

## Dear Prospective Running Aces Trainer,

As you prepare for your arrival, we ask that you review the items below and the full procedures closely as your adherence to these rules will be mandatory.

Please note the following checklist that **must** be completed and acknowledged via your signature below prior to your arrival at Running Aces in 2023.

All entry documents including Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI/Health Certificate) and Coggins must be emailed as attachments (DO NOT send photos in the body of your email they MUST be attachments) to the commission PRIOR to your arrival at the racetrack. Only legible documents will be accepted. All documents should be sent to [mrcinfo@state.mn.us](mailto:mrcinfo@state.mn.us) at least 24 hours prior to arrival.

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### EQUINE HERPES VIRUS (EHV-1)

- Equine herpes virus (EHV-1) has become a health issue in several racetracks and training centers throughout the United States with horses showing signs of and/or dying from the neurological form of the disease. In order to safeguard the horses arriving and stabling at Running Aces the following policies are in place.

### HEALTH CERTIFICATES

- All horses (including pony/outrider horses) entering the grounds for the first time must be accompanied by an original Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) issued within five (5) days of their arrival and a negative Coggins Test Certificate issued within 12 months of arrival. EHV-1 and Influenza vaccination dates along with rectal temperatures for each horse should be included on the health certificate. For those trainers shipping in and out, a copy of the health certificate valid for thirty (30) days will be available in the Commission's veterinarian's office upon request.

### VACCINATIONS

- Every horse entering the enclosure of the racetrack must have been vaccinated by a veterinarian with an FDA approved modified live or killed virus vaccine specific for EHV-1 and Influenza not less than 14 days and not more than 180 days prior to date of entry. The specific product used and expiration date as well as the date the horse was vaccinated must appear on the health certificate.
- Vaccinations for Eastern and Western Encephalitis, West Nile Virus, Rabies and Tetanus are required for HISA covered horses to enter the grounds. They are not required for Quarter Horses or Standardbreds at this time, but are highly recommended. Vaccination for Streptococcus equi (Strangles) is recommended, but not required for Thoroughbred, Quarter Horses or Standardbreds.

## PIROPLASMOSIS

- Horses with a health certificate originating from a state with suspect cases of Equine Piroplasmosis (EP) must also have a negative test for Babesia equi taken within the previous 12 months. Currently this includes Texas, but is subject to change.
- The MRC veterinarian will be examining every horse after arrival at RAHP. All leg wraps and blankets need to be removed prior to examination. If a horse arrives when the office is closed, please set up a time for the MRC veterinarian to check the horse as soon as the office reopens. Similarly, the MRC veterinarian will need to see each horse train before it races at RAHP for the first time. This includes horses that ship into race. Please give yourself enough time for these examinations to avoid delays when the horse is entered to race.
- Trainers must schedule their date and time of arrival with Steve Carpenito at least 72 hours in advance of their arrival and they must provide a full list of the help that will be coming to take care of their horses.
- MRC Rules require that trainers and assistant trainers, to be licensed in Minnesota, must complete 4 hours of continuing education per calendar year. There are several sites available for obtaining these hours which can be found at <https://mn.gov/mrc/resources/trainer/index/>. Registration is free and there are many different courses available.
- **New for 2023:** Only checks written from Running Aces will be cashed. (NO 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Checks). Checks in excess \$5,000 in value will not be cashed, or not more than \$5,000 total per person per day. Checks must be endorsed at the cashier window (NOT PRIOR) and must be initialed by either Steve Carpenito or Kiel Winkler. A new purse authorization must be filled out for 2023 and Direct Deposit of purse funds is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**.
- Lastly, I have read and agree to abide by the Running Aces Nice Stable Guidelines.

I acknowledge that neither myself nor my horses will be allowed entry without approved paperwork with the Minnesota Racing Commission. As the signed trainer below, I acknowledge and agree to abide by the conditions herein:

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Signed

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Date