

Important Regulations

Please check the current condition book for up-to- date rules and regulations.

Preference Date System

The Date System has been streamlined February 2015. Horsemen now will get their date for both dirt and turf when they turn in their foal papers to the Maryland Jockey Club horse identifier. Once that is done, the horse will only lose his date if he runs out of town when Maryland tracks are running.

Dates will be assigned by the day of the year, not the date of the month. The 2015 dates will be in place until January 1, 2016, when the system will be reset-as it will be every January 1. Everyone will have to have their foal papers in the office on that date and new dates will be assigned from scratch for the year.

1. Preference dates can be established by one of the following:
 - a. turning foal certificates into the racing office
 - b. entering a race to run (no date only entries)

2. Dates must be re-established annually in January.

3. Turf and dirt preference dates will be kept separately. If a race is switched from turf to dirt, all starters will keep the previously established turf date.

4. Horses will receive an E date for both dirt and turf for the date the foal papers are turned in.

5. Horses entering with no date and not getting in a race will receive an E date corresponding to the date of the race for which the entry was taken. Horses with dates established that re-enter but do not get in will keep the previously established date.

6. Each time a horse races, its previous date will be replaced by an R date corresponding to the date of the race.

7. Horses who scratch will receive an S date for the date of the race, unless the race runs with a full field or they were an alternate, in which case they will retain the previous date.
8. Horses who race in another jurisdiction will lose their date except during a break in the Maryland racing schedule exceeding 15 days.
9. The oldest date has first preference. For horses with the same date, an E date has first preference, an R date has second preference and an S date has third preference. For horses with the same date in the same category (E, R & S). Horses stables in Maryland will have first preference, then Maryland-Breds will have second preference.
10. Preference dates are good for any type of race or distance with the exception of stakes. Stakes are not considered in the preference system.
11. Preference dates will not supersede the conditions of the race.
12. Claims, transfers or sales have no effect on preference dates.
13. Any horse in the entries in the body of a race other than a stake shall receive no preference.
14. The second half of a same owner entry will not be allowed to draw into the body of a race to the exclusion of a different owner entry except in a stake but will receive a date if it does not already have one.

ENTRIES

Horses penalized in a race shall not be entitled to any of the allowances in such race. Horses not entitled to the first allowance in a race shall not be entitled to the second, and if not to the second, then to no subsequent allowance. Winner or Non-winner of a stated sum means winner or non-winner of a single race of that value to the first horse. Horses not engaged as starters will not be permitted to exercise on the track between races unless permission is received from the stewards. Any owner or trainer

making an entry in a race for which his or her horse is not eligible is subject to fine by the stewards. It is the responsibility of the person who enters a horse to provide the Racing Secretary with bleeder medication status of the horse on the entry blank and also provide the veterinary office with a “bleeder” certificate if racing from out of state.

Optional Claiming Races

1. A winner of an Optional Claiming Race, if entered not to be claimed, shall be considered a winner of an allowance race.
2. A winner of an Optional Claiming Race, if entered to be claimed, shall be considered a winner of a Claiming race.

When stalls have been allocated, they are for the horses of the person to whom assigned. No owner or trainer shall be permitted to share stalls without permission. Any violation of this regulation may result in the offending person being asked to remove his horses from the grounds. Since stall space is at a premium, it is understood that stall space not used in allotment reverts to the Association.

LAUREL/PIMLICO TURF RACE CANCELLATION

If a turf race is cancelled due to weather, track condition, or a decision of the stewards, that same race will be run on the main track distance remaining the same.

LAUREL EXCEPTION

1 mile & 1 /16 turf races shall be transferred to 1 mile on the main track.

PIMLICO EXCEPTION

1 mile turf races shall be transferred to 1 & 1 /16 mile on the main track.

TURF RULES

In all maiden special weight turf races, preference will be given to horses which have not started for less than \$20,000 in their last three starts. Winners are preferred in all winners' turf races

SCRATCH RULES

1. Parts of entry scratches will not be processed until 11:00 am the day of the race if neither part of the entry runs then a veterinarian excuse will be required for both horses.
2. A horse may be excused from a race after scratch time provided that: - a medical reason is given accompanied by a vet certificate.
3. Penalty days will be counted on a calendar day basis from the day the horse is scratched, if the scratch is submitted at, or prior to, scratch time; or from the day the horse was scheduled to race if the scratch is submitted at a later time and the horse cannot be taken off the program.
4. Any unexcused scratch by a trainer will result in a \$500 fine by the stewards!
5. Trainers must have the Lasix certificate form turned in to Dr. Daniel before the horse can be entered on Lasix. The form must be signed by a vet licensed by the Maryland racing commission.

SPECIAL NOTICES

1. Horse's entered Main Track Only are **EXPECTED** to run when the race comes off the turf.
2. Any Main Track Only not running shall be subject to the same scratch rules and penalties for scratching as any other race. (Veterinarian Scratch.)
3. The Stronach Group has formally adopted a company-wide policy promoting the humane treatment of racehorses, the company announced Oct. 10. Under the policy, any trainer or owner stabling at an MJC facility who directly or indirectly participates in the transport of a horse from an MJC facility to either a slaughterhouse or an auction house engaged in selling horses for slaughter will be prohibited from having stalls at any MJC facility. The policy also applies to any actions related to the transport of a horse from an MJC facility where the ultimate intended result is a horse's slaughter.

Trainers & Exercise Riders

There will be no jogging the wrong way of the race track during gate schooling hours. A rider who is caught by the outrider or an assistant starter jogging the wrong way when the starting gate is in use will be unable to exercise at a MJC facility ever again.

New Stewards Policy

Riders with the 10 pounds apprentice allowance. For the first (5) five career mounts:

- Can not ride first time starters
- Can not ride two-year-olds
- Can not ride turf races

LASIX POLICY

ALL stake races run at Laurel and Pimlico will be run without the use of Lasix. ALL Two-year old races will continue to be run without the use of Lasix.

SHOE RULE

Dirt

Front Hooves are permitted 2 millimeters or less full rims (no raised toes). Hind hooves are permitted 4 millimeters or less full rims, or toe grabs up to 4 millimeters in height.

Turf

Traction devices are prohibited on both front and hind hooves. Traction devices include, but not limited to rims, toe grabs, bends, jar caulks, and stickers.

ALL horses must be registered as a Covered Horse upon completion of their 1st timed and reported work.

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All racing colors carried in races shall be registered annually with the commission on the application for the owner's license. It shall be the sole responsibility of the trainer to see that his/her owner's colors are in the jockeys' quarters to be used for his/her respective entries. For the failure to do so, the trainer will be subject to fine.

**Fine will be Progressive 1st - Warning 2nd - \$25.00
Each Time Thereafter - \$100**

Management reserves the right to reschedule any stakes race and substitute it for any races which may have been carded.

OK CARD

Any horse which has not started in the last six months must have an OK card from the starter and veterinarian before starting.

COGGINS TEST

All horses (including ponies) must have a current negative Coggins test certificate made within the last (12) months. The Coggins test certificate must be attached to the horse's Jockey Club certificate when placed on file in the horse identifier's office.

STALL SPACE

Acceptance of stall space or entry of a horse in a race at Laurel/Pimlico constitutes an agreement by the trainer and owner to all terms and conditions of Laurel/Pimlico's current stall application, whether or not the application is signed.

GATE FEE

All starters will pay a \$25.00 fee. These fees paid to the Association shall be for the account of the Maryland Horseman's Assistance Fund, to be used exclusively by it to assist needy persons connected with Thoroughbred racing.

CORNEL COLLAR

The following procedures shall be followed in the event a trainer requests the use of this collar (1) A trainer shall submit to the Stewards a recommendation signed by a licensed veterinarian stating the collar: (a) Had been properly fitted to the specific horse (b) The use of the collar would be beneficial to the horse; and (c) Could be safely worn by the horse participating in a race. (2) A trainer shall declare the use of the collar at entry time. (3) A trainer may not remove the collar unless a licensed veterinarian recommends that it should be removed.

Stall Eligibility

Stalls will not be assigned, and entries will not be accepted for any horse which:

1. Has started for a claiming price of less than \$5,000 unless having finished first, second, or third in a non-claiming race or for a claiming price of \$5,000 or more since starting for less than \$5,000.
2. Has not finished first, second, third or fourth in its last eight (8) starts.
3. Is a maiden which has started for a claiming price of less than \$5,000.
4. Has not won a race for a claiming price of \$5,000.
5. claiming price of less than \$5,000.

Horses which become ineligible under this rule shall forfeit stall space assigned to them.

Vanning

Horses vanning in for races from other tracks, that are not on Lasix, must be in the Receiving Barn two hours before post time for the race in which they are to run. Exceptions are horses in the first and second races; they must be in before 11:00 a.m. The Maryland Jockey Club provides a horse transfer every racing day from the and the track which is not running

(Laurel or Pimlico). Please contact Joe Sansosti 301.266.0914.

Dormitories and Stables

1. Living quarters must be kept clean. Small radios may be plugged in outlets, otherwise light fixtures are not to be used for anything except lighting.
2. No oil, or electric heaters or cooking units are permitted.
3. As to the punitive powers of the Stewards, see Rule No. 09.10.03.02.
4. Electric wiring is not to be altered by adding additional plugs or wire.
5. Light bulbs of more than 100 watts are not allowed.
6. Sanitary equipment is not to be misused. The wash basins must not be used for washing clothes or equipment.
7. Driving nails and hooks in stable walls and doors is prohibited.
8. Smoking in the shed rows and stalls is strictly forbidden.
9. Manure must be placed in the manure bins at all times.
10. Savings must be placed in shavings bins at all times.
11. Horsemen must conduct themselves in a sober and respectable manner at all times. Drinking parties are not permitted anywhere in the stable area. Anyone under the influence of liquor will not be permitted on the grounds.

12. Hay and straw should be stored in limited quantities, should be kept baled at all times except when in actual use and shall be stored only in such areas as have been approved by the Association.

13. The designated entrances must be used. Fences are not to be damaged in order to enter in or out of the grounds. Entering the grounds without authorization is trespassing and violators will be prosecuted.

14. Dogs will not be allowed on the grounds at any time.

15. Automobiles must not be stored under stable sheds at any time. No carts may be parked within 20 feet of fire hydrants. Drivers must strictly observe the posted speed limits. All cars must display parking stickers.

16. Visitors are not allowed in the stable area at any time unless authorized.

17. Trainers shipping in from out-of-town for any race must have all personnel accompanying the horse registered immediately.

18. Trainers will be held responsible for the conduct of their employees while on the grounds of the Association.

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