

2019 New York Sire Stakes Night of Champions
Batavia Downs, September 14, 2019

Racing Security Protocols

All horses must be on the grounds by 4:00 pm Friday, September 13, 2019. The race card will consist of an 13 races, including the eight New York Sire Stakes races (\$225,000 purse per race).

The New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) will be utilizing security protocols for all New York Sire Stakes Final races. These protocols require out-of-competition testing of ALL horses. These security protocols will provide additional safeguards to protect the integrity of the sport and the welfare of the horses. The measures foster transparency and accountability by ensuring compliance among horsepersons and veterinarians who travel to New York to compete.

The security protocols in effect for all Sire Stakes Final races include the following:

- **Horses competing in the 2019 New York Sire Stakes Night of Champions races must be on the grounds of Batavia Downs by 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 13, 2019. All horses, along with their vet records, must be brought directly to the detention barn upon arrival. Equipment will be brought in after the horse is in their stall. The detention area will open for arriving horses starting at 12:00 noon.** The horses will be subject to a continuous 24-hour dedicated watch by experienced security personnel leading to post time. During the dedicated watch, a security guard or NYSGC investigator will keep the horses under constant surveillance. Anyone (e.g., veterinarians) entering a stall or otherwise having physical contact with a horse under watch will be directly observed by a NYSGC investigator.
- **Completed NYSGC Veterinary Record Forms (VR1a), identifying any treatments administered in the previous 48 hours (September 11 & September 12), must be submitted to NYSGC officials at the time the horse is brought to the detention area on Friday, September 13, 2019.** If no treatments were received, then the form must still be completed and submitted indicating “no treatment.” The Commission will post these records on its website at www.gaming.ny.gov. A Blank VR1a form for use and a completed sample for reference are enclosed.
- Once arrived, horses must remain on the Batavia facility grounds until after the running of the race. Exceptions will only be granted in the case of an unforeseeable emergency, as determined by NYSGC security in consultation with the Presiding Judge and Director of the Ag Fund.
- Only the trainer and two designated individuals will be allowed detention barn access and must be listed on the detention barn access log. All persons entering the detention barn or paddock will be subject to search per NYSGC rules.
- No horse entered in the New York Sire Stakes Final Races may be treated after arrival in the detention area on September 13, 2019 unless a NYSGC security person is present. Commission personnel will monitor all treatments of participating horses performed by veterinarians prior to the scheduled post times of the respective races. No veterinarians will treat horses without first making an appointment with Commission investigators. All medications and paraphernalia will be examined by Commission personnel prior to use. All syringes and containers for administered medication will be retained by the Commission for possible testing.

- No harness bags or containers will be allowed in the detention barn or paddock unless searched and permitted by security personnel. Commission and security personnel may restrict the entry of bags or containers into the detention barn or paddock until all horses are secured in their stalls.
- All equipment, feed, hay bales, etc. will be subject to search and seizure, as provided by law, by both Batavia Downs and the Commission. Only new, factory sealed feed bags will be allowed in the detention barns. No supplements will be allowed.
- Only bedding (pine shavings) provided by Batavia Downs may be used in the detention barn and paddock.
- Trainers must bring equipment needed for stall upkeep (pitch fork, rake, etc.) and double end snaps for water and feed buckets.
- Stall entry/exit logs will be maintained by security personnel. All persons, including grooms, veterinarians, trainers, assistant trainers, farriers, owners or other connections – upon entering the stall, engaging in contact with the horse or performing any service for the horse – must have a valid Commission license on their person. All visits will be logged in by security along with the reason for the visit. Routine stall and horse maintenance by identified grooms and staff will be monitored but will be exempt from logging.
- Race-day Salix (furosemide) is the only permitted injection a horse may receive within 24 hours of a race and will be administered by Batavia Downs veterinarians. Please have an attendant with the horse between 4 ½ and 4 hours prior to the horse's scheduled post time. Batavia Downs veterinarians will not administer Salix to an unattended horse. The fee of \$20 for Salix administration is due in cash upon administration. Syringes will be preserved by the Commission for testing.
- On race day, blood samples for TCO2 analysis may be collected from horses in the detention barn or paddock.
- No oral administration of any medication or substance by dose syringe is permitted on race day.
- No more than two Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (e.g., Banamine, phenylbutazone) may be administered to a racehorse during the week before racing. One may be used until 48 hours before racing, the other may be used only until 96 hours before the race.
- DMSO may be applied topically on race day, but may not be administered by other means within 48 hours of the race.
- Within 24 hours of post time, the following are prohibited: nebulizer, puffer treatment, transdermal patches, pulse electromagnetic wave therapy, laser, electro-magnetic blankets, boots, electro-shock, or any other electrical devices.
- For horses receiving anti-ulcer medications, trainers are advised to perform daily administrations at least 24 hours prior to the horse's scheduled post time. The horse may then receive its race day anti-ulcer medication after racing and without interrupting its treatment schedule.
- Trainers should be mindful that over-the-counter nutritional supplements, homeopathic remedies, and herbal preparations are not regulated by the FDA and may contain prohibited substances with no notice on the product label.

- The horses will have an opportunity to go out on the track and/or infield for grazing during a set period of time decided by the Trackman. Everyone wishing to get their horse out will be allowed to do so. The detention barn area will also provide space for walking horses.
- On September 14, 2019, no attending veterinarians will have access to the horses entered in the above-captioned races, except to provide emergency services under the direct supervision of the NYS Gaming Commission security person and with approval the NYSGC Equine Medical Director.
- Any horses receiving emergency medication of any kind on September 14, 2019, will be scratched.

For specific questions concerning the drug rules, please see NY Harness drug rules (9 NYCRR, Part 4120) at www.gaming.ny.gov

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