

Harrah's Chester Claiming Procedure

Who May Claim: A current member or associate member of the United States Trotting Association or a current licensee of this or another jurisdiction may claim any horse in a claiming race if the member, associate member or licensee has on credit, with the association conducting the race, and amount equal to the specified claiming price. A person may file only one claim in one race.

What Is Required: Only Cashier Checks or Money Orders will be accepted as funds for a claim, if the claimant does not have money already on his account at Harrah's Chester. Also required will be the requisite fees for transfer of title. **Transfer fee is \$33**, which should be a **personal check** only made out to U.S.T.A.

Where To Make Claims: All claims are made with the Horseman's Bookkeeper located in the Race Offices of the Paddock Building.

When To Make Claims: Claims shall be in writing on forms and in envelopes provided by the association, sealed and deposited in the claim box **at least 15 minutes** before the time originally scheduled for the race to begin.

PLEASE NOTE: A newly claimed horse that has a trainer that is not yet approved to race at Harrah's Chester may not be allowed to start that horse at Harrah's Chester and will not be allowed to start at another track for 60 days from the date of the claim.

If a horse programmed to start in a claiming race is scratched, the horse, on its next start within this Commonwealth, regardless of the conditions of that race, shall be subject to be claimed at the claiming price to which it was subject in the race from which it was scratched. This provision applies for 30 days immediately following the date of the race from which the horse was scratched. The removal of the horse from this jurisdiction shall toll the 30-day period. The 30-day period shall resume when the horse is returned to this jurisdiction.

A post-race urine or blood test, or both, shall be taken from each horse claimed out of a claiming race. The claim shall be voidable at the claimant's discretion if the forensic analysis by the Commission's laboratory results in a positive test for a prohibited substance, as provided in Rule 183.352 (relating to post-race saliva, urine and blood tests). The claimant shall notify the Presiding Judge in writing within 24 hours of the intention to void the claim and return the claimed horse to the original owner. The claimant shall immediately sign over to the original owner the necessary certificates of ownership of the claimed horse. This subsection does not relieve the original trainer/owner of the responsibility for the condition of the claimed horse during the trainer/owner's control or care or custody of the horse.

If a horse is claimed, no right, title or interest therein may be sold or transferred except in a claiming race for 60 days following the date of claiming. The horse may not race at a track other than a Pennsylvania track for 60 days or the balance of the current racing meeting, whichever comes first, unless released by the Racing Secretary.