

2011 TRACK RULES

HARRAH'S CHESTER

MOHEGAN SUN AT POCONO DOWNS

1. Horsemen are to be licensed by and familiar with the rules of the Pennsylvania Harness Racing Commission (PHRC) and the United States Trotting Association (USTA). In the event of any conflicts, the Judges at the Host Track (i.e. Harrah's Chester, Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs) shall determine which rules apply. The violation of any of the rules may result in disciplinary action including loss of purse, fines and/or suspension. Any ruling by the Judges at the Host Track is subject to appeal to the PHRC. Trainers are responsible for the licensing of their owners and employees, along with providing proof of Workmen's Compensation Insurance to the PHRC.
2. All racing applications must be submitted online only.
3. **Horses eligible to the bottom classes that are approved to race at either Host Track prior to the start of the current race meet must start within the first 30 days of the current meet or within the date of acceptance, whichever applies. Horses that do not start within the 30 days must be re-submitted.**
4. In order for a horse to qualify and/or race at either track, proof of a current year Coggin's test, rabies vaccination, along with a health certificate dated within 30 days of the horse's first start at either Host Track must be submitted to the appropriate Racing Office. If the required paperwork for a horse has already been submitted at another track and that information is indicated on the USTA eTrack eligibility report, then that paperwork need not be submitted.
5. It is PHRC policy that all horses originally entered in an overnight class shall have preference over any horse subsequently moved into the class from another class or as a late entry.
6. Preference will be determined by the racing dates of the horse's last two (2) pari-mutuel starts during the current year. For first time starters, preference will be determined by the following: 4 Yr. Olds & Older – by the most recent satisfactory qualifying race; 2 & 3 Yr. Olds – by the first qualifying race going in the required time, provided they have no more than three (3) qualifying lines prior to being entered in the box.
7. In order for a horse to be removed from the Lasix List, it must race in a qualifying race with Lasix. The horse must be tested and show no Lasix in the system.

8. All drivers must be licensed by the PHRC to qualify or race. All drivers and trainers must be approved by the Presiding Judge at the Host Track before being allowed to participate. Driving suspensions may be served per PHRC directive and the USTA penalty point system will be in effect. Qualifying and Provisional drivers must report to the Judges' Office before making their first start at the Host Track. All drivers must wear driving colors in qualifying races. All new drivers must report to the Presiding Judge and the Starter.
9. Horses and drivers must be in the Paddock enclosure according to the posted schedules. Failure to do so will result in the horse being scratched and the responsible trainer fined. If a problem is experienced while en route that causes the horse to be late, the Judges may consider the reason and allow the horse to race with no penalty imposed.
10. All drivers in Races 1 & 2 must sign in at the Judges' Office at least one (1) hour prior to post time of their first race followed by proceeding to the breath analyzer.
11. Only owners and trainers with horses racing on that particular day will be permitted in the Paddock. All such individuals must possess a valid and current PHRC license. All licensees must abide by posted Paddock policies.
12. The Host Track shall exclude from the Paddock, in the interest of public safety, all those persons who have no immediate business with the horses entered, except for the members of PHRC, their duly assigned representatives and those having special permission from the Host Track.
13. No person shall use improper, profane, or indecent language, or be abusive to a racing official, or an employee of the Host Track.
14. No person shall, in any manner, or at any time disturb the peace or make himself obnoxious while on the grounds of the Host Track.
15. When a person is ruled off, every horse owned in whole or part by that person, or under their care, management, training or superintendence shall be ineligible to be entered or to start in any race until said horse or horses have been reinstated by the rescinding of said person's penalty, or by transfer through bona fide sale, or by placement of horse or horses in the hands of a licensed trainer approved by the Judges at the Host Track.
16. While in the Paddock, horsemen shall so conduct themselves as to avoid creating any appearance or suggestion that would reflect adversely on the integrity of racing. The Judges and Paddock Judge are authorized on any occasion to revoke or curtail the Paddock privileges of any person if, in their judgment, circumstances warrant such action in order to maintain proper decorum in the Paddock.

17. Trainers are responsible for their horse's physical condition, equipment, shoeing and reporting any inaccurate program information on gelded horses to the Judges. Trainers may be held responsible for horses that show a reversal in form or inconsistent performance. Trainers must notify the Racing Office of any potential entry conflicts when making entries. **Trainer changes are not permitted without first notifying the Judges at the Host Track.**
18. No unauthorized person may possess hypodermic equipment or injectable materials. No oral medication or injectable syringes of any type will be allowed in the Paddock during racing hours except by authorized personnel.
19. Electronic eligibilities are required to qualify. Non-tattooed or non-freeze branded horses will not be permitted to qualify or race.
20. Any trainer who wishes to try a horse with or without hobbles in a qualifying race may do so and this qualifying attempt will not affect the horse's status in regards to the Judge's List. If the horse is successful, it may race with or without hobbles in its next start. If the horse fails to qualify with the addition or subtraction of hobbles, the horse will be allowed to resume racing equipped the way it raced previously as long as it was qualified before the equipment change.
21. Scratch time will be as posted at the Host Track. All changes must be processed through the Judge's Office only. Trainers must name proper drivers by scratch time. It is the trainer's responsibility to check on the status of catch drivers and also eligibles with the Judges.
22. Horses must re-qualify that have not raced in thirty (30) days from the DATE OF THE LAST RACE, which will be counted as the first day, to and including the day of declaration.
23. Qualified horses that enter into a qualifying race will not be penalized if they are interfered with during the course of the race. However, horses failing to go in qualifying time will be put on the Judge's List and must re-qualify.
24. Qualifying standards will be as posted during the course of the race meet. Opportunities to qualify will be as follows: 2 Yr. Olds – 5 consecutive chances; 3 Yr. Olds – 4 consecutive chances; 4 Yr. Olds & Older – 3 consecutive chances. If a horse has used up its chances, it will not be allowed to qualify for thirty (30) days.
25. **Horses that qualify at a Host Track must make a start there within thirty (30) days. Trainers who do not comply will be denied racing privileges for two (2) weeks.**
26. Horses failing to go in qualifying time on a Fast or Good track will be placed on the Judge's List for poor performance.

27. The Judges may place a horse on the Judge's List for poor performance at any time. Horses breaking on a Fast or Good track in their first start after a qualifying race must re-qualify. After two consecutive scratches, a horse must qualify. Scratched horses may not race or qualify for a minimum of five (5) days, starting the day after the race date. Any horse placed on either the Vet's or Judge's List will not be allowed to enter in any race unless released by the Vet or Judges.
28. Horses making breaks in two (2) consecutive races on a Fast or Good track will be required to re-qualify. Horses making breaks in three (3) consecutive races, regardless of track condition, will be required to re-qualify.
29. Trainers are responsible for the condition of both their horses and equipment. If any unnecessary delay is caused by faulty equipment or shoeing, the trainer may be fined.
30. Broken equipment shall be shown to the Paddock Judge immediately after the race. If the equipment was found to be faulty, in the opinion of the Judges, fines may be imposed. Shoes are not considered broken equipment.
31. All race bikes must be USTA approved. All race bikes must be equipped with wheel discs. Multi-colored wheel discs will not be allowed.
32. An approved safety vest shall be worn by anyone while racing, parading, or warming up a horse prior to racing; or jogging, training, or exercising a horse at any time. The safety vest shall cover the torso, front and back, from the collarbone to the hip bone and be of uniform material and thickness over the whole of the vest, except for localized areas. Vests must meet current (Beta 7 RAPRA) industry testing standards. Horsemen are responsible for providing their own vests.
33. Horses must post parade. A driver or trainer may be penalized for failing to parade his horse unless excused by the Judges. A horse may be held at the Paddock with the Judge's permission. All horses are required to go once around the track unassisted prior to the post parade of their respective races. Horses that fail to meet this requirement may be placed on the Judge's List and the trainer on record fined.
34. Drivers will parade and score their own horses. If they are unable to do so, arrangements must be made for someone else to do so along with notifying the Paddock Judge. A driver must score their own horse at least one (1) time.
35. All horses shall go the course, except in the case of an accident or broken equipment. If a driver is unable to continue, he or she must take the horse to the outside fence and hold it until the race is completed. Drivers should dismount and hold the horse if it has suffered injuries in a race and is unable to complete the course.

36. Drivers must keep both feet in the stirrups during the race except to pull out ear plugs.
37. While on the racetrack, drivers will refrain from fraternizing with other drivers and members of the public.
38. All drivers must keep a line in each hand until the 7/8 pole at which time they can use the whip with one hand. There will be no whipping below the level of the shaft. There will be no striking of the shaft. There shall be no putting the whip between the horse's legs. Drivers will be allowed whips not to exceed 48 inches, plus a snapper no longer than 6 inches. The snapper shall not be knotted. There shall be no taping of the whip except on the handle. There will no excessive or indiscriminate use of the whip and no whipping after the finish.
39. All horses shall be raced in a consistent manner. Excessive use of the whip will not be tolerated. Hitting wheel discs is prohibited.
40. Passing lane Euro-Rail violations will be imposed in accordance with posted guidelines.
41. Drivers must set and maintain a pace comparable to the class in which they are racing. Failure to do so by going an excessively slow quarter or at any other portion of the race that changes the normal pattern, overall timing or general outcome of the race will be considered in violation of this section. The Judges may impose a penalty.
42. A penalty may be imposed for driving in a half-in, half-out position.
43. Drivers must file all objections with the Starter in the turn past the finish wire immediately after the race, stating the number of the offending horse and where the violation occurred in the race, and then immediately report to the Paddock Judge's office. Late objections will not be accepted.
44. All drivers involved in an accident – no matter how slight – are required by the Judges to be examined by medical personnel at the track.
45. All veterinarians will comply with the track policy implemented by the Host Track.
46. Horses will be deemed "unfit for competition" under the following circumstances: (a) based on examination by a Commission Veterinarian, (b) High metabolic alkalosis at levels established by the PHRC. When it is determined that a horse has a high metabolic alkalosis, the horse will be scratched from competition. Furthermore, the horse will not be able to be dropped into the box for thirty (30) consecutive days after the high metabolic alkalosis positive.

47. CLAIMS – A current or associate member of the USTA or a current licensee of this or another racing jurisdiction may claim any horse in a claiming race. **New for 2011: claims must be in 30 minutes prior to post time of the race.** Check with the Horsemen's Bookkeeper at each Host Track as to what is accepted and required for funds to claim a horse. Horses claimed at a Host Track will not be allowed to race at another track for a period of sixty (60) days, unless it is at another track in Pennsylvania. No other reason will be accepted to allow a horse at another track outside Pennsylvania within that time period. A newly claimed horse that has a trainer that is not yet approved to race at the Host Track may not be allowed to start until the new trainer is approved and, if that is the case, will not be allowed to start at another track outside Pennsylvania for the 60 days from the date of the claim. **Trainers who take a newly claimed horse to a track outside of Pennsylvania before the 60 days have expired will be fined and denied racing privileges at all Pennsylvania tracks for a period of sixty (60) days.**