



PROTOCOLS FOR CONDUCT OF LIVE RACING UNDER COVID-19

The conduct of live harness racing in a safe, controlled and sustainable fashion is the paramount and shared goal of stakeholders The Meadows (Meadows), Meadow Standardbred Owners Association (MSOA) and Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission (PASHRC).

The following policies shall be put into effect with the start of live racing at the Meadows at a date to be determined. These guidelines will be enforced during live racing and training hours. The goal of these procedures shall be to meet or exceed the recommended guidelines as set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Health, local health officials.

All of the enclosed procedures are subject to constant review by the stakeholders and outside health experts with any updating or changes being communicated to stakeholders in an expedited fashion.

General Guidelines:

Meadows, MSOA and PASHRC shall jointly develop a communications checklist with contact information of key members of each organization (cell phone/email) to establish and execute procedures in the execution of the attached protocols. Horsemen will be encouraged to sign up for Meadows Textcaster system to receive pertinent and up to date information via text messaging.

While on the grounds of the Meadows ALL INDIVIDUALS shall wear a suitable face covering or mask. The only exception is for horsemen while racing or training a horse while on the track.

While on the grounds of the Meadows ALL INDIVIDUALS shall follow appropriate social distancing (maintaining at least a 6-foot clearance from any other individual) whenever physically practical. Individuals should not congregate in groups.

The Meadows, PASHRC and individual horsemen shall be responsible for training their employees on COVID-19 best practices including reminders on social distancing requirements, outlining proper hygiene (including frequent hand washings and regular use of sanitizer) and ensuring the use of face masks at all times.

All individuals should make themselves aware of potential COVID-19 symptoms and self-check themselves for symptoms prior to their arrival at the Meadows. Individuals showing signs of symptoms should not attempt to enter the backstretch and racing areas and should take proper precautions to self-quarantine or seek medical attention as soon as possible.

At the discretion of security, individuals entering the Meadows backstretch and racing areas may be temperature checked or be asked additional screening questions related to their current health condition. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher will be logged by Security and shall not be permitted entry and will not be permitted to enter the Meadows grounds for a minimum of fourteen (14) days

Employees of the Meadows and PASHRC shall follow the published requirements in place by their employers regarding presence of potential COVID-19 symptoms and their ability to work under such conditions.

Individuals shall be responsible for their respective working areas in terms of keeping those areas clean and being vigilant on disinfecting all areas on a regular basis. The Meadows will make hand sanitizer available and provide cleaning/disinfecting for all common areas. Horsemen will be responsible for disinfecting and sanitizing their respective stabling areas/equipment and in providing their employees with proper protective gear and sanitizing materials. PASHRC shall be responsible for providing disinfecting and sanitizing materials for their working areas.

All horsemen entering the Meadows grounds shall sign and have on file a COVID-19 release form.

Individuals may be removed from the Meadows grounds for failure to adhere to rules/protocols put in place.

Access to Backstretch/Stable Area:

Access to the Meadows backstretch shall only be through the main stable gate entrance. The entire backstretch shall be considered a “Restricted Area.”

All individuals must have a PASHRC license visible at all times and will be logged in by security.

Access shall be restricted to essential, PASHRC licensed personnel required for the conduct of live racing (or qualifiers.) Essential personnel shall be defined as:

- Meadows racing officials/staff
- Meadows maintenance staff
- PASHRC racing officials/staff
- Trainers
- Drivers
- Grooms
- Veterinarians
- Farrier
- Outrider
- Medical personnel
- Any other positions or individuals as determined by the Meadows or PASHRC

No owners, unless they fall under a category listed above, shall be permitted access any restricted racing areas. No guests shall be permitted entry to restricted areas and no one under the age of 16 shall be permitted in the restricted racing areas.

Only individuals with horses stabled on the grounds, have horses entered to race on that day or have prior approval from PASHRC or the Meadows shall be permitted access to the restricted racing areas.

Ship-Ins

Only horses approved by the Racing Secretary shall be approved to ship in for racing or training or other purposes. Proper equine health information for each horse arriving at the Meadows in required for access.

Parking areas for ship-in vehicles shall be designated by the Meadows.

Ship-ins will be assigned stalls in ship-in barn. Please contact the Racing Office or Stall Superintendent for ship in barn stall assignments. Horses shall not proceed to the paddock until their race is called.

Racing Office should be notified of any horses shipping in who are to be placed in private barns on race days.

Horses shall be required to arrive and be on the grounds at least four (4) hours prior to scheduled post time of their scheduled race.

Lasix for ship-in horses shall be given at the designated area for no later than four (4) hours prior to scheduled post time of their scheduled race.

Minimum staffing shall accompany any horse brought on the grounds. A trainer with only one or two horses horse may not have one (1) groom present. A trainer with 3-5 horses may have two (2) grooms accompanying the horses. Trainers with more than six (6) horses entered may have three (3) grooms present.

Horsemen, Trainers and their contractors/vendors/employees shall be responsible for cleaning frequently touched surfaces (e.g. faucets, door handles etc.) throughout the ship-in or private barn where they are assigned and shall be responsible for making sanitizer available for their contractors, vendors, and employees in the areas where they operate.

Horsemen are required to thoroughly clean their assigned ship-in stalls prior to leaving. All trailers and equipment shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

Individuals who wish to ship in to train must make prior arrangements with the Racing Secretary or stall superintendent.

No overnight stabling of horses allowed in the ship-in barn unless an emergency situation and

approved by the Racing Secretary.

Stable Area

Horses entered to race but stabled on the grounds may warm up prior to the races from their barn stalls. Horses should not proceed to paddock until their race is called.

Lasix for horses stabled on the grounds shall be given at the designated area for no later than four (4) hours prior to scheduled post time of their scheduled race.

Horsemen, trainers and their contractors/vendors/employees shall be responsible for cleaning frequently touched surfaces (e.g. faucets, door handles etc..) throughout their private barn areas and be responsible for making sanitizer available for their contractors, vendors, and employees in the areas where they operate.

All vendors operating in the stable area are required to follow guidelines in place for Meadows horsemen/employees and to provide their employees with proper protective gear and sanitizing materials.

Race Paddock

Horses shall only be brought to the paddock when called by the Paddock Judge approximately one (1) hour prior to their scheduled race.

Identification of horses shall take place prior to entering the paddock.

Only individuals associated with horses approved to be in the paddock should be present in the paddock.

The paddock judge will assign races/horses to the appropriate paddock stalls. Every effort will be made to provide separation between horses and races in paddock and to rotate use of paddock stalls throughout the race card. If a paddock stall is to be used twice in one day it shall be disinfected between uses with approved cleaning solutions.

Horsemen should make efforts to assist in cleaning all common equipment/high touch point items in paddock (cross ties, faucets); sharing of equipment or tools should be discouraged.

Use of work gloves is encouraged by all horsemen and participants.

Saddle pads shall be cleaned and disinfected after each race. Horsemen are encouraged to disinfect all equipment on a frequent basis.

Access to Paddock lounge shall be restricted; table and seating shall be limited to enforce social distancing.

Only the bathrooms shall be utilized in locker room facilities. Driver/Trainers should arrive at track with colors (with a spare set or change of colors if needed) and their necessary equipment for the race day.

No food or beverages shall be sold in the Paddock Lounge. Individuals may bring their own food and beverages but must consume them outside of the paddock or ship-in areas and should dispose of any trash in available receptacles.

Individuals shall not congregate in common area of paddock (near TVs, etc.) and are encouraged to practice safe distancing including moving outside, weather permitting, whenever possible.

Individual horsemen should not enter any office areas unless directed or invited to enter.

Proper distancing should be practiced with horses going from paddock to the racetrack and from racetrack to paddock. Weather permitting drivers should get on/off race bike outside of the paddock. Drivers should regularly clean their race bikes.

Winning horse shall return to the winner's circle for post-race photo with driver only. No golf cart will be used to transport any individuals to the winner's circle.

Racing Office

No individuals other than race office staff and PASHRC shall be permitted in the racing office building.

All entries will be made on-line or via telephone; racing updates shall be communicated via text messaging.

All ship-ins must be approved in advance by the Racing Secretary.

All draws will be done via conference call or other approved method.

Eligibility criteria for horses/horsemen to race at Meadows shall be mutually agreed upon by Meadows and MSOA. Certain restrictions/eligibility for drivers may be imposed as well.

PASHRC Offices/Licensing

Access shall be limited to PASHRC offices.

Racing Officials/Employees in Main Casino/Racetrack Building

All individuals entering the main building should follow the previously outlined requirements for individuals regarding self-checking for COVID-19 symptoms and following the respective policies put in place. Individuals entering the main building will be subject to entry rules and regulations in effect by The Meadows.

Individuals in main building and in their respective working areas should wear face masks at all times and practice social distancing as much as possible.

Racing official office areas will be arranged to separate individuals as much as possible and, if necessary, physical barriers may be added as needed.

Individuals shall make efforts to keep their respective areas clean and sanitized.

The Meadows, MSOA and PASHRC shall take appropriate actions in the event of a positive test for COVID-19 by a horseman, Meadows or PASHRC employee who was in the racing areas or in contact with individuals associated with the conduct of racing. These actions could include access restrictions for certain individuals for a certain period of time, additional cleaning/disinfecting requirements or cessation of racing for a period of time to take further appropriate measure to ensure the health and safety of all individuals.