DELAWARE THOROUGHBRED RACING COMMISSION
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Dear Racing Enthusiast,

Here is a list of frequently asked questions that may arise regarding the operation of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission. If you do not see an answer to your specific question, please feel free to contact us at the following telephone numbers:

For Miss Shelley M. Perkins, Paralegal I, (302) 994-2521 ext. 7148 or 7168

For John F. Wayne, Executive Director, (302) 994-2521 ext. 8970

Can you give me the handle and purse distributions for a specific year?
Yes, this information is available on-line at the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing web page of: http://www.state.de.us/deptagri/thoroughbred/index.shtml
Just double click with your cursor on the link in the left hand column "Annual Reports"

What will be the Live Racing dates at Delaware Park for 2010?
Delaware Park is scheduled to run 116 days of live racing from The Spring of 2010 to the Fall of 2010.
Actual schedule may be determined at the DTRC meeting on January 5, 2010.

Specific racetrack information can be obtained by going to the following link: http://www.delawarepark.com/

Please note that simulcasting is conducted 7 days a week with the exception of Easter and Christmas.

How can I obtain a copy or review specific rules and regulations of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission?

Printed copies of rules are available, but are frequently updated from time to time to maintain continuity with published rules. The most up-to-date version of the DTRC rules and regulations can be reviewed on-line by going to the following web site:

http://www.state.de.us/research/AdminCode/title3/1000/index.shtml#TopOfPage

How did the Stewards make their decision on a particular race? A disqualification? Or some other aspect that happened during the running of the race that you may want an explanation about.

There are three Stewards in the stand during the running of the races. Two of the Stewards actually watch the race live from the viewing stand high above the grandstand with binoculars. The third Steward views the running of the race via video feed from the track's film/video patrol service. Following the race, the Stewards may review the films of the race from several different angles so that they can see any infractions that may occur. In cases where a foul is detected, they may change the order of finish accordingly.

The Stewards maintain office hours on live racing days and can be reached at telephone number (302) 994-2521 ext. 7244, 7245, or 7246. All calls to the Stewards should be made during morning hours 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

How do I report any alleged neglect or horse abuse?

The Commission does not tolerate or condone cruelty to animals and reports of such offenses are quickly investigated. All complaints or tips can be forwarded directly to John F. Wayne, Executive Director either by telephone (302) 994-2521 x 8970 or via e-mail at: john.wayne@state.de.us

How do I report any alleged integrity problems or violations of rules of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission or Laws of the State of Delaware as it pertains to horse racing?

Any violations detected should be reported to John F. Wayne, Executive Director, DTRC at the contact number and e-mail address previously listed. All calls and or e-mails will be kept confidential.

How can I apply for a license in the State of Delaware to run horses at Delaware Park?

Licensing is an easy process. You have several options, which are available. Delaware is a member of the National Racing Compact which is a governmental entity unto its own. Interested parties can access the web site of the National Racing Compact by going to web site: www.racinglicense.com

You can also apply via the multi-jurisdictional license application located at the web site of the Association of Racing Commissioners International or www.arci.com and follow the on-line instructions.

Or you can come to the licensing office in person at Delaware Park and apply. The licensing office at Delaware Park is located off of the Stanton Route 4 entrance. The office building is adjacent to the Horsemen's Office and Stable Gate. The telephone number for the licensing office is: (302) 994-2521 ext. 7138 or 7148.

2010 licensing will commence on January 4, 2010.

How do I find out when a Commission meeting is scheduled?

The Commission usually meets at least once per month during live racing. In cases where they may be a heavy agenda of appeals, then additional meetings can be scheduled. The Commission is required to publicly post meeting notices and agendas 7 days prior to each meeting. A schedule of meetings and specific agendas can be accessed at: http://www.delaware.gov/egov/calendar.nsf

What is the Delaware Jockey's Health and Welfare Benefit Board?

The Board was established to govern and monitor the health and welfare benefits available to participating Delaware Jockeys under the provisions of Senate Bill 338 signed into law in June, 2004 by Governor Ruth Ann Minner. The Board meets periodically to discuss health case issues for eligible riders. All meetings are posted in accordance with the public meeting law and can be accessed in the same manner regular Commission meetings are posted.

Contact us:

The mailing address for the Commission, Administration, Investigations and Inspections, Licensing and Veterinarian Services is:

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(302) 994-2521 ext. 7259 Inspector Francis J. Swift
(302) 994-2521 ext 7138, 7258 Licensing
(302) 994-2521 ext 7244, 7245, 7246 - Stewards
(302) 994-2521 ext 7474 - Commission Veterinarians

We hope that you have found this information useful. Please contact us if you have any suggestions or comments about our web site. We are always looking to improve and provide the best possible service to our loyal fans and racing participants.

Good Luck and Good Racing!

John F. Wayne
Executive Director
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