving barns), light switches, doorknobs, etc.

2. Personnel Protocols and Restrictions:

- a. Only essential racing personnel will be allowed in the barn area. Essential racing personnel may include racing officials as designated by the state, ambulance staff, track maintenance crew, backside maintenance crew, racing department employees, and housekeeping crew. Essential personnel involved with the care, training and racing of horses include grooms, hotwalkers, exercise riders/drivers, trainers and their assistants, jockeys, drivers, blacksmiths, veterinarians, and equine massage therapists. Essential personnel licensed by the Commission to ensure horse racing is held in compliance with state statutes and regulations include but is not limited to stewards/judges, placing judges, official chart-caller, clerk of course, photo finish operator, Trakus operator, clocker, and clerk of scales. Barn area eligibility has been extended to include jockey agents and a limited number of owners. If more than two owners own the horse, please work out a schedule amongst yourselves for access. Visitors are not considered essential personnel at this time and will not be allowed entry.
- b. Both properties along with the Indiana Horse Racing Commission judges and stewards, will oversee all access control procedures, all monitoring and reporting requirements, and ensure all suspected cases of Covid-19 infection are properly documented and communicated by following instruction outlined by the Indiana State Board of Health and CDC.
- c. For anyone monitoring their individual health, please consider self-quarantine off property as an option should your symptoms lead you to believe you have contracted the corona virus. If upon testing your results show positive, please contact your trainer or employer immediately.
- d. All essential personnel will be educated on the proper removal of PPE's and will receive regular protocol updates.
- e. No visitors or guests will be allowed access to the barn area, racetrack, paddock, or jockey's room/drivers lounge until further notice.
- f. The racetrack and paddock access will be limited to Commission, licensed trainers (or assistant trainers), licensed owners (limit 2) and essential personnel who have horses racing that day. For saddling purposes, only the trainer, or a qualified representative, and groom will be allowed access to their horse. However, owners, visitors, or guests continue to have access to the racetrack clubhouse, OTB and track apron when following Caesars property mask and social/physical distancing protocols.

- g. Grandstands at both Indiana Grand and Harrah's Hoosier Park occupancy level is at 75% with occupancy and event and gathering limits at the discretion and approval of local health departments. These numbers are subject to change – either less restrictive or more restrictive depending on the status of Indiana county COVID-19 metrics.
- h. There will be 24/7 patrols of the barn area (minimum of 2 security personnel), barns, shed rows, dorms, track kitchen, Racing Office, tack trailer and other offices.
- i. All essential personnel must have and wear a current IHRC racing license when on the grounds of Indiana Grand and Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- j. IG and HHP will identify and establish relationships with nearby medical facilities for testing and treatment of essential racing personnel and other employees and staff that have symptoms, are denied access to the barn area or racing facilities and must recover and/or have a negative Covid-19 test to return to the barn area and participate in racing. IG and HHP will work collectively with horsemen's associations (ISA & IHBPA) regarding instruction on caring for individuals needing quarantine and/or treatment.

3. Barn Area Protocols:

- a. All equipment accompanying the horse must be disinfected prior to entering the Frontside Saddling/Backside Detention Paddock (At Harrah's Hoosier Park this would be Barns 9 and 17). It is the responsibility of the trainer to have his/her equipment disinfected.
- b. Only essential personnel licensed by the state and jockeys/drivers scheduled to ride/drive in races on a given day will be allowed access to the jockey's room/drivers lounge.
- c. No one under 16 years of age allowed in the barn area, unless licensed as a groom. However, parents accessing the barn area with unlicensed children under the age of 16 must provide racetrack security with a list of their children in advance. Absolutely no children under the age of 16 allowed on the backside without licensed parental supervision.
- d. Everyone working/living in the barn area must wear a mask/face covering at all times in public if unable to maintain social/physical distance of 6 ft or more.
- e. All essential racing personnel, vendors, employees, van drivers must wear a suitable covering (a mask, scarf, or bandanna) over their nose and mouth when entering the barn area. Van drivers and attendants must have minimal contact with any barn area personnel.
- f. Gate crew personnel must wear a suitable covering (a mask, scarf, or bandanna) over their nose and mouth while loading horses into the starting gate and will have no physical contact with any other personnel unless in the best interest of safety.
- g. Trucks, tractors, and gators must be disinfected before the start of each day and at the end of each day.
- h. No loitering or gathering in any public spaces while on property. This will be strictly enforced by security team and essential racing employees.

- i. Break lounge in paddock to remain locked except for official business by drivers or trainers.
- j. Jockeys/Drivers will mount their horses outside of the saddling barn/paddock and proceed directly to the racetrack for the post parade and warm up.
- k. Both racetrack kitchens will offer dine-in options with limited seating due to social/physical distancing.
- l. No starting car rides.
- m. For Harrah's Hoosier Park, qualifiers will be held 2 days a week until opening of the meet on Wednesday and Saturday. Qualifying races will be limited to 14 races per session for social/physical distancing and safety purposes.
- n. The starting gate and paddock stalls must be power washed and/or sanitized weekly. The paddock gates will be sanitized at the end of each racing day. No guest(s) will be allowed in the starting car. Both starter and car driver must wear suitable covering (a mask, scarf, or bandanna).
- o. Cleaning and disinfecting of all public areas in the barn area will take place daily or more as needed.
- p. No loitering in Paddock Judge Office.

4. Racing & Licensing Office Protocols

- a. A minimum of 6 feet of social/physical distancing is encouraged throughout the offices and barns at Indiana Grand and Hoosier Park.
- b. No loitering in or outside the racing office and/or licensing office. Entries at Indiana Grand may be made in person; however, utilizing physical distancing protocol is required due to limited room size. Hoosier Park entries must be made either on-line or over the phone.
- c. Post-position draws will be conducted with only racing office staff, horseman's representative(s), and commission officials physically present. They will not be open to the public. All entry and overnight information will be posted online daily. Hard copies of the draw will be available outside of racing office.
- d. Official chart caller will be permitted to use their designated office space only.
- e. The Horsemen's Bookkeeper will be available on a normal schedule. Access to the Bookkeeper location will be for essential business only and loitering is not allowed.
- f. Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing Office can be accessed by appointment by calling the race office to schedule a time. Racing office access at Indiana Grand is only allowed for entries. Any other business is to be conducted by appointment or phone by calling to schedule a time.
- g. Racing office staff and anyone entering racing office must wear facemasks.
- h. Indiana Horse Racing Commission Licensing office and Steward access will be limited. Please attempt to handle most licensing functions by utilizing online options or faxing or mailing your license application to the office. Calling in advance to discuss your situation may alleviate your need to visit. Public access remains available; however, please allow sufficient time to conduct your business as occupancy limitations are still in effect.

- i. Individuals conducting business in the IHRC licensing office should be aware that certain activities and transactions may take longer than normal under these guidelines. Individuals applying for a license are **strongly encouraged** to submit the application prior to the date on which they have entered to race. The IHRC cannot guarantee that an application submitted fewer than three hours prior to first post of that race day will be processed.

5. Jockey's Room / Driver's Lounge Protocols

- a. The Jockeys' Guild should be consulted for organizational established protocols.
- b. Only essential personnel licensed by the state and jockeys/drivers scheduled to ride in races will be allowed access to the Jocks' Room or Drivers Lounge.
- c. Lockers and workstations will be spaced a minimum of the required six feet apart.
- d. Jockeys shall wear masks in the Jocks' Room and Saddling Paddock but can remove the mask prior to mounting.
- e. Drivers shall wear masks in the Drivers Lounge and Paddock area but can remove the mask prior to driving.
- f. Jockeys and Drivers are prohibited from any physical contact between themselves and others.
- g. Jockeys are required to leave the Jockeys' Room immediately following their last ride, unless directed otherwise by the Stewards.
- h. Drivers are required to leave the Drivers Lounge immediately following their last drive, unless directed otherwise by the Judges.
- i. All sauna and extraneous facilities will remain closed. Jockey's quarters (including but not limited to lockers, showers, dressing areas and valet tables) should be disinfected with CDC recommended disinfectants and sanitized frequently throughout the day. Bodywash disinfectant dispensers and sprays will be provided for use during and after every shower.
- j. Prior to the meet, any jockey that would like to enter the jockey's room at Indiana Grand must submit a negative COVID-19 test, dated within the last 72 hours, and administered at an Indiana testing facility. These tests must be submitted to the Clerk of Scales. Fully vaccinated jockeys will be able to move freely from track to track and have access to the jock's room without COVID testing.
- k. During the meet a jockey that leaves Indiana Grand and enters the jockey's room at any other racetrack must get a negative COVID-19 test, dated within the last 72 hours, and administered at an Indiana testing facility before he/she will be allowed to return to the jockey's room at Indiana Grand. These tests must be submitted to the Clerk of Scales. Fully vaccinated jockeys will be able to move freely from track to track and have access to the jock's room without COVID testing.
- l. Jockeys will be allowed to travel to other racetracks or training facilities to work horses provided that they do not enter the jockey's room and follow all the appropriate health and safety protocols that are in place. Jockeys who have traveled internationally must contact Indiana Grand for further guidance.
- m. On days that Drivers and Jockeys are not driving or riding, they will not be allowed in the Jockeys Room or Drivers Lounge unless approved by the Stewards or Judges.

6. Trainer Responsibilities

- a. Trainers must supply a list of their employees to the security department. Security department will copy list and provide to licensing office. Lists must be updated immediately as employees leave and others are hired. Failure to do so will result in punishment up to and including the eviction of trainer from the premises.
- b. Any trainer who has a backside employee that becomes ill or exhibits COVID 19 symptoms will be responsible for seeking treatment and self-quarantining of that employee. Trainers are required to work with appropriate horsemen's association staff to assure employee receives appropriate guidance and assistance necessary to implement self-quarantining and/or treatment.

7. Other

- a. Stakes schedules and purse schedules may be altered depending on funding levels. However, casino revenues, simulcast revenues, live racing revenues and export revenues – all which supplement the purse accounts – will be watched very closely, and overnight purses will be adjusted to the appropriate levels.
- b. Roberts Communications, Trakus, United Tote and International Sound and other necessary vendors will be contacted by track management to ensure they are aware and comply with proper protocols for health and safety.
- c. For any situation that arises and is not covered under this document that causes a material change to this policy, that situation will need to be presented to track management and Indiana Horse Racing Commission judges or stewards for review.
- d. Horsemen shipping horses into Indiana Grand or Harrah's Hoosier Park must have prior approval of the Racing Secretary and an appointed time to arrive at the stable gate. All the usual equine health documents are requirements (Coggins, health certificate, vaccination records). Horses arriving after their appointed time may be denied access unless approved by the Racing Secretary, Stewards, and Judges.
- e. Guests will not be allowed in dorm rooms at any time.
- f. These protocols will appear on the Indiana Grand, Harrah's Hoosier Park, IHBPA, QHRAI, ISA and IHRC websites with a link from the home page.

I attest that I have read and understand everything contained in this document and will abide by all policies, procedures and protocols listed.

Name

Signature