

Minnesota Racing Commission
Meeting

Thursday, October 17, 2024

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**Full Commission Meeting
Thursday, October 17, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
Nutrena Conference Center
1801 Dudley Avenue Saint Paul, MN 55108**

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Adoption of Agenda
- 4) Approval of Minutes from Monday, September 16, 2024
- 5) Committee Reports
 - A. Racing Committee Report on 2025 Rules Package
- 6) Action Items
 - A. Consideration of Racing Committee's Recommendation on 2025 Rules Package
 - B. 2025 HISA Assessment—MRC Partial opt-in for Payment
 - C. Legislative Proposal—ADW Fee Increase
- 7) Status Reports
 - A. Canterbury Park Entertainment
 - B. Running Aces Casino, Hotel, and Racetrack
- 8) Staff Reports
 - A. Chief Commission Veterinarian's Report End -of-Meet Report
 - B. Chief State Steward's Report End-of-Meet Report
 - C. Presiding Judge's Report End-of-Meet Report
- 9) Executive Director's Report
 - A. Contract Approvals
 - B. HISA/HIWU Update
 - C. Personnel Update
 - D. ADW Report
 - E. Licensing Report
 - F. Other

- 10) MQHRA/MHRI/MNHBPA Reports
- 11) Future Meetings
 - A. Full Commission Meeting - November 21, 2024 - Nutrena Conference Center
- 12) Adjourn

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Item 4 –
Minutes from
Commission Meeting
September 16, 2024

Full Commission Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.

Nutrena Conference Center

1801 Dudley Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108

MINUTES

Call to Order:

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Vice Chair Koob called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Agenda Item 2 – Roll Call

Present – Vice Chair Koob, Commissioners Benjamin, Colombo, Dehn, Goodman, and. A quorum was acknowledged. Chair McArdle arrived at 4:03, Commissioner Johnson arrived at 4:08.

Other participants – Kyle Gustafson (Executive Director, Minnesota Racing Commission), E. Joseph Newton (General Counsel, Minnesota Racing Commission), Penny Nelson (Deputy Director, Minnesota Racing Commission), Dr. Lynn Hovda (Chief Commission Veterinarian, Minnesota Racing Commission), Casey Larson (Presiding Judge, Minnesota Racing Commission), John Groen (General Manager, Canterbury Park Entertainment), Aaron Bedessem, (Director of Marketing, Running Aces Casino, Hotel and Racetrack), Steve Carpenito (Director of Racing, Running Aces Casino, Hotel and Racetrack), Cathy Dessert (Vice President, Minnesota Harness Racing, Inc.) Mike Cronin (Minnesota Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association).

Adoption of Agenda:

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Dehn motioned to approve the agenda; Second by Commissioner Gingold; Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Agenda Item 4 – Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Dehn made an amendment to page 2 Agenda Item 7A. Commissioner Dehn motioned to approve the August 19, 2024, minutes; Second by Commissioner Colombo. Motion passed.

Action Items:

Agenda Item 5 –

A. Committee Appointments

Vice Chair Koob asked for changes to the committee structure. Commissioner Colombo asked to be removed from the Finance Committee. Chair McArdle suggested that the new Commissioners start on the Racing Committee or the Racehorse Aftercare Committee because they are good places to learn about the industry and what we do as a Commission. Chair McArdle also recommends Commissioner Goodman be on the Finance Committee because she has tremendous background both here and with the City of Minneapolis in terms of financial matters. Commissioner Goodman agreed to move from the Administration Committee to the Finance Committee. Commissioner Benjamin agreed to be on the Administration Committee and the Racing Committee. Commissioner Johnson agreed to be on the Racing Committee and the Racehorse Aftercare Committee.

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2024/2025 Committee Structure

Executive Committee

Comprised of committee chairs from each committee: Camille McArdle, Chair, Barbara Colombo, Lisa Goodman, Alan Gingold, Julie Idlekope

Administration Committee

Julie Idlekope, Chair, Melanie Benjamin, David Koob

Finance Committee

Alan Gingold, Chair, Lisa Goodman, Ray Dehn

Racing Committee

Barbara Colombo, Chair, Melanie Benjamin, Johnny Johnson, Camille McArdle

Racehorse Aftercare Committee

Lisa Goodman, Chair, Barb Colombo, Johnny Johnson, David Koob

Informational Items:

Agenda Item 6 – Staff Reports

A. Chief Veterinarian's Report

Dr. Hovda reviewed the report from the packet. Added that Canterbury will finish 2024 with 4 externs, 3 from UofM, 1 from Purdue. Dr. Butler, Dr. McDonald and Nicole Boentgen spoke at the UofM to the student chapter of the AAEP, will speak again in December to the UofM Pre-Vet Club. The diagnostic laboratory where deceased horses are sent is undergoing accreditation. Commissioner Johnson commented that he had his first visit to Canterbury behind the scenes, it was a great visit.

B. Stewards Report

C. Judges Report

Mr. Larson reviewed the report from the packet. Just a couple more nights of racing, invite all commissioners out. Running Aces does a fine job on closing nights to promote the industry and the Minnesota Breds extensively. For the Racing Committee new laws coming to the state about legalized recreational marijuana, new to us and we need to look into how to handle. He would like to be a part of working with Dr. Hovda on this.

Agenda Item 7 – Status Reports

A. Canterbury Park Entertainment

Mr. Groen – MTA Auction, 22 entries, 19 went through, \$385,000 sales, exceeded last year. 5 Days of races, 3 days of entries left. Handle has dropped off a bit for late August/September. Canterbury did agree this year to pay out a guaranteed minimum per race in purses, going to exceed that guarantee but will result in a fair shortfall from where the statutory purse numbers are going to come in. The purses that have been running for this year there is a question as to where we're going to be able to be at next year and how the purse dollars continue to come about. Construction – will be continuing on the backside project and the new horseman's RV park. Casino numbers in August slightly down, the player pool did not bounce back quite as quickly as hoped. Will continue going forward with some reduced revenue percentages. The Minnesota Horse Expo traditionally held on the MN State Fairgrounds will be held at Canterbury Park April 2025 due to construction at the Fairgrounds Coliseum. Commissioner Benjamin commented she also was able to do a visit to Canterbury and visit the school room and the church, it was interesting and thanked for the invitation. Commissioner Dehn asked about revenue drop off and has there been any discussion at any national level on overall impact with different tracks are having relating to the sort of explosion on the sports betting? Mr. Groen replied most states where racetracks exist and casinos exist the racetracks have been involved in sports betting, whether that be granted license or dollars coming from it. At the end of last session there was an agreement between Tracks, Tribes, Charities and Legislators that would have provided purse supplements to Canterbury while maintaining some of the gaming environment that we currently have. We are hopeful that proposal and agreement sticks and goes forward this coming year.

B. Running Aces Casino, Hotel and Racetrack

Mr. Carpenito – In the homestretch of the 2024 race meet, 3 nights of racing remain. Saturday 21st, is Minnesota Night of Champions, 106 Minnesota sired Standardbreds will be racing for \$780,000 in purse money. Mr. Bedessem – Friday consolation racing will be partnering up with the City of Columbus to do a ride in movie in the parking lot to coincide with racing. Freedom Fest with Invisible Wounds Project September 28, 2024. The following weekend is Special Truck Convoy and then go right into renovation. In response to the sports betting question, we hear it every day, and it does impact our handle. Would also like to extend an invitation to all the commissioners to visit. Commissioner Dehn asked if planning on being complete before live racing next season. Mr. Bedessem will be complete and fully ready for live racing 2025.

Agenda Item 8 – Executive Director's Report

A. Contract Approvals

B. HISA/HIWU Update – We have been dealing with and managing some of the burdens of federal oversight, mid race season rule changes. Had a call with Director of HIWU and Chief Operating Officer and raised some of concerns from the on the ground perspective, some of the implementation pieces. They appreciated the feedback, they acknowledged that sometimes they get a little disconnected.

C. Personnel Update - Kay King is now on staff as the Vet's office assistant.

D. ADW Report

E. Licensing Report

F. Other - Racing Committee will be getting an email to schedule a meeting before the October Full Meeting.

Item 11 – MQHRA/MTA/MHRI/MNHBPA Reports

MHRI – Cathy Dessert – Good season, can't wait for Saturday it's going to be a great night of racing. Rented the event center in the hotel, will have food and anyone who wants to come would love to see you. Also have 5 consolations on Friday night also a race at 1 ¼ Trot with 10 horses. Tuesday the 24th is the Heartland Standardbred sale, in Winona. 112 yearlings, 86 Minnesota eligible. Also have horses eligible to IA, CA, IL, OH, IN, KY and PA. Thank you to Nicole Boentgen for cross checking all the MN eligibles. Also thank you to Penny, you have been wonderful this year, great having you on the backside. Darren Gagne, our announcer and marketing deserves a shout out he brings in people to do social media programs when have special races and works really hard. He cares a lot about Mn racing and has done a great job.

MNHBPA – Mike Cronin – Thank you, very appreciative to Commissioner Johnson and Benjamin for accepting our invitation to come and see backstretch and stable area. Found out small world, commissioner Benjamin used to love going to Canterbury and big racetracks around the country. Commissioner Johnson some of his associates were going to be visiting Abijah's on the Backside and his mother-in-law is employee of the month at Canterbury Park. Nice small world we have, good to have dialogue, positive conversations. Congratulations to Canterbury with their incentive program and stretching out the meet.

Commissioner Colombo wanted to mention that the racing industry lost a Quarter Horse owner and trainer in an untimely and terrible accident, he was a good man, Mr. Kenny Quade.

Chair McArdle wanted to add that Stanley Bowker has passed away. He was involved with Canterbury Park from the start in management and more recently as one of the stewards.

Item 12 – Future Meetings

Full Commission Meeting Thursday, October 17, 2024 @ 4:00 pm at Nutrena Conference Center.

Item 13 – Adjournment

Vice Chair Koob adjourned the meeting on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 4:47 p.m.

THESE MEETING MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024 BY A QUORUM OF THE MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION.

Item 6 –

Action Items

A. Consideration of
Racing Committee's
Recommendation on
2025 Rules Package

2025 Proposed Rule Changes and Additions

7869.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subp. 31e. **HISA-covered horse race.** “HISA-covered horse race” means any horse race involving HISA-covered horses that has a substantial relation to interstate commerce, including any Thoroughbred horse race that is the subject of interstate off-track or advance deposit wagers.

Subp. 31f. **HISA-covered person.** “HISA-covered person” means all trainers, owners, breeders, jockeys, racetracks, veterinarians, persons licensed by a state racing commission and the agents, assistants and employees of such persons; any other persons required to be registered with the Authority; and any other horse support personnel who are engaged in the care, treatment, training or racing of a covered horse.

Subp. 31fg. **Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit.** “Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit” is a division of HISA established to provide independent antidoping and medication control.

7869.0200 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.

Subpart 1. **United States Trotting Association.** For the purposes of 7869 to 7899, Rules 11, 17, and 18.25 of the Charter, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the United States Trotting Association (USTA) are incorporated by reference. The USTA Charter, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations are subject to frequent change and are available to the public free of charge at the State Law Library, on the Minnesota Racing Commission website, and on the United States Trotting Association website.

Subp. 2. **Association of Racing Commissioners International.**

A. For the purposes of chapters 7869 to 7899, the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) Endogenous, Dietary, or Environmental Substances Schedule is incorporated by reference for Standardbred and Quarter Horse racing. The ARCI Endogenous, Dietary, or Environmental Substances Schedule is subject to change and is available to the public free of charge at the State Law Library and on the Minnesota Racing Commission website.

B. For the purposes of chapters 7869 to 7899, and except as otherwise specifically provided therein, the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule for Horses is incorporated by reference for Standardbred and Quarter Horse racing. The ARCI Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule for Horses is subject to change and is available to the public free of charge at the State Law Library and on the Minnesota Racing Commission website.

C. For the purposes of chapters 7869 to 7899, and except as otherwise specifically

provided therein, the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances and Recommended Penalties Model Rule is incorporated by reference for Standardbreds and Quarter Horse racing. This model rule is subject to change and is available to the public free of charge at the State Law Library and on the Minnesota Racing Commission website.

D. For the purposes of chapters 7869 to 7899, and except as otherwise specifically provided therein, the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) Multiple Medication Violation Model Rule is incorporated by reference for Standardbred and Quarter Horse racing. This model rule is subject to change and is available to the public free of charge at the State Law Library and on the Minnesota Racing Commission website.

Subp. 3. Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority. For the purposes of chapters 7869 to 7899, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule Series 1000 through 9000 are incorporated by reference for Thoroughbred racing. These rules are subject to change and current versions can be found in the Regulations section at HISAUS.org and the Federal Trade Commission legal library at <https://www.ftc.gov/legal-library>.

Subp. 34. **Alteration or amendment.** Any alteration or amendment to rules incorporated by reference becomes effective in Minnesota 30 days after adoption and approval by the Minnesota Racing Commission unless the Minnesota Racing Commission opts out of implementing the change.

7875.0100 FACILITIES.

Subpart 1. **Facilities.** Each association must include a receiving barn, detention facility, equine isolation facility, paddock, room for jockeys and drivers, lighting, stabling, restrooms, medical facilities, racing officials' space, viewing room, commission office and parking space, space for the Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division, and information window. The facilities must meet the needs of patrons, officials, horsepersons, other persons on the premises, and horses. The facilities must be in compliance with the requirements of the ADA.

7877.0130 STANDARDS REQUIRED OF APPLICANTS FOR SPECIFIC LICENSES.

Subp. 1a. **Timely licensure.** An owner of a horse entered to race at a Minnesota racetrack must be licensed no later than the posted scratch time on the day the horse is entered to race. Failure by an owner to be licensed by that time will result in the owner's horse being scratched by the stewards.

Subp. 3. **Trainers and assistant trainers.** Applicants for a trainer's or assistant trainer's license must comply with the following requirements.

A. An applicant for a trainer's license or an assistant trainer's license must be at least 18 years old.

B. Any person applying for the first time in Minnesota for a Thoroughbred, or Quarter Horse trainer's or assistant trainer's license shall submit to the examination required of prospective trainers and assistant trainers under subpart 4, items B and C, unless the applicant has been licensed as a trainer or assistant trainer in another racing jurisdiction and meets the criteria in part 7877.0100, subpart 2.

C. Any person applying for the first time in Minnesota for a harness horse trainer's or assistant trainer's license must satisfy the USTA requirements for licensure and be approved by the Judges.

~~E~~.D. An applicant for a trainer's license shall have at least one horse to train which is eligible to race in Minnesota. An applicant for an assistant trainer's license shall be employed by a licensed trainer with at least six horses in his or her stable at the time of filing the assistant trainer's application.

~~E~~.E. An applicant for a trainer's license shall comply with the workers' compensation laws and maintain all applicable policies and requirements under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 176, and all pertinent rules adopted thereunder. The Minnesota Racing Commission shall be named as a certificate holder with the insurance company providing the workers' compensation coverage. The commission, as a certificate holder, must be notified of any changes in the policy at the same time as the policy holder or by the earliest date permitted under the policy and applicable law.

~~E~~.F. Beginning June 1, 2022, in order to be eligible for a subsequent license, trainers and assistant trainers must complete at least four hours per calendar year of continuing education. The courses must be approved by a commission veterinarian or safety coordinator.

Subp. 4. **Prospective trainers and assistant trainers.** An applicant who has never been licensed by the commission or by another racing jurisdiction as a trainer or an assistant trainer for Thoroughbreds or Quarter Horses must have at least two years' experience in an occupation that indicates a knowledge of horsemanship and racing practices.

A. The applicant must submit three letters of recommendation from former employers or currently licensed trainers attesting to the applicant's ability and experience.

B. For Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing the ~~The~~ applicant must pass a written examination administered by the stewards, or their designee, covering such subjects as rules of racing, care and handling of horses, and proper use of racing equipment.

C. For Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing the ~~The~~ applicant must pass a practical test of horsemanship administered by the stewards or their designee.

D. For harness horse racing the prospective applicant must satisfy all the USTA requirements and be approved by the Judges.

7877.0170 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLASS C LICENSEES.

Subp. 2. **Trainers.** Trainers shall have the following responsibilities.

H. A trainer may use only veterinarians licensed by the commission to tend horses in the trainer's care that are entered to race or at any time that the horses are on the grounds of an association. A trainer may use a veterinarian not licensed by the commission as a consultant if agreed and approved in advance by a commission veterinarian and the nonlicensed veterinarian is escorted by a commission veterinarian while on the grounds of the association.

N. A trainer is responsible for notifying the racing secretary of any circumstances that would necessitate changing a horse's registration or eligibility. This includes notifying the racing secretary and a commission veterinarian when a horse is pregnant or is "nerved" pursuant to part 7897.0100, subpart 11, and immediately reporting the alteration of the sex of a horse to the horse identifier, the racing secretary, and a commission veterinarian.

~~S. Trainers licensed as owners must train all horses owned wholly or in part by them.~~

V.

(1) For Thoroughbreds, trainer treatment records are transferred to the new trainer under HISA rules which are incorporated by reference (7869.0200, Subp. 3).

(2) For Quarter Horses and Standardbreds, the The trainer of a claimed horse shall, within 72 hours after the race is made official, provide to the commission veterinarian the complete written record, as specified in item U, or all treatments, medications, and intra-articular injections that were administered to the horse within the 30 days preceding the race. In the case of a horse that has been in the trainer's control for less than 30 days, the trainer shall provide a record going back as long as the horse has been in the trainer's control. The trainer of a claimed horse shall authorize the commission veterinarian to provide the record to the new trainer.

Subp. 3. **Jockeys and apprentice jockeys.** Jockeys and apprentice jockeys shall have the following responsibilities.

O. A jockey must unsaddle the jockey's own horse before weighing in.

~~(3) A jockey's weight shall include clothing, boots, saddle and its attachments, and any other equipment except the bridle, bit, blinkers, number cloth, overgirth, reins, and breast collar.~~

~~(4) Upon approval of the stewards, the jockeys may be allowed up to three pounds more than published weights to account for inclement weather clothing and equipment.~~

Subp. 10. **Pony riders.** The following applies to pony riders licensed by the commission:

F. A pony rider wishing to act as a lead pony during the races is required to be in proper attire and represent him or herself in a clean and tidy manner. Proper attire will be determined by the association.

7877.0175 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RACING OFFICIALS.

Subpart 1. **Racing secretary.** The racing secretary shall have the responsibilities in items A to I.

C. The racing secretary shall be responsible for publication of the official daily program, if the association does not employ a program director: and provide the stewards with a proper and complete daily program.

Subp. 4. **Paddock judge.** Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse races. The paddock judge shall have the responsibilities in items A to L.

G. The paddock judge shall inspect the bandages worn by all horses arriving in the paddock and may order the bandages removed or replaced if he or she has reason to believe that a violation of statute or rule has occurred, is occurring, or will occur.

(2) Paddock boots and all bandages, except those bandages that will be worn during a race, must be removed immediately ~~after saddling~~ upon arrival in the paddock so that a satisfactory examination may be assured.

Subp. 7. **Claims clerk (Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, and Arabian only).** The claims clerk shall ensure that the claim slip for a horse is deposited in the claim box in accordance with part 7883.0140, subpart 2.

The claims clerk shall open the claim box, search for claim envelopes according to designated race numbers, open any envelopes found, and examine the claim slip inside no sooner than 15 minutes before post time for each race.

The claims clerk shall ascertain whether:

D. the claimant has the amount of the claim, plus any applicable tax or fee, to the claimant's credit; and

Subp. 8. Commission Veterinarian.

Subp. 8b. **Veterinarian's List.**

C. All workouts required by a commission veterinarian for the purpose of potentially removing a horse from the veterinarian's list must be conducted under the same medication requirements as those for race days. Horses requiring an official timed workout must have documentation from the attending veterinarian that the horse is sound to work (7877.0170, Subp. 9. N.), a published workout observed by a commission veterinarian, ~~must~~ pass a post-workout assessment of racing condition by a commission veterinarian, and ~~are subject to~~ complete medical testing under chapter 7892.

7879.0200 AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

Subp. 2. **Specific duties and responsibilities of stewards.** In addition to the duties and responsibilities necessary and pertinent to general supervision, control, and regulation of race meetings, and without limiting the authority of the stewards to perform those and all other duties listed in this part, the stewards shall have the following specific duties and responsibilities:

Q. When warranted, take necessary action on any item that they deem is in the best interest of racing.

7883.0100 ENTRIES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Subp. 2. **Horse must be registered and eligible.** No horse shall be permitted to start unless:

A. it is duly registered with and approved by the registry office of The Jockey Club, American Quarter Horse Association, Arabian Horse Registry of America, Inc., or another nationally recognized breed registry; all Thoroughbred horses must also be registered with HISA.

B. its registration certificate and Arabian ID Supplement or any supplement relative to other breeds as required showing the lip tattoo number; or microchip number; ~~or freeze branded registration number~~ of the horse is physically or electronically filed with the racing secretary by scratch time for that race. In stakes races only, a horse shall be allowed to start without the registration certificate on file, if a photocopy or telefacsimile copy of both sides of the foal certificate is on file with the racing secretary. This copy must have been forwarded to the secretary along with a photocopy or a telefacsimile copy of the horse's equine infectious anemia certificate;

Subp. 2a. **Prohibited starters.** No horse shall be permitted to start if:

A. it is wholly or partially owned by, or under the care, custody, or control of, a person who for any reason is unlicensed by the commission;

B. it is on the steward's list, or veterinarian's list in any racing jurisdiction and not removed from that list;

C. it is on the starter's list or paddock judge's list in any racing jurisdiction and not removed from that list by the other jurisdiction or racing official in Minnesota; ~~or~~

D. it has raced in a qualifying trial for a future race and has received a positive test for any medication. In that instance, the next fastest qualifying horse shall be allowed to enter; or

E. it has raced more than 3 times in 30 consecutive days.

Subp. 4. **Entering procedure.** Nominations and entries shall be made in writing and signed by the owner or trainer of the horse, or the owner's authorized agent. Each association shall provide forms on which entries, scratches, and declarations are to be made for all races.

A. The racing secretary and his or her designees are the only persons authorized to receive entries, scratches, and declarations.

B. Entries may be made by telephone or electronic means, but shall be confirmed promptly in writing, signed by the owner or the owner's authorized agent, if requested by the stewards or racing secretary.

C. In the case of sweepstakes, the closing of nominations, entries, interim payments, and declarations shall be in accordance with the conditions published by the association sponsoring the race.

D. A signed entry blank shall be prima facie evidence that the contents of the entry blank express the desires and intent of the person making entry.

E. A jockey must be named on a specific horse at the time of entry.

F. A jockey may only be named on one (1) horse in the body of the race and one (1) also eligible and/or Main Track Only horse.

G. All jockeys not represented or present at the draw must call the racing secretary by 9AM the following day and declare their intent to honor their designated engagements.

Subp. 7. **Coupled entries.** Except in stakes races and races which are conditioned for horses eligible for specified stakes, not more than two horses of the same licensed ownership or interest shall be entered and started in a race.

A. No trainer shall enter more than three horses in an overnight event except in split

races.

B. All horses owned wholly or in part by the same person, or his or her spouse, shall be coupled and run as an entry. The association may uncouple entries on any race with the permission of the stewards.

C. Trainers who enter two (2) or more horses in the overnight cannot exclude a single entry from the same race.

Subp. 16. **Workout requirements.** In order to be eligible:

A. A Quarter Horse that has not started for a period of 46 days or more is not eligible to start until it has completed one timed workout within 45 days of and no less than 48 hours prior to the race in which it is entered. A Quarter Horse that has not started for a period of 61 days or more is not eligible to start until it has completed ~~one~~ two timed workouts within 60 days and no less than 48 hours before the race in which it is entered. Any workout following the entry of a horse shall appear on the official daily racing program or shall be posted for the public.

J. A Quarter Horse that has not previously started at a distance of 870 yards is not eligible to start in a race scheduled for 870 yards until it has completed one timed workout at a distance of 660 yards or more within 60 days of and no less than 48 hours before the race in which it is entered.

Subp. 20. Quarter Horses must stand in the gate. Each Quarter Horse entered in a stakes race must stand in the starting gate either the day before or the day of the race in which the horse is entered.

7883.0130 PENALTIES AND ALLOWANCES.

Subp. 4. **Sex allowance.**

A. In all races against male horses, except handicaps and races where the conditions expressly state to the contrary, Thoroughbred fillies two years old are allowed three pounds and Thoroughbred fillies and mares three years old and upward are allowed five pounds before September 1 and three pounds thereafter. The sex allowance may not be waived.

B. There is no sex allowance in all races against Quarter Horse fillies and mares, regardless of age for all races.

7883.0140 CLAIMING RACES.

Subp. 8. **Voided claims.** If a claim is voided by the stewards, the horse claimed shall be returned to the original owner who, in turn, shall refund all claim money to the unsuccessful claimant.

The stewards shall void a claim if:

A. the horse dies or is euthanized within one hour of racing; or

B. For Quarter Horses and Standardbreds the horse is placed on the veterinarian's list for exhibiting clinical signs of any of the following within one hour of racing: a musculoskeletal injury, lameness, or unsoundness of heart or lung. However, the claim shall not be voided for this reason if the claimant elected to claim the horse regardless of whether the horse is placed on the veterinarian's list. An election made under this provision shall be made on the claim form. For purposes of this subpart, "unsoundness of heart" means atrial fibrillation or cardiac arrhythmias, and "unsoundness of lung" means recurrent airway obstructive pulmonary disease or bleeding from one or both nostrils.

C. For Thoroughbreds, the horse is placed on the veterinarian's list within one hour of racing for unsoundness or bleeding. However, the claim shall not be voided for this reason if the claimant elected to claim the horse regardless of whether the horse is placed on the veterinarian's list. An election made under this provision shall be made on the claim form.

Subp. 15. **Protest of claim.** for Quarter Horses.

A. Except for protests involving medication violations in item B, a written protest of a claim that states the basis of the protest must be submitted to the stewards not later than the next racing day after the race was run. The stewards shall investigate the matter as soon as reasonably possible and determine the validity of the protest.

B. A postrace test shall be conducted on any claimed horse in compliance with chapter 7890. The claimant may request voidance of the claim if the initial forensic analysis of the test sample demonstrates a medication violation under chapter 7890.

Upon receipt of notification from a commission veterinarian of a medication violation involving a claimed horse, the stewards shall immediately notify the successful claimant who shall then have 72 hours to decide whether to keep the horse or request the claim be voided.

Within 12 hours of a notification of a medication violation from the stewards, the original trainer must provide the new trainer, on a commission form, the name of the specific medication involved. A copy of the completed form must be provided to the stewards within 24 hours.

C. When a request is made to void any claim under item A or B, the successful claimant is responsible for all expenses incurred for the care of the claimed horse from the time the horse is transferred to the claimant until the time the horse is ordered returned to the prior owner following voidance of the claim by the stewards in accordance with this rule.

D. Avoidance of a claim is not an option if, after coming under the care, custody, and control of the claimant, the horse has already run for the claimant or has died.

Subp. 15a. Protest of claim for Thoroughbreds. Claims protested for Thoroughbred horses are controlled by HISA rules, which are incorporated by reference (7869.0200, Subp. 3).

7883.0150 PADDOCK TO POST.

Subp. 14. Flipping halters.

C. Any horse entered to race with a flipping halter must arrive in the paddock with the halter in place under the bridle. For purposes of this subpart, a “flipping halter” means a device used to prevent a horse from rearing up inside the starting gate.

D. There shall be no refund of wagering in the event a flipping halter prevents the starting gate from opening properly.

7883.0160 POST TO FINISH.

Subpart 1. **Horse must be tattooed ~~digitally or physically~~ or be microchipped and tattooed digitally.** No horse shall be permitted to start unless it has been tattooed physically or has a microchip and been tattooed ~~digitally or physically or microchipped~~ and fully identified.

7883.0170 RACING EQUIPMENT.

A. Equipment.

(3) Horseshoes

i. For Thoroughbreds. Toe grabs, other than wear plates with a height no greater than two millimeters (0.07874 inches), bends, jar caulks, stickers, and any other traction device worn on the front shoes of Thoroughbred horses while racing or training on all racing surfaces are prohibited.

ii. For Quarter Horses. Toe grabs, other than wear plates with a height no greater than four millimeters (0.15748 inches), bends, jars, caulks, stickers or any other traction device worn on the front shoes are prohibited. Toe grabs greater than 6.35 millimeters (0.25 inches) from the ground surface side of the hind shoes are prohibited.

7884.0130 PREFERENCE SYSTEM.

Subpart 1. ~~Association to establish preference system.~~

~~Each association shall establish a preference system giving preference dates to horses in all overnight events in accordance with the date of the horse's last previous start in a purse race during the current year as its preference date with the following exceptions:~~

~~A. The preference date on a horse that has drawn to race and has been scratched is the date of the race from which scratched.~~

~~B. When a horse is racing for the first time in the current year, the date of the first declaration into a purse race shall be considered its preference race.~~

~~C. Wherever horses have equal preference in a race, the actual preference of the horses in relation to one another shall be determined from the most recent previous starts which do not result in equal preference.~~

~~D. When an overnight race has been reopened because it did not fill, all eligible horses declared into the race prior to the reopening shall receive preference over other horses subsequently declared, irrespective of the actual preference dates.~~

Preference Date. Preference dates shall be given to horses in all overnight events at extended pari-mutuel tracks in accordance with the following:

(A) The date of the horse's last previous start in a purse race during the current year is his preference date with the following exceptions:

1. The preference date on a horse that has drawn to race and has been scratched is the date of the race from which scratched.

2. When a horse is racing for the first time in the current year the date of a successful qualifying attempt shall be considered his preference date.

3. Wherever horses have equal preference in a race the actual preference of said horses in relation to one another shall be determined from the most recent previous starts which do not result in equal preference.

4. When an overnight race has been re-opened because it did not fill all eligible horses declared into the race prior to the re-opening shall receive preference over other horses subsequently declared irrespective of the actual preference dates.

(B) When there is more than one division in any race, horses will be split by owners, then trainers for each division. (Effective 05/01/2024)

(C) This rule relative to preference is not applicable at any meeting at which an agricultural fair is in progress. All horses granted stalls and eligible must be given an opportunity to compete at these meetings.

(D) Nothing in this rule shall preclude an extended pari-mutuel track member from adopting a racetrack rule limiting an owner or trainer to one starter in any single overnight event.

7884.0180 TIME TRIALS.

~~Time trial performances are permitted provided:~~

- ~~A. serum or plasma tests are required for all horses;~~
- ~~B. an approved electric timer is used, however, if a timing device fails during a time trial, no time trial performance record will be obtained;~~
- ~~C. they are held during the course of a race meeting and are officiated by stewards;~~
- ~~D. they are limited to two year olds who equal or beat 2:10, and three year olds and older who equal or beat 2:05;~~
- ~~E. they are designated on a horse's record and in the official racing program by preceding the time with "TT";~~
- ~~F. that when a horse has other horses accompanying it in a time trial performance, they may not precede it, be harnessed with it, or in any way be attached to it; and~~
- ~~G. a break during a time trial performance results in no time being given to the breaking horse.~~

Statutory Authority: ~~MS s 240.03; 240.23; 240.24; 240.29~~

History: ~~9 SR 2527; 40 SR 1393~~

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7884.0190 QUALIFYING RACES.

Subp. 2. **Horses required to compete in qualifying races for race meets longer than two weeks.** If the meet extends longer than two weeks, the following horses shall not be eligible to enter and race until they have competed in qualifying races:

- A. A horse that does not have a charted race at the gait chosen.
- B. A horse that does not show a charted line within the last six starts. For that purpose, an uncharted race contested in heats or more than one dash and consolidated shall be considered to be a start.
- C. ~~A horse that has not started for a period for 45 days or more. On day 45, the horse is ineligible.~~ A horse that does not show a clean charted qualifying line or race line on a fast or good track within 45 days. On day 45 the horse is ineligible.
- D. A horse which has raced at a meeting at which races were not charted.

E. A horse that is listed on the veterinarians list as unsound.

F. A horse adding or removing hobbles regardless of gait. However, if a horse that previously qualified with hobbles and fails to qualify without hobbles, the horse shall remain qualified to race with hobbles. If a horse previously qualified without hobbles and fails to qualify with hobbles, the horse shall remain qualified to race without hobbles.

Subp. 2a. **Horses required to compete in qualifying races regardless of duration of meet.** The following horses shall not be eligible to enter any race until they have competed in qualifying races:

A. A horse that is on the qualify list.

B. A horse that chokes, bleeds, or falls ~~during a warmup or race.~~ in the paddock, while going to the track, while coming off the track, while warming up, or while racing.

C. A horse that makes a break on its first start after a qualifying race on a track rated fast or good must qualify regardless of its finishing position. Any horse making a break in two consecutive races on tracks rated as fast or good shall be required to qualify regardless of finishing position.

~~D. A horse that has been distanced.~~

7884.0250 RECALLS.

Subp. 4. **Inquiry into failure to sound recall.** If the starter fails to sound a recall when required, the steward shall immediately cause the “Inquiry” sign to be displayed. If the stewards determine a horse was interfered with before the word “go” was given, wagers on that horse shall be refunded and the horse shall be declared racing for purse money only.

A. When interference occurs before the start of a race and no recall is sounded by the starter the judges shall makes placings in the same manner as interference during any part of the race.

7884.0260 DRIVING RULES.

Subp. 2. **Conduct after word “go” is given.** After the word “go” is given, no driver shall:

T. use a whip exceeding 36 inches in length, including a built-in popper no longer than three inches in length, or use unreasonable or unnecessary force in the whipping of a horse, nor whip any horse causing visible injury, nor whip any horse about the head including but not limited to trailing horses, nor whip any horse after the finish line has been crossed except when it has been deemed by the board of judges necessary to control the horse. ~~The driver is permitted to encourage the horse with the whip only one time from the start to the 3/4-mile marker, and no more than four times, if the horse is advancing, from the 3/4-mile marker to the finish line.~~ The board of judges must notify a commission veterinarian to conduct any postrace examination on any horse deemed to have been subject to unreasonable or unnecessary force. The following actions shall be considered indiscriminate, unreasonable, or unnecessary uses of the whip:

- (1) any one-handed whipping;
- (2) the use of the whip other than the area inside and above the level of the shafts of the sulky and between the sulky shafts;
- (3) whipping under the arch or shafts of the sulky, use of the whip as a goading or poking device, or placing the whip between the legs of the horse;
- (4) using the whip when it does not appear that the horse is advancing its position in the race and appears exhausted or not in contention; or
- (5) ~~any whipping other than by wrist action only;~~ whipping shall be restricted to wrist action only and the whipping arm shall not be raised above the driver’s shoulder height;

7890.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subp. 13a. **Medication.** “Medication” is a substance, compound, or element, or combination thereof, which is or can be administered to a horse for the purpose of preventing, curing, or alleviating the effects of any disease, condition, ailment, or infirmity, or symptom thereof, or for altering in any way the behavior, attitude, temperament, or performance of a horse, including athletic performance. Medication includes all alkalinizing agents, analgesics, anesthetics, depressants, narcotics, stimulants, tranquilizers, and other classifications of medications. Nothing herein shall be deemed to include:

C. Topical applications, such as antiseptics, ointments, salves, leg rubs, and leg paints ~~which may contain antibiotics (excluding procaine penicillin and chloramphenicol)~~ but which shall not contain **antibiotics**, ethanol, DMSO, corticosteroids, topical anesthetics including benzocaine and lidocaine, or other medications.

Subp. 14d. **Out-of-competition testing.** “Out-of-competition testing” is the taking of blood, urine, **hair**, or another biological sample from a horse at any time other than race day.

7890.0110 MEDICATIONS AND PRACTICES PROHIBITED.

Subpart 1. **Administration.** No person shall administer or cause to be administered to a horse within 48 hours of a race in which it is scheduled to run any medication (except as permitted by part 7890.0100, subpart 13a, items ~~A~~ **B** to D) by injection, oral or topical administration, rectal infusion or suppository, or by inhalation and no horse participating in a race shall carry in its body any substance foreign to the natural horse, except as permitted by subparts 7, item C, 7a, 9 and 10 and part 7890.0100, subpart 13a, items A to D. Postrace samples of plasma, serum, hair, or urine must not contain any substances, drugs, medications, or metabolites of substances, drugs, or medications not specifically permitted by commission rule or law.

Subp. 8a. **Intra-articular injections.**

A. For Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses, the use of any intra-articular injection within 14 days of the race in which the horse is entered is prohibited.

B. For Thoroughbreds, the use of a corticosteroid injection in the fetlock joint is prohibited within 30 days of the race in which the horse is entered.

~~B~~ C. For Standardbreds, the use of any intra-articular injection within seven days of the race in which the horse is entered is prohibited.

7890.0120 REPORTING PROCEDURES.

Subpart 1. **Veterinarians must keep records.**

A. For Thoroughbred horses: Veterinarians must report all treatments and diagnostic procedures electronically to HISA within 24 hours of treatment.

B. For Quarter Horses and Standardbreds: Veterinarians must submit daily to the commission veterinarian, in writing or electronically on a prescribed form, a report of all horses treated at a licensed racetrack. The form shall contain the date and time, name of horse treated, trainer of horse, medications, drugs, substances (as provided in part 7890.0100, subpart 13a, items A to D), or procedures prescribed, administered, dispensed, or performed for horses registered at a current race meeting, and any other information requested by the commission veterinarian. The form must be filed by the treating veterinarian not later than noon on the day following treatment. The form shall be signed by hand or digitally by the treating veterinarian. The form is considered private and its content shall not be disclosed except in the course of an investigation of a possible violation of chapters 7869 to 7899, or in a proceeding before the stewards or commission, or to the trainer or owner of record at the time of treatment. A timely and accurate filing of the form that is consistent with the analytical results of a positive test may be used as a mitigating factor in determining the nature and extent, if any, of a rules violation.

7890.0160 RESPONSIBILITY OF VETERINARIAN.

A. No veterinarian may administer a medication, alkalinizing agent, blood doping agent, venom, or substance foreign to the natural horse to any horse that is scheduled to race within 48 hours, except as permitted in part 7890.0100, subpart 13a, B, C and D, or in the case of a medical emergency requiring immediate treatment, without the prior permission of a commission veterinarian.

7891.0100 RACING SOUNDNESS EXAMINATION.

Subpart 1. Horses subject to examination.

A. For Thoroughbred and Quarter Horses:

(7) Prerace examination findings must be documented in the InCompass Solutions Track Manager electronic prerace examination module.

7891.0110 POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION.

Subp. 2. Test samples to be taken for analysis.

A. Test samples must be obtained from every horse that dies or is euthanized from a training or race-related injury.

(1) For Thoroughbreds, the samples are collected according to HISA rules under part 7892.0105 and submitted to HIWU.

(2) For Quarter Horses and Standardbreds, the The samples shall be sent for analysis to the official testing laboratory under part 7892.0130 and the commission may direct the laboratory to retain and preserve such samples for future analysis.

B. Hair samples shall be obtained prior to or after euthanasia. When practical, both blood and urine test samples shall be obtained prior to euthanasia.

Subp. 4. **Report of exam. of injury or death.**

(1) A report of each deceased horse shall be filed with the commission within 72 hours of the horse's death on a form prepared by the commission.

(2) For Thoroughbreds, notification is submitted to HISA within 24 hours of death.

(3) Injuries are reported to HISA within one week.

Subp. 5. ~~Equine injury database.~~ **Postmortem reports.**

(1) For Thoroughbreds, initial and updated postmortem reports must be submitted to HISA within 72 hours of receipt.

(2) For Thoroughbred and Quarter Horses, information Information obtained from each specific post-mortem report is documented in ~~the InCompass Solutions~~ The Jockey Club's equine injury database.

(3) Final postmortem reports are provided to the trainer and trainer's veterinarian and reviewed by the Mortality Review committee.

7892.0105 MEDICAL TESTING FOR THROUGHbred RACEHORSES. All medical testing for Thoroughbred racehorses is performed under HISA Rule Series 3000 (Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Protocol Rules), Rule Series 4000 (Prohibited List), Rule Series 5000 (Equine Standards for Testing and Investigation) and Rule Series 6000 (Equine Standards for Laboratories and Accreditation). These rules are incorporated by reference and can be found in the Regulations section at HISAUS.org and the Federal Trade Commission legal library at <https://www.ftc.gov/legal-library>.

7892.0110 OUT-OF-COMPETITION TESTING- FOR QUARTER HORSE AND STANDARDbred RACEHORSES.

7892.0120 TAKING OF SAMPLES- FOR QUARTER HORSE AND STANDARDbred RACEHORSES.

7892.0130 TESTING- FOR QUARTER HORSE AND STANDARDbred RACEHORSES.

7892.0140 RECORDS: FOR QUARTER HORSE AND STANDARD BRED RACEHORSES.

7892.0150 PURSES: FOR QUARTER HORSE AND STANDARD BRED RACEHORSES.

7895.0300 QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS' FUND.

Subp. 3. **Distribution of money.** The award money available from the Quarter Horse breeders' fund shall be distributed as follows:

A. "Breeders' awards" shall be paid to the breeder at the time of foaling of a Minnesota-bred horse as registered with the Racing Commission, that earns purse earnings in any North American pari-mutuel race. The amount of award shall be a percentage of the total amount available for all awards. Purse earnings earned in any North American race that is conducted outside of Minnesota on or after the first scheduled ~~during the~~ Minnesota Quarter Horse live racing race and on or before the last scheduled Minnesota Quarter Horse live race meeting shall not count toward qualified earnings. A horse's earnings in any single race must not be worth more than the winner's share of the largest purse offered during the Minnesota Quarter Horse racing meeting.

7897.0100 PROHIBITED ACTS.

Subp. 15. **Removing a horse without permission.**

i. For Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses: No person shall remove from the stable area of a licensed racetrack any horse without the written permission of the racing secretary or the stewards.

ii. For Standardbreds: No person shall remove from the stable area of a license racetrack any horse ~~that is in the entries~~ that is required to be on association grounds by 9:00am the day before they race without written permission of the stewards.

Subp. 17. **Hypodermic equipment and injectable substances prohibited.** The following shall apply to the possession of hypodermic equipment and injectable substances while on the grounds of an association:

A. While within a restricted area of a licensed racetrack no person, other than a veterinarian, shall have in his or her possession any equipment for hypodermic injection or any substance for hypodermic administration. A noninjectable medication prescribed by a veterinarian for an existing condition may be possessed, provided its user has a valid current prescription and its use is consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

B. Notwithstanding item A, any person may have in his or her possession within a restricted area of a licensed racetrack:

(1) a chemical or biological substance for his or her own personal use; provided, that if such a chemical substance is prohibited from being dispensed by any federal or state law without prescription, he or she possesses documentary evidence that a valid prescription for such substance has been issued to him or her; and/or

(2) a hypodermic syringe or needle for the purpose of administering a prescribed chemical or biological substance to himself or herself, provided that he or she has notified the stewards of the possession of such device, the size of such device, and the chemical substance to be administered by the device.

(3) a disposable syringe intended for oral use where the tip of the syringe makes it incapable of attaching a needle.

(4) a syringe greater than 60cc designed and intended for topical use where the tip of the syringe makes it incapable of attaching a needle.

7897.0110 USE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL.

Subpart 1. **Drugs.** The commission, the commission's ~~director of security~~ investigative staff, or the stewards may, at any time, require any licensee having direct physical contact with horses or direct responsibility for some portion of the day's racing program, or whose racing duties place him or her in a position of danger, or who commits an act that endangers a horse or human, or exhibits suspected impaired behavior, to provide one of the following for analysis: blood, breath, saliva, or urine samples. The type or types of sample to be provided shall be determined by the investigator and/or board of stewards after consideration of the circumstances involved and the alleged substance involved. A second specimen may be required for confirmation or quantification. This specimen will be analyzed at an independent laboratory contracted by the commission. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be a serious violation under part 7897.0130.

Should any licensee other than a racing official, jockey, apprentice jockey, assistant starter, or driver be found to have levels of any nonprescription, prohibited, or illegal drug, or prescription medication at a concentration greater than which has been prescribed, or an alcohol concentration greater than 0.04 percent, the licensee shall be subject to disciplinary action by the stewards and the commission. For purposes of this part, "alcohol concentration" means:

- A. the number of grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood; or
- B. the number of grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath; or
- C. the number of grams of alcohol per 67 milliliters of urine.

Should a licensee who is a racing official, jockey, apprentice jockey, assistant starter, or driver be found to have any level of any nonprescription, prohibited, or illegal drug, or

alcohol, or prescription medication at a concentration greater than which has been ~~described~~ prescribed by a medical professional for that individual, on the day of competition, the licensee shall not be allowed to participate in the competition (race) and shall be subject to disciplinary action by the stewards and the commission.

Item 6 –
Action Items
B. 2025 HISA
Assessment – MRC
Partial opt-in for
Payment

**Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority
2024 Assessments by Track
Minnesota**

Component	Canterbury	
	Park	Total
2024 Assessment, gross	\$ 883,327	\$ 883,327
<u>HIWU Credits</u>		
Race Day Sample Collection	\$ (229,000)	\$ (229,000)
Non-Race Day Sample Collection	\$ (57,000)	\$ (57,000)
2023 True-Up	TBD	\$ -
2024 Assessment, net	\$ 597,327	\$ 597,327

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Action Items

C. Legislative Proposal

– ADW Fee Increase

Minn. Stat. § 240.131, subd. 7:

Subd. 7. **Payments to state.** (a) A regulatory fee is imposed at the rate of ~~one~~ two percent of all amounts wagered by Minnesota residents with an authorized advance deposit wagering provider. The fee shall be declared on a form prescribed by the commission. The ADW provider must pay the fee to the commission no more than 15 days after the end of the month in which the wager was made. Fees collected under this paragraph must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a racing and card-playing regulation account in the special revenue fund and are appropriated to the commission to offset the costs incurred by the commission as described in section [240.30, subdivision 9](#), or the costs associated with regulating horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering in Minnesota.

Effective date. This provision is effective beginning after June 30, 2025.

Item 7-

Status Reports

A. Canterbury Park
Entertainment

Item 7 –
Status Reports
B. Running Aces
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Item 8 –

Staff Reports

A. Chief Veterinarian's
End -of-Meet Report

Minnesota Racing Commission
Chief Commission Veterinarian's End of Season Report
Lynn R. Hovda, RPH, DVM, MS, ACVIM
October 7, 2024

GENERAL COMMENTS

The Minnesota Racing Commission (MRC) veterinarian's office at Canterbury Park (CBY) functioned well during the 2024 race meet. I continued as the HISA Safety Director, HIWU ADMC (Anti-doping and Medication Control) committee member, and Racing Medication Testing Consortium (RMTC) liaison, as well as splitting my time between CBY and Running Aces Harness Park (RAHP). Dr. Christy Klatt, Assistant Chief Veterinarian, remained the primary veterinarian in the paddock, starting gate, finish line, and winner's circle rotating with Dr. Rebecca Butler and Dr. Jennifer McDonald as they mastered these responsibilities. Either Dr. Butler or Dr. McDonald had primary responsibility for the detention barn depending on who was training. HIWU directed out of competition testing (OCT) continued at least two nonrace mornings/week and HIWU TCO2 testing most race days. Dr. Melissa Adelman and Dr. Haley Markow were primarily responsible for TCO2 testing. When no one was available, I was responsible. Mornings became more challenging as new HISA rules effective in early July made substantial changes to workout requirements, corticosteroid administration, claimed horses, prerace inspections, postmortem examinations and reporting, and Veterinarian's List procedures. These and other HISA rule changes that occurred during the middle of the meet were not laid out well and affected not only the veterinarian's office but all phases of the race office and trainers. This led to some difficult exchanges between many different parties.

Veterinary staffing at RAHP remained stable with Dr. David Radechel, Dr. Raye Taylor, and Dr. Brian Hoefs responsible for most of the effort. I spent two mornings there most weeks, which supported communication with the Judges and trainers. Taylor Trauffle, MRC RAHP office administrator kept the office running smoothly. HISA and HIWU rules do not affect Standardbred racing so OCT and TCO2 testing were performed by MRC veterinarians.

The veterinary database, used in the office at both racetracks, required some modifications for the 2024 racing season and will need to be updated for the 2025 season to accommodate new MRC and HISA rules. It is a very large database, and some part of the database was used each day by the veterinary office, racing office, detention barn, furosemide office, stable gate, and practicing veterinarians. It contains a considerable amount of information that is searched at the conclusion of the season for year-end statistics as well as a general inspection and contemplation on how we can do a better job.

In addition to racing, it was a busy year in other areas. Highlights include:

- Last December, Amber Carlisle, Bryan Lingen, Roni Turner, and I completed the yearly online HISA CBY accreditation review. This required collecting and sorting a large amount of documentation for submission to HISA.
- In March, Dr. Butler, and I attended the 2024 Racing Regulatory Veterinarian's conference in California. It is a long 2-day meeting packed with information directed

specifically towards racing regulatory veterinarians, followed by 14 additional hour-long online seminars throughout the spring and early summer. Dr. Butler, Dr. Klatt, Dr. McDonald and I participated in the online seminars. I presented one of the seminars, speaking on old drugs that have become new again.

- In May, Dr. Butler performed site visits for aftercare programs interested in applying for a grant. These grants were evaluated by CBY veterinarians using the new Aftercare application and results provided to the MRC.
- The HISA mandated pre meet live scenario training was completed in mid-May. This occurred over three days and involved every member of every department involved in live racing, including the MRC and CBY. Each scenario was documented on paper and supplemented with videos, still photos, and attendance sheets. These, along with summaries of each training session, were submitted, as required, to HISA prior to the first race of the season.
- In mid-June, I was invited to be a guest participant at an international summit on Equine Sudden Death in Toronto. This was followed by participation in a panel discussion at the Jockey Club Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit in Lexington.
- The extensive CBY HISA onsite accreditation site visit was completed in June. The results are expected to be released in October.
- The externship program began in late June with four students participating during the live meet. The externs spent time at CBY, RAHP, and with Dr. Badura, one of the practicing DVMs if he was available. Dr. Butler served as the supervisor for these students.
- The HISA Safety and Welfare Committee (now called the HISA Risk Management Committee), which I chair, met twice to evaluate human injuries and equine deaths that occurred at CBY, consider what we could do to improve the outcome, and discuss other safety issues. Dr. Klatt serves on this committee as the track veterinarian.
- Dr. Butler, Dr. McDonald, Dr. Taylor, and Nicole Boentgen, MRC Detention Barn Coordinator, presented at the September 2024 University of Minnesota student chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (SAAEP) meeting about summer 2025 positions in the detention barns at CBY and RAHP.
- In late September, newly proposed HISA rules were evaluated by CBY veterinarians and comments submitted to HISA for consideration.
- Beginning in May and continuing through September, either Dr. Klatt or I, participated in the bi-weekly in person Horseperson's meetings, which were considered by HISA as part of Risk Management. Minutes of these meetings were uploaded to HISA by Amber Carlisle.
- Throughout the year MRC veterinarians participated in the HISA and HIWU online programs.
- Current projects to be completed before January 1 include one additional meeting of the HISA Risk Management Committee, preparation and submission of the HISA Safety Director end of season report, continuation of MRC rules process, transfer of Thoroughbred standard operating procedures to the appropriate HISA templates, and the yearly online HISA accreditation review.

CANTERBURY PARK SPECIFICS

The veterinarian's office was open every day except Mondays when the racetrack was closed for training. The established policy for electronic submission of the certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI), equine infectious anemia (EIA) document, and MRC required EHV1/influenza vaccinations for each horse was continued. These documents were sent via a specified email address to the commission veterinarian's office at least 24 hours in advance of arrival. Information was added to a spread sheet which was updated and shared with the stable gate in real time. Even though this is a labor-intensive process, the outcome more than makes up for it as health information is provided in advance for each horse before it enters the grounds. HISA requires specific information about every horse on the grounds, including when it arrives and leaves, and the spreadsheet satisfies that requirement. Most other forms used by the office returned to in person delivery or communication. As with prior years, ultrasound findings and radiographs were delivered by text or email.

Prerace examinations were performed on every horse entered to race. All prerace examination data was entered into a module provided by Incompass Solutions, a technology company formed by The Jockey Club. Findings were documented on each horse's individual examination card and transferred to the module when back in the office. We began using this module five years ago, which is fortunate as HISA now requires racetrack regulatory veterinarians to utilize it. In addition to entering our findings, use of the module allowed us to see prior examinations done by veterinarians in most jurisdictions and access other information such as prior time on the Veterinarian's List, abnormal horse behavior (strikes, bites, kicks), and odd conformation or locomotion. The Incompass module also allows us to enter general non race examination data like results from workouts to be removed from the veterinary list and postrace information from events occurring in the detention barn.

The HISA Risk Management Committee met twice to examine the circumstances surrounding two equine deaths (1 racing fatality, 1 illness) and any known and reported human injuries that occurred during training or racing. We will meet one more time in October to complete the season. The goal of this committee is to allow a free exchange of information. For equine deaths, each trainer or assistant trainer is interviewed personally in advance by the HISA Safety Director using the HISA template and is required by MRC rule to participate in person or by telephone. As HISA Safety Director, I chair the committee and am responsible for calling the meeting as well as providing HISA with preliminary necropsy findings, final necropsy findings, and a complete report from the Committee. I also provide the trainer with necropsy findings, charts or graphs as needed, and any printed lay information on the specific injury. For example, should a horse have a life ending shoulder injury I supply two or three pieces of information to the trainer on why and how this injury occurs. Bryan Lingen, HISA Safety Officer, is responsible for the discussion of human injuries and reporting those to HISA.

The number of private veterinarians practicing on the backside was adequate for the horse population, but at least one other practicing veterinarian would be welcome in 2025. In addition to private practice veterinarians, two human animal chiropractors with appropriate Minnesota approved training provided equine chiropractic care and one veterinarian provided both

chiropractic care and acupuncture. All these professionals met with one of the commission veterinarians prior to licensing to discuss any changes in rules that might affect their practice.

Work still needs to be completed around the Detention barn and Isolation stalls. One of the deficiencies noted in the 2023 NTRA reaccreditation process was a lack of area in the detention barn to adequately jog claimed horses. This was on the list to accomplish in 2024, but it did not occur for several reasons and remains on the list for 2025.

The four-year cumulative statistics provide an overview of racing and regulatory control. I've tried to highlight the important issues.

- The total number of horses on grounds (922) was lower than prior years. The total number of race days (TB 54, QH 15) and the total number of races (TB 399, QH 40) remained the about the same, while the number of TB and QH starts (3237) was up. TB starters/race (7.43) was the highest in the past three years, while QH starters/race (6.78) continued to decrease on a year-by-year basis.
- Veterinarian's List. The number of horses is again higher than other years only because of the HISA requirement that all horses receiving any intra-articular injection be placed on the Veterinarian's List. When these 159 horses are subtracted, the numbers are more consistent with other years. The number of unsound horses was low, but this is likely due to HISA changes in how horses are put on the Veterinarian's List. It is interesting to note that despite the restrictions put on furosemide (Lasix) administration and some industry comments about how many horses were going to bleed without it, the number of horses described as having "bled" remained low (10).
- Prerace Examinations. Every horse entered to race had a prerace examination performed (3357 total) the morning of race day. Prior to that time a post entry risk assessment on each horse racing that day was performed to identify those horses needing a more comprehensive prerace examination and additional scrutiny in the paddock and while warming up. Five different risk assessment modules were used in addition to identified CBY specific risk factors.
- Scratches. The commission veterinarians recommended to the stewards that 120 horses be scratched at the time of their prerace examinations. The majority of these were lame or sore, with a few described as ill or just "not doing right". The number of track scratches (28) was higher than last year with 11 flipping in the gate, 5 flipping in the paddock, and 12 having other problems while on the track. It has long been the policy of our office to recommend a scratch for any horse that rears and hits its head or falls and hits its head. This accounted for almost all the gate and paddock scratches. The remaining horses were scratched for a variety of reasons, primarily due to rider issues, getting loose from the handler or pony, jumping an outside rail, hitting stationary objectives, running back to the barn, and in general just misbehaving. One would think that these were all younger horses, but all ages of horses were involved.

- Workouts. Forty-nine horses had official timed workouts in front of a commission veterinarian with 41 horses ultimately released to enter a race. Of the horses that were not released, 8 were lame or too slow to make time. Eleven horses worked because they had not raced for more than a year, 4 because they were four-year-old or older first-time starters, and 34 horses required a work to be removed from the Veterinarian's List. Each horse was examined by a private veterinarian within 48 hours prior to the work and documentation of "fit to work" submitted to the MRC veterinarians for approval by them and scheduling, as needed, by HIWU. Each horse was identified by microchip or tattoo immediately before or after the workout, observed by a commission veterinarian during a timed workout, underwent a post-workout examination, and had a negative laboratory test for medications prior to being allowed to enter.
- Medication Violations. The number of medication violations was low with only one known HISA reported controlled medication violation and no Quarter Horse violations. Chief Steward Randy Blaseg, Dr. Christy Klatt, and I spent considerable time educating trainers and practicing veterinarians on medication rules, both in person and with printed and online material.
- Deceased Horses. Regardless of how it occurs, each horse that dies or is euthanized represents a personal failure for us. I say this every year, but zero is and will always be our goal. This past year three horses were euthanized – two during racing and one on the backside for a prolonged gastrointestinal problem (colic). This resulted in a racing related incident rate (# of fatalities/1000 starts) of 0.67, which the lowest we have ever achieved. Blood and hair samples from horses that were euthanized during racing were submitted to HISA for general screening and to the researchers at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine for inclusion in their cardiac study.
- Detention barn. As with prior years, the detention barn experienced some late season staffing issues, but otherwise continued to be very well run and consistent from day to day. The number of claimed horses (72) was similar to 2023 but significantly lower than the prior three years (202 horses in 2022, 217 in 2021, 123 in 2020). This was still a large number for the detention barn to accommodate. Every claimed horse was tested and stayed in the detention barn for one full hour, after which it was jogged for evidence of lameness and the heart auscultated for abnormalities. If no issues were noted or if the trainer had signed a waiver stating the horse would be taken regardless of the physical outcome it was released to the new owner or owner's agent. Six horses were lame or unsound postrace and those claims were voided by the Stewards. Every horse in the detention barn was examined for whip welts, with one instance reported to the Stewards.
- HISA managed the TCO2 program with 330 samples taken this year. This is 102 samples more than last year.
- Special samples. Special samples were submitted for a variety of different reasons. Many of them were taken after a horse worked to be removed from the Veterinarian's List, was a 4-year-old or older first-time starter, or had not raced for more than a year. Blood from these horses was drawn after cooling out and submitted to HISA. An

additional 135 out of competition samples required by HISA were taken and submitted. This is 51 samples more than 2023. Four QH hair samples were obtained and submitted for analysis of clenbuterol and albuterol as these prohibited substances have long lasting effects but are only present in urine for 10 to 14 days.

- The dollar amount spent on TB drug testing by HISA is unknown. The amount spent on QH drug testing was \$8585

RUNNING ACES HORSE PARK SPECIFICS

Like CBY, the RAHP veterinarian's office continued the policy of electronic submission for the certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI), equine infectious anemia (EIA) document, and EHV-1 and influenza information for each horse. These documents were sent via a specified email address to the veterinarian's office at least 24 hours in advance of arrival. Information was added to a spread sheet that was updated and shared with the stable gate in real time. Even though this is labor intensive process, the outcome more than makes up for this as health information is provided in advance for each horse prior to entry and provides needed information on vaccinations against infectious disease.

The Judges, under the leadership of Casey Larson, clearly laid out their expectations to the horsemen/women at the yearly welcome back meeting. Maintaining an honest and open-door policy with consistent communication between the Judges, commission veterinarians, and trainers was a priority throughout the meet. It is fair to say that many unexpected things occurred this year at RAHP in terms of the weather (air quality, heat and humidity, torrential rain, tornado warning), track conditions, horse incidents, and a myriad of items, but Judge Larson, in consultation with either Dr. Radechel or me, responded to all of them in a calm, professional manner.

Security at RAHP stable is an ongoing problem. Horses were allowed through the gate without being on the ship in list or allowed in even when noted on the ship in list as having incomplete paperwork. MRC investigators worked with the Deputy Director and Judge Larson to establish some ground rules which certainly helped, but things need to improve for 2025.

The horse ambulance and tow vehicle will need some upgrades for racing season 2025. In addition, a second ambulance capable of going off site, will need to be located and retrofitted for emergency use. This project began in late June but has not yet been completed.

The four-year cumulative statistics provides an overview of racing and regulatory control. I've tried to highlight the important issues.

- The number of races (560), starters (4449), and starters/race (7.9) were all higher than prior years.
- Veterinarian's List. The total number on the Veterinarian's List (119) was higher than prior years, but some of this correlates with the large increase in starters. Most of the

horses on the list were described as ill (52), followed by unsound (28) and injured (26). Non illness (9), medication problem (3) and bled (1) completed the list.

- Medication Violations. Industrial Laboratories reported 5 findings, with 6 samples still pending at this time. Two were NSAID overages and three for methocarbamol, a skeletal muscle relaxant. Rulings with fines were issued by the Judges for these violations.
- Deceased Horse. One catastrophic race related injury occurred this year. The horse was euthanized by Dr. Radechel and transported to the University of Minnesota Diagnostic Laboratory for a complete postmortem examination. This is the first race related death from an injury in at least five years.
- Detention Barn. Like CBY, RAHP experienced some late season staffing issues, but Nicole Boentgen, the MRC Detention Barn Coordinator, was well able to accommodate this. The number of claimed horses (25) was similar to 2023 where 23 horses were claimed. All claimed horses were jogged, and the heart auscultated prior to release to the new owner or owner's agent. Two claims were voided due to health reason. Every horse that came into the detention barn was examined for whip welts with 12 incidents reported to Judge Larson.
- TCO2 Testing. The number of total carbon dioxide (TCO2) samples taken was increased (466), again due to the increase in starters. The average TCO2 concentration was 31.83 mMoles/L with a range of 10.3-36.4 mMoles/L. Presumably the 10.3mMoles/L was from sample collection error as the number is incompatible with life. In addition to changes in the testing procedure, barn searches resulted in the confiscation of illicit bicarbonate products, trainer education was stepped up to help with compliance, and some horses put into detention early in the morning of the race.
- Hair Samples. Nine samples were taken for out of competition testing (OCT). This type of testing is performed to look for prohibited medications like clenbuterol, albuterol, and others that cannot be found on routine post-race testing.
- The cost of drug testing in 2024 was \$136,500. This is primarily due to the increase the number of races as the cost of drug testing by Industrial Laboratories did not change.

The MRC has employed a remarkable group of veterinarians dedicated to the care and welfare of the horse. I remain grateful to each one of these very talented veterinarians who work hard every single day to ensure the safety of the equine athletes and their riders and drivers. Thank you for supporting them and me. I am proud of all we have accomplished in 2024 and look forward to 2025.



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2021 - 2024 RACING SEASON STATISTICS: THOROUGHBRED/QUARTER HORSE DATA

October 3, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021
TB/AR/QH ON GROUNDS	922	1002	1352	1415
RACE DAYS (TOTAL)	54	53	65	65
RACE DAYS (TB)	54	53	65	64
RACE DAYS (QH)	15	16	25	28
TOTAL TB/QH STARTS	3237	2849	4378	4474
STARTERS (TB)	2966	2577	3867	3926
# OF RACES (TB)	399	397	529	539
STARTERS / RACE (TB)	7.43	6.49	7.31	7.28
STARTERS (QH)	271	272	511	548
# OF RACES (QH)	40	39	73	76
STARTERS / RACE (QH)	6.78	6.97	7.00	7.21
180 DAY EXAMS	143	162	233	-
PRE-RACE EXAMINATIONS	3357	2977	4498	4640
VETERINARIAN SCRATCHES	120	128	152	166
PRE-RACE EXAM SCRATCHES	92	112	120	133
TRACK SCRATCHES	28	16	32	33
-FLIPPED IN GATE	11	4	15	8
-FLIPPED IN THE PADDOCK	5	4	7	14
-OTHER (ON TRACK)	12	8	10	11
STEWARD SCRATCHES	30	41	125	222
TOTAL ON VETERINARIAN'S LIST	356	344	278	234
TB ON VETERINARIAN'S LIST	334	308	245	207
QH ON VETERINARIAN'S LIST	22	35	33	27
DUE TO: BLED	10	12	14	14
DUE TO: ILLNESS	64	87	82	86
DUE TO: INJURED	54	38	48	55
DUE TO: INTRA-ARTICULAR INJECTIONS	159	-	-	-
DUE TO: UNSOUND	36	39	72	56
DUE TO: MEDICATION PROBLEM	-	2	9	6
DUE TO: NON-ILLNESS	6	138	13	17
DUE TO: WORKOUT NEEDED	27	28	40	-
FUROSEMIDE				
TB/AR/QH STARTERS ON FUROSEMIDE	2694	2283	3787	3919
% OF TOTAL STARTERS ON FUROSEMIDE	83%	80%	87%	87%
% OF TB STARTERS ON FUROSEMIDE	87%	84%	91%	91%
% OF QH STARTERS ON FUROSEMIDE	44%	44%	54%	62%
TOTAL TB/AR/QH WORKOUTS	49	48	69	63
QUARTER HORSES	2	2	6	1
THOROUGHBREDS	47	46	63	62
CORNELL COLLAR	-	-	-	-

WORKOUTS FOR HORSES OFF > 1 YEAR	11	5	10	19
WORKOUTS TO GET OFF VETS LIST	34	31	37	29
WORKOUTS 4 YR & UP FIRST TIME STARTER	4	12	10	15
UNSUCCESSFUL WORKOUTS (TOO SLOW OR LAME POST-WORK)	8	7	11	-
STEWARDS WORK FOR ANOTHER JURISDICTION	-	-	1	-
HORSES WORKING ON THE RACETRACK	3161	3186	4575	4422
TOTAL # OF WORKS – 3 FURLONGS	639	722	954	825
TOTAL # OF WORKS – 4 FURLONGS	1958	1798	2507	2475
TOTAL # OF WORKS – 5 FURLONGS	500	577	950	932
TOTAL # OF WORKS – OTHER DISTANCES	64	89	164	190
AVERAGE TIME FOR 3 FURLONGS	37.85	38.23	38.10	37.81
AVERAGE TIME FOR 4 FURLONGS	49.89	49.99	49.78	49.63
AVERAGE TIME FOR 5 FURLONGS	1:02.23	1:02.03	1:00.74	1:01.36
AVERAGE TIME FOR 220 YDS (QTR HORSES)	12.45	12.04	12.46	12.11
ESTIMATED TOTAL # OF HORSES TRAINING ON THE TRACK (SEASON)	N/A	N/A	N/A	38,821
MEDICATION RULINGS - VIOLATIONS	0	3 + 2 pending	8	2
ACEPROMAZINE	-	-	-	-
BETAMETHASONE	-	-	-	-
BOLDENONE	-	1	-	-
BUTORPHANOL	-	-	-	-
CAFFEINE / THEOBROMINE	-	-	-	-
CARDARINE	-	-	-	-
CLENBUTEROL	-	-	-	1
DEXAMETHASONE	-	-	-	-
DMSO	-	-	-	-
EPO	-	-	-	-
ETHYL GLUCURONIDE	-	-	-	-
FLUMETHASONE	-	-	-	-
FLUNIXIN (total number)	-	-	-	-
-Overages	-	-	-	-
-None present in sample	-	-	-	-
FLUPHENAZINE	-	-	-	-
FUROSEMIDE	-	-	-	-
HYDROCORTISONE SUCCINATE	-	-	-	-
3 – HYDROXYLIDOCAINE	-	-	-	-
KETOPROFEN (total number)	-	-	-	-
-Overages	-	-	-	-
-None present in sample	-	-	-	-
LEVAMISOLE	-	-	-	-
LIDOCAINE	-	-	-	-
MEDROXYPROGESTERONE ACETATE	-	-	-	1
METHAMPHETAMINE	-	-	-	-

METHYLPREDNISOLONE	-	-	-	-
METHOCARBAMOL	-	1	-	-
NAPROXEN	-	-	-	-
PEMOLINE	-	-	-	-
PHENYLBUTAZONE	-	1	2	-
PREDNISON	-	-	-	-
PROMAZINE	-	-	-	-
PSEUDOEPHEDRINE/NORPSEUDOEPHEDRINE	--	-	-	-
RACTOPAMINE	-	-	6	-
RANITIDINE	-	-	-	-
SILDENAFIL	-	-	-	-
TC02	-	-	-	-
TRIAMCINOLONE	-	-	-	-
TRICHLORMETHIAZIDE	-	-	-	-
XYLAZINE	-	-	-	-
OTHER MEDICATIONS	-	-	-	-
MEDICATION WARNINGS	-	-	-	-
CLENBUTEROL (Hair)	-	-	-	-
PHENYLBUTAZONE	-	-	-	-
RACTOPAMINE	-	-	-	-
RANITIDINE	-	-	-	-
OTHER VETERINARY VIOLATIONS	-	-	-	-
LATE FOR LASIX	-	-	-	-
DVM	-	-	-	-
IMPROPERLY LABELLED MEDICATION	-	-	-	-
RESEARCH (QA) SAMPLES	-	-	-	4
AMBULANCE USED (TOTAL)	14	26	21	34
FROM TRACK	12	18	15	24
Main Track	8	12	9	21
Turf Track	4	6	6	3
FROM TEST BARN	1	3	4	4
FROM OTHER	1	5	2	6
DECEASED HORSES	3	12	6	14
TRACK RELATED	2	5	5	6
Dirt	2	4	3	6
Turf	-	1	2	0
TRAINING RELATED	-	2	-	4
ILLNESS RELATED	1	3	-	1
OTHER	-	2	1	3
TEST BARN				
TOTAL # (ALL BREEDS) TESTED	940	940	1360	1443
TOTAL # THOROUGHBREDS TESTED	867	852	1198	1280
TOTAL # QUARTER HORSES TESTED	73	88	162	169
TOTAL # BLOOD SAMPLES	940	940	1360	1443
TOTAL # URINE SAMPLES	794	776	1173	1280

#NO URINE COLLECTED - THOROUGHBRED	55	69	108	77
#NO URINE COLLECTED - QUARTER HORSE	3	1	9	7
WORKOUT SAMPLES	48	47	57	57
TRACK / PADDOCK SAMPLES	9	17	13	22
TOTAL # BICARBONATE SAMPLES	330	228	623	471
AVERAGE BICARBONATE LEVEL (mMol/L)	-	N/A	31.6	30.2
BICARBONATE - RANGE	-	N/A	23 – 38.2	21.2 – 38.6
COBALT – NUMBER TESTED	-	-	-	-
COBALT – AVERAGE	-	-	-	-
COBALT – RANGE	-	-	-	-
CLAIMS (TESTED)	72	67	202	217
CLAIMS - VOIDED	6	11	17	7
TOTAL DOLLAR VALUE OF ALL CLAIMED HORSES	\$674,750	\$604,750	\$1,928,750	\$2,031,500
SPLIT SAMPLES	-	3	3	1
SPECIAL SAMPLES	195	164	122	161
-Other / Out of Competition – Blood	135	84	-	3
-Other / Out of Competition - Hair	9	4	28	39
-Other / Deceased Horse - Hair	3	9	6	-
-Other / Yearling Sale	-	1	1	-
-Veterinarians - Workouts	48	47	57	57
-Veterinarians – Track / Paddock	-	17	13	19
-Steward Request	-	2	1	43
OTHER SAMPLES	1	4	16	1
TOTAL COST OF MEDICATION TESTING	\$8585	\$11,550	\$140,384	\$140,820
OTHER				
CORNELL COLLAR	-	-	-	-
RETIRED HORSES PLACED OR TAKEN IN		45	41	18
DISQUALIFICATIONS / PURSE REDISTRIB.	5	1	8	2
SHIP-INS TO RACE	96	81	108	124
SHOCKWAVE TREATMENT	4	7	8	15
EXCESSIVE USE OF THE WHIP	-	-	11	12
WHIP WELTS	1	1	6	11
MISTREATMENT OF HORSE	-	-	-	1
MORTALITY REVIEW VIOLATION	-	-	-	-

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	2024	2023	2022	2021
SB Stall Applications	359	406	343	340
STALLS FOR STABLING	247	247	251	231
SHIP IN STALLS	36	35	29	38
STALL APPLICATIONS FOR SHIP-IN STALLS	215	225	132	68
RACE DAYS	55	53	56	54
RACES	560	522	499	466
STARTERS	4,449	4,057	3,605	3222
STARTERS/RACE	7.9	7.8	7.2	6.91
VETERINARIAN SCRATCHES	82	64	68	76
QUALIFIER SCRATCHES	21	22	15	10
STEWARD SCRATCHES	15	33	33	19
TOTAL ALL SCRATCHES	118	119	116	105
TOTAL ON VETERINARIAN'S LIST	119	84	80	99
DUE TO: BLED	1	1	0	1
DUE TO: ILLNESS	52	38	34	39
DUE TO: INJURED	26	20	15	29
DUE TO: NON-ILLNESS	9	2	6	4
DUE TO: MEDICATION PROBLEM	3	1	2	7
DUE TO: UNSOUND	28	22	23	19
QUALIFIERS				
# OF QUALIFIER RACES	51	51	54	52
# OF QUALIFIER ENTRIES	339	319	311	285
# OF QUALIFIER STARTERS	318	297	296	275
# OF HORSES QUALIFIED	274	258	236	229
FUROSEMIDE				
ENTERED TO RUN ON FUROSEMIDE	3,012	2,929	2,659	2297
% RUNNING ON FUROSEMIDE	68%	72%	74%	71%
MEDICATION VIOLATIONS & WARNINGS	5	2	2	7
ALTRENOGEST	0	0	0	0
AMBROXEL	0	0	0	0
AMINOCAPROIC ACID	0	0	0	2
BETAMETHASONE	0	0	0	0
CLENBUTEROL	0	0	0	2
COBALT (WARNINGS ONLY IN 2014)	0	1	0	0
DEXAMETHASONE	0	0	0	0
DMSO	0	0	0	0
FLUMETHASONE	0	0	0	0
FLUNIXIN	1	0	0	0
HYDROCORTISONE SUCCINATE	0	0	0	0
HYDROXYLIDOCAINE	0	0	0	1
ISOFLUPREDONE	0	0	0	0
KETOPROFEN	0	0	0	0
LEVAMISOLE	0	0	0	0
MEDROXYPROGESTERONE ACETATE	0	0	0	0

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METHAMPHETAMINE	0	0	0	0
METHYLPREDNISOLONE	0	0	0	0
METHOCARBAMOL	3	0	0	0
NAPROXEN	0	0	0	0
OMEPRAZOLE / RANITIDINE	0	0	0	1
PHENYLBUTAZONE	1	0	0	0
PREDNISOLONE	0	0	0	0
RACTOPAMINE	0	0	0	0
TCO2	0	0	0	0
THEOPHYLLINE	0	0	0	0
TRIAMCINOLONE	0	0	0	1
TORSEMIDE	0	0	0	0
XYLAZINE	0	0	0	0
Other (Furosemide/Pregabalin)	0	1	1 & 1	0
WARNINGS	0	0	0	0
OTHER VETERINARY VIOLATIONS	4	10	7	3
DVM Violation	0	0	0	1
Late for furosemide	0	1	3	1
Unlabelled products (trainers)	0	2	4	0
Health Paper requirements not met	4	7	0	1
AMBULANCE USE	3	1	0	1
FROM TRACK	2	1	0	1
FROM BARN AREA	1	0	0	0
DECEASED HORSES	1	1	0	0
TRACK RELATED	1	1	0	0
ILLNESS	0	0	0	0
TEST BARN				
TOTAL # TESTED	1213	1093	1097	1000
BLOOD SAMPLES	1213	1093	1097	1000
URINE SAMPLES (RACE)	871	766	760	723
# NO URINE COLLECTED (Blood only) (RACE)	292	317	271	277
QUALIFIER BLOOD ONLY SAMPLES	9	6	44	31
QUALIFIER BLOOD AND URINE SAMPLES	41	4	22	20
SPECIAL BLOOD SAMPLES (DURING RACING)	44	71	34	29
CLAIMS TESTED	25	23	10	25
TCO2 SAMPLES	466	269	395	327
AVERAGE TCO2 LEVEL (mMol/L)	31.83	30.95	31.94	30.57
TCO2 SAMPLE RANGE	10.3-36.4	24-36.4	25.9-36.8	22.4-37.7
COBALT SAMPLES	5	67	46	1
MEAN COBALT LEVEL	<10.00	<10.00	2.72	N/A
COBALT RANGE	<10.00	<10.00-41.1	<1.00-22.7	N/A
OTHER SAMPLES	18	16	71	31
HAIR TOTAL	10	7	11	28
Hair Out of Competition	9	7	11	20
Hair In Competition	1	0	0	5
Hair Recheck	1	0	0	3

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BLOOD - OUT OF COMPETITION	1	0	49	1
URINE - OUT OF COMPETITION	0	0	4	0
OTHER	7	0	6	0
RESEARCH SAMPLES	0	9	1	2
SPLIT SAMPLES	0	0	0	0
TOTAL COST OF MEDICATION TESTING	\$136,500	\$119,495	\$111,031	\$94,567
OTHER				
CORNELL COLLAR	0	0	1	0
NERVED / PREGNANT	0	0	0	0
DISQUALIFICATION / PURSE REDISTRIBUTION	4	2	2	4
NON-PARIMUTUEL RACE	0	15	1	2
CLAIMS	25	23	10	25
VOIDED CLAIMS	2	0	0	1
SHOCKWAVE	0	0	0	0
MISUSE OF WHIP	12	12	10	19

Item 8 –
Staff Reports
B. Chief State
Steward's End-of-
Meet Report

Stewards' End of Meet Report 2024

With minimal racing disruptions and a season of safe races, this has been one of the smoothest and easiest Canterbury meets for the stewards. In addition to being easy for the stewards, it was a genuine pleasure for all the fans who came to Canterbury Park to enjoy the beauty of horse racing. The guests enjoyed deeper fields, great betting opportunities, food trucks, fireworks, and expanded family entertainments like dog races, Extreme races, Unicorn races, and even a Rodeo.

This year's 54-day racing schedule ran longer than the previous year's, starting a week earlier in May and continuing through the month of September. The horses and horse-people also had a week break in July to rest and recover while Canterbury Park hosted a Rodeo. This new event added some fun and excitement to the summer! Racing occurred on Thursdays, Saturdays, and select Wednesdays with 5:00pm post times, and Sundays and Labor Day with a 1:00pm post time. July 3rd, September 26th, and September 28th had a 4pm post time.

This year's leading Thoroughbred Owner was Novogratz Racing Stables with 17 total wins. The leading Quarter Horse Owner was Tom Maher with 10 wins.

The trainers did an outstanding job this year, with Mac Robertson winning the training title for Thoroughbreds for the 16th time with 46 wins. Jason Olmstead came out on top for Quarter Horse trainers for the 10th consecutive year with 20 wins.

With the departure of Harry Hernandez, the top Thoroughbred jockey position goes to someone different for the first time since 2021, and Luis Fuentes claimed it with 66 wins. Quarter Horse jockey Armando Alvidrez rose to the top in that competitive field to win his first title with 10 wins.

This year's Horse Of The Meet was Tony's Tapit owned by Kirk Sutherland and trained by Jose Silva Jr. Tony's Tapit earned this honor by winning all 5 of his starts!

The following are the other Divisional Champions:

- Sprinter – Thealligatorhunter (Owner – Peter Mattson and Tim Padilla. Trainer – Tim Padilla)
- Older Filly or Mare – Cupid's Crush (Owner - Xtreme Racing Stables, LLC. Trainer – Mac Robertson)
- Older Horse – Tony's Tapit (Owner - Kirk Sutherland. Trainer – Jose Silva Jr.)
- Grass Horse – Cupid's Crush (Owner - Xtreme Racing Stables, LLC. Trainer – Mac Robertson)
- Three-Year-Old Colt or Gelding – Street Warrior (Owner – Suzanne Stables. Trainer – Joel Berndt)
- Three-Year-Old Filly – Retired Kathy (Owner - Peter Mattson. Trainer – David Van Winkle)
- Two-Year-Old – Relentless Rocket (QH) (Owner - Tom Maher. Trainer – Jason Olmstead)
- Claimer – Cliff Diver (Owner Rocket Wrench Racing LLC. Trainer – Tony Rengstorf)
- Quarter Horse – Relentless Rocket (Owner - Tom Maher. Trainer – Jason Olmstead)

There were very few cancellations this year.

- June 15th races were cancelled after race #1 due to track conditions
- July 4th had a 50 minute weather delay due to lightning in the area

This meet saw the introduction of the new 7 Furlong Chute. After running a non-parimutuel race on August 18th to ensure safety, the first ever 7 Furlong race at Canterbury Park was run on September 1st. The race was clear, and the chute will be a functional addition to future meets.

As in past years, the stewards would like to address an area of the track that has limited visibility. It is very difficult to judge mishaps down the backstretch and around the last turn of the turf course given the fact the backstretch camera is designed for the main track only and the view is obstructed by the light poles for the main track. If there were to be a malfunction of the starting gate, the stewards would not have a head-on view to assess. This is a disaster waiting to happen, and the stewards would again like to ask for this installation of a camera to record this angle. This has been repeatedly mentioned as a serious issue, and it is past time for it to be addressed by Canterbury Park. The stewards would also like to strongly congratulate the camera crew for another outstanding year. Their hard work is noticed and appreciated.

This year was a great year for working with Canterbury staff. The administration building is staffed with knowledgeable and passionate people bringing their best every day. They have been easy to work with and their communication and expertise is valued. The stewards would like to especially acknowledge Peggy Davis whose commitment, excellence, and outstanding efficiency have once again raised the standard at Canterbury Park.

The stewards would like to commend the broadcast team of Paul Allen, Kevin Gorg, Jeff Maday, and Angela Hermann for their enthusiasm and creativity in calling the races and keeping the crowd entertained throughout the year. They set the tone during the pre-race and continue through the final race engaging and informing the Canterbury guests while skillfully and accurately calling the races. They are the gold standard.

The MRC Veterinary staff, as always, brought their expertise to the Canterbury Park backside. The stewards are very grateful to the MRC Veterinarians for sharing their wisdom and experience throughout the race meet. In addition, we are very pleased with the speed with which Commission Veterinarians make their decisions on the track and in the paddock with recommending scratches to the stewards. They make tough decisions daily and can face backlash and criticism for their judgements, but every day they conduct themselves with professionalism and respect for the equine athletes in their care.

The MRC investigatory staff was again exceptional to work with. Both Nick Cummins and Sean Corrigan operate with integrity and fairness holding the horse-people accountable while still building relationships on the backside. They bring decades of knowledge about the horse racing industry and Canterbury Park and continue to represent the highest standard of investigative work.

In four years of being a steward at Canterbury Park, this was the most efficient one for licensing. Mary Beth Schaefer and Kimberly Cave do an outstanding job of running the licensing office and ensuring that

all individuals are licensed in a timely manner. They treat everyone with respect and good humor, process licensees as quickly as possible, and generally make the licensing process bearable.

The stewards would like to acknowledge Kyle Gustafson who continues to be a strong leader of the Minnesota Racing Commission in his second year as Executive Director. His steady hand and rational decision-making ensure that all issues are dealt with appropriately and discretely. He was joined this year by the new Deputy Director Penny Nelson. Although she spent the majority of her time at Running Aces, she brought enthusiasm and a passion to learn about Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing to her times here at Canterbury Park.

This season Canterbury had 67 claims with a total of \$679,750 averaging \$10,246 per claim. In comparison 2023 saw 56 valid claims with a total of \$604,750 for an average of \$10,799 per claim. 2022 had 185 claims for \$1,928,750, and 2021 had 217 claims, totaling \$2,031,500. The number of claims is 20% higher than last year, but still down considerably from the previous years.

The stewards had a total of 15 objections and 12 inquiries. 6 of these ultimately resulted in a disqualification.

There were no medication violations for Thoroughbreds because HIWU has jurisdiction over this now. There were no Quarter Horse medication violations.

This meet saw 3704 total entries: 2966 Thoroughbred starters and 271 Quarter Horse starters. There were 486 scratches which consisted of 120 Veterinarian scratches, 60 Re-entry scratches, 70 Trainer scratches, 19 Stakes scratches, and 30 Stewards' scratches. There were 30 Also Eligible, 32 Main Track Only, 70 Off-Turf, and 55 non-starters due to races cancelled on June 15.

Following is a summation of the 25 Stewards and 2 HISA rulings issued during the 2024 meet:

Stewards Rulings:

Careless Riding:	11
Financial	4
Conduct Detrimental to Racing	4
Fraudulent Claim	2
Failure to Obtain a License	1
Failure to Appear for Video Replays	1
Prohibited Use of Riding Crop	1
Reinstatement	1

HISA:

Use of a Riding Crop	2
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The Board of Stewards request the following improvements for the 2024 Canterbury Park race meet:

- A camera to show the head-on view of the backstretch for turf races
- Fingerprint reciprocity with other states

- Removal of the notarization requirement on applications



Item 8 –
Staff Report
C. Presiding Judge's
End-of-Meet Report

Final Judges Report - September 2024

As we have completed our tremendous 2024 season here at beautiful Running Aces just north of metro area the Board of Judges couldn't be more pleased with how the 55 day season has unfolded.

The Judges would like to thank all the staff of the MRC, including the Executive team, the investigative team, and a huge thanks to the Vet staff for all the dedicated hours that they do to keep the integrity and safety of racing here in Minnesota one of the best in the country.

We were lucky enough this summer to avoid most of the heat related concerns that have plagued us in the past but were met with mother natures wrath at times with the rain. The track crew here at Running Aces time and time again persevered through the problems and rain to have the track in tip top shape and safe for the horses as quickly as they could. We did cancel on two occasion due to what felt like monsoon type rains that no one could ever account for or manage.

The security team this year at Running Aces has taken what we feel a major step forward from past seasons as they have work diligently with the Judges on how to handle guests correctly and confirming and making sure all paperwork is in order with the Vets office. We are always thankful for Running Aces security staff for always being available and making sure everyone is safe and things are always up to par.

The Judges would like to commend Paddock Judge Melanie Hinz on her first year as a Paddock Judge. Her attention to detail and her professionalism is second to none and she was become an asset here at Running Aces. Also, Jasmine Horvat has been an amazing addition from changing from outrider to Identifier as she brings horse knowledge and a strong work ethic to what we feel is an amazing team in the paddock.

Along that note we would like to thank our starting car crew of Conrad Rapp and David Pagel on striving to always do their best in making sure every race is started in a fair and consistent manner and always being willing listen and adjust to any concerns the judges may have had. Also, Terry Scott did a wonderful job at being available to all horse people when needed on the track as the outrider.

Rulings this season seem to be on par with other years but would like to note what the Judges feel are major violations appear to be down from past years with making sure the horse people are fully aware of our expectations going into the start of meet and making sure we have an open door policy to assure the horse people we are always available to have a conversation and a professional discussion about any racing matter here at Running Aces.

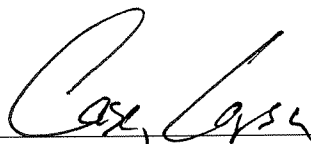
Here are the rulings for the 2024 Season:

Bute Overage >0.3 mcg/ml	1 - \$1,000
Changing Course In The Stretch	4 - \$800
Conduct Detrimental To Racing	1 - \$100
Crossing Over In Front Of Another	1 - \$500
Expired Health Certificate	1 - \$100
Failure To Complete Correct Paperwork	3 - \$500
Failure To Follow Instructions of Official	3 - \$1,300
Failure to Have Proper License	1 - \$100
Failure To Pass Drug Test	1 - \$500
Failure To Set Or Maintain Proper Pace	8 - \$900
Feet Off Of Pegs	4 - \$900
Flunixin Overage >5 ng/mL	1 - \$1,000
Illegal Administration of Medication	2 - \$1,500
Impede the Progress of Another Horse	3 - \$600
Interference	2 - \$400
Intoxication	1 - 50 DAYS
Late Driver Change	2 - \$300
Late to The Paddock	2 - \$200
Leaving Marks On Horse	3 - \$2000 - 3 Days
No Saddlepad During Warmup	2 - \$200
No Safety Vest	4 - \$400
Other Than Wrist Action	6 - \$750
Passing Lane Violation	1 - \$100
Methocarbamol Overage >1 ng/mL	3 - \$3,000
Prohibited Medication on Backside	2 - \$2,000
Strike a Wheel	1 - \$100
Unapproved Whip	2 - \$200
Unlicensed Employee in Barn Area	4 - \$1,000
Unprofessional Actions	1 - \$200
TOTAL RULINGS 62	\$20,850

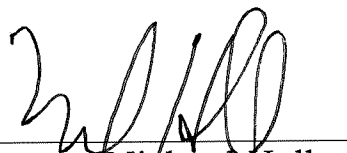
The Judges feel the horse population here in the State of Minnesota is better than ever as the almost every night we have had full fields of 9 resulting in exciting racing. The breeding program here in Minnesota is looking very promising and it will be interesting moving forward to see just how much interest there is in Minnesota Bred horses as we feel the number will continue to grow. We appreciate Running Aces being willing to pay out on canceled nights due to weather as some tracks due retain that money for their own use. This shows to us the commitment they have to their horse people and the best interest in racing here in Minnesota.

Here at the stats thru the end of September:

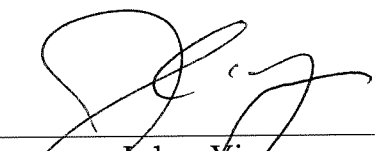
Month	Races	Entries	Starters	Horse Per Race	Purse	On Track	Total Handle
May	9.5	97.5	77.5	8.2	\$77,433	\$10,866	\$173,465
June	10.9	100.1	90.3	8.3	\$106,338	\$13,525	\$225,114
July	10.6	93.2	84.6	8.0	\$104,054	\$15,458	\$191,121
August	10.9	97.7	88.2	8.1	\$106,200	\$12,395	\$173,961
September	10.6	91.4	86.7	8.1	\$177,065	\$14,305	\$200,393
MEET	10.5	96.0	85.5	8.1	\$114,218	\$13,310	\$192,811



Casey Larson
Presiding Judge



Michael Hall
Associate Judge



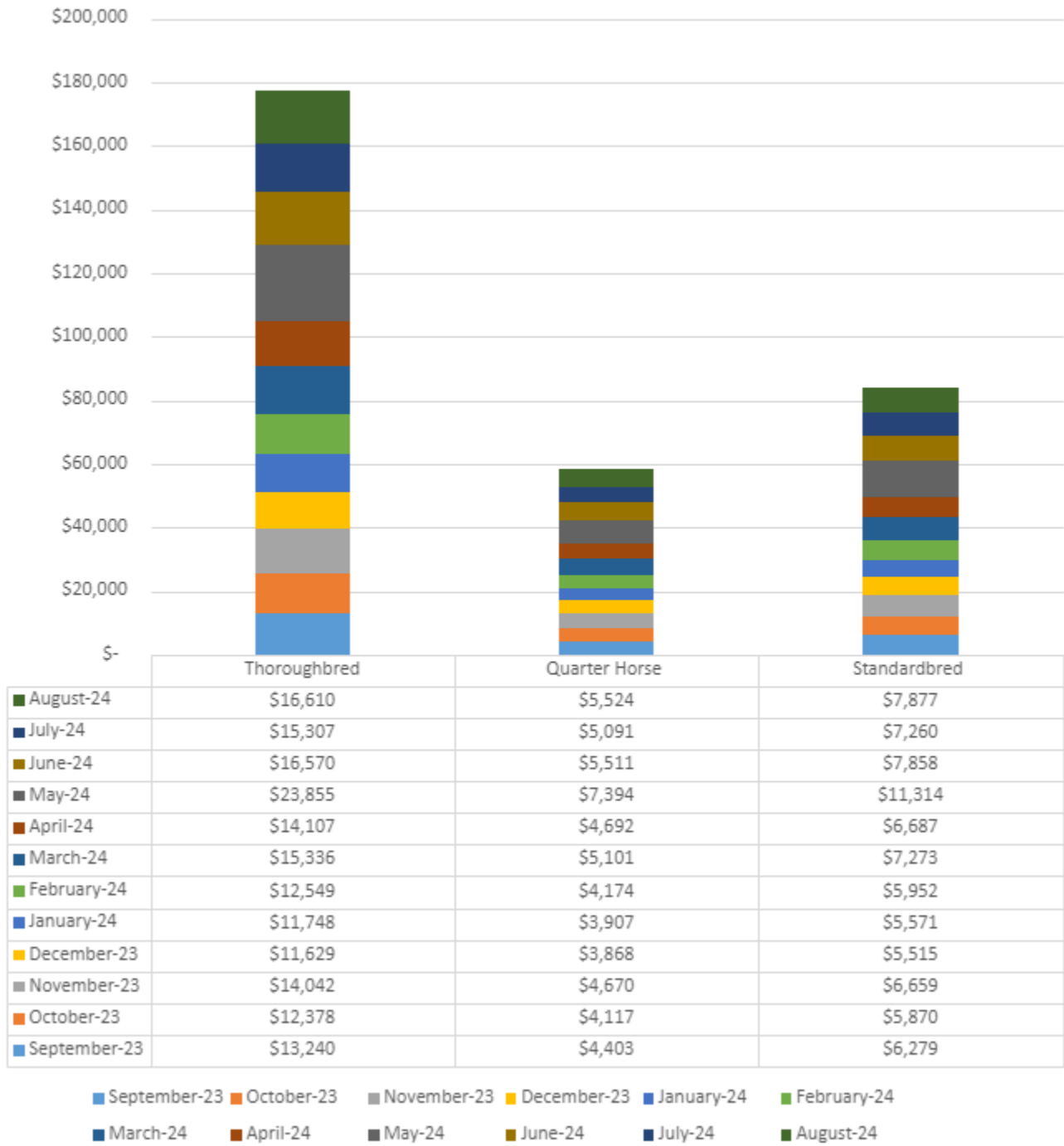
John Yinger
Associate Judge

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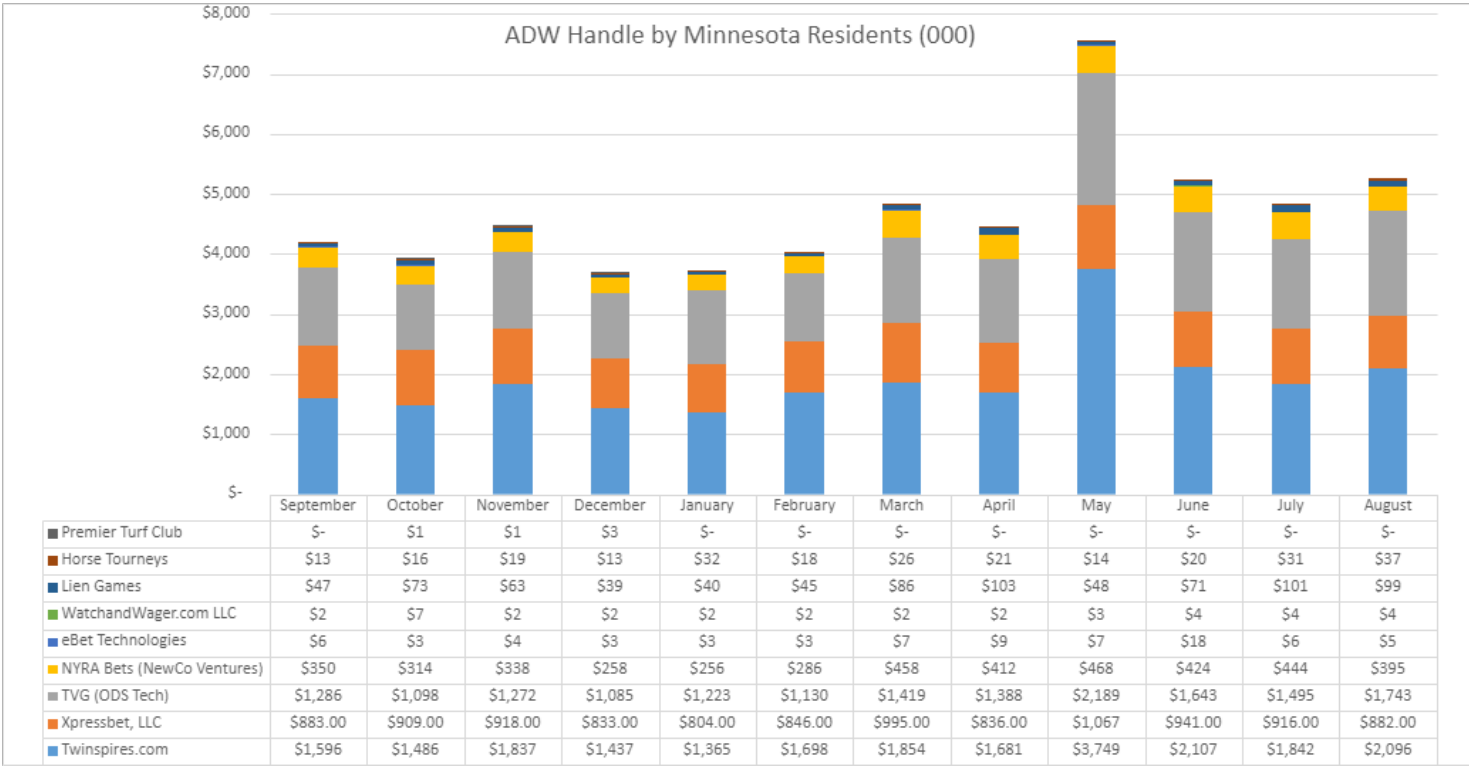
- A. Contract Approvals
- B. HISA/HIWU Update
- C. Personnel Update
- D. ADW Report
- E. Licensing Report
- F. Other

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D. ADW Report

Incremental Breeders Awards via ADW



Item 9–
E. Licensing Report



Minnesota Racing Commission

September 2024 Licensing Report

Class C Applications Processed at Canterbury Park: **36**

Class C Applications Processed at Running Aces: **27**

Class C Large Racing/Gaming Vendors: **0**

Class C Small Racing/Gaming Vendors: **0**

Class C Non-racing/Gaming Vendors: **0**

Class C Licensing Fees for September 2024: **\$1,585.00**

Fingerprint Fees for September 2024: **\$900.00**

(Fingerprint fees are forwarded to Public Safety for processing reports)

Fines Collected during 2024 Racing Season: **\$21,850.00**

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Future Meetings

Full Commission

Thursday, November 21st,

2024 –

Nutrena Conference Center