**Hiawatha Horse Park & Entertainment Centre**

**COVID-19 Monitoring Protocols**

**Revised April 30, 2020**

**Purpose:** To outline increased screening measures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 in the Racing Facilities and ensure the health and safety of our employees, horsepersons and stakeholders to allow for a safe return of Standardbred Racing at Hiawatha Horse Park.

**Affected Parties:** HHP Management, Supervisors, Workers, Horse Owners, Trainers, Caretakers, Grooms, Drivers, and other Key Stakeholders (AGCO, Standardbred Canada, COSA).

**Key Contact:** Jim Henderson, President.

**Backstretch and Paddock Access Restrictions:** The following access restrictions shall be immediately implemented for the Backstretch and Paddock areas:

* Paddock will open one hour prior to racing/ qualifiers. Time between races will be extended depending on needs.
* Only trucks/trailers, AGCO judges and staff are permitted to park in the backstretch area. All other personal vehicles will park outside of the gated area, and occupants will be subject to screening prior to being granted access to the Paddock area.
* No Owners or Guests shall be allowed access to the Paddock area. When feasible, only one person per horse shall be allowed in the Backstretch.
* No person shall be granted access without presenting a valid AGCO license.
* No one under 16 years of age shall be allowed in the Paddock or Backstretch areas.
* Drivers must remain out of the main Paddock area unless leaving with, or returning with, their race horse.
* Only one horse shall be allowed in the Lasix area at a time. Only one person is permitted to be with their horse in the Lasix stall area.
* All persons requesting access to the Paddock and Backstretch areas will be subject to the Security screening protocols outlined below. No person shall be admitted into the area without passing all portions of the screening protocols.

**Security Screening Procedure:** The following procedure shall be used to ensure the proper screening of all persons that wish to access the Paddock and Backstretch areas:

* HHP Management, Security and Medical service provider shall perform the screening process.
* Security team will ask screening questions, including but not limited to the following:

1. *Have you or someone you have come in contact with travelled or returned from any country outside of Canada?*

*2. Are you experiencing, or have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 7 days:*

*a. Fever*

*b. Cough*

*c. Muscle Aches and Tiredness*

*d. Difficulty Breathing*

*3. Have you been in contact with anyone who is or has experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 7 days:*

*a. Fever*

*b. Cough*

*c. Muscle Aches and Tiredness*

*d. Difficulty Breathing*

*4. Have you or someone you have come in contact with travelled or returned from any United States Racetrack or Racing Association in the past 21 days?*

*5. Are you aware that washing your hands multiple times per day and before eating is the most important way to stop the spread of the Coronavirus? Please use our hand washing stations and hand sanitizers located throughout the Facility.*

Any visitor who is provided clearance by the Security Team Member through answering “NO” to the screening questions will have their temperature checked by our Medical service providers, utilizing a no touch thermometer. If the result is a temperature of less than 100.5F they will be cleared for access to the Paddock and Backstretch areas, after they show their AGCO License. Additional screening may occur daily, weekly or longer depending on the current recommendations of Municipal, Provincial and Federal Guidelines.

**Internal Paddock Protocols:** The following measures will be in place inside the Paddock Facility:

* The Backstretch Concession shall be closed.
* The seating in the Backstretch Concession area shall be removed.
* Access to the Race Office shall remain open.
* Race stalls shall be spread out to ensure consecutive race stalls are not beside each other. Race stalls will be assigned to ensure adequate distancing between races in order to encourage social distancing. This may have horses stalled in the outside barns.
* Social distancing protocols shall be in place according to current Municipal, Provincial and Federal Guidelines.
* It is recommended that persons use cell phones to communicate when feasible to respect Social Distancing Guidelines.
* Horsepersons shall vacate the Paddock area immediately following their race.
* All high touch areas shall be sanitized on a continual basis through the race night.
* Race stalls shall be fully cleaned and sanitized nightly after each race night.

**In The Event Of a Positive Covid 19 Test:**

In the event that Hiawatha Horse Park becomes aware that a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 has been in attendance at the track, Hiawatha management will notify all employees and participants who may have been exposed.  Hiawatha security will ensure that the infected person does not re-enter the premises until either (i) at least two (2) weeks after the positive test, or (ii) the person is able to provide evidence of a negative test and clearance from a doctor to return to work.  Hiawatha will encourage any person who may have come into contact with the infected person to be tested for the virus and will follow any guidance provided by public health authorities.

**Authored by:** Jim Henderson, President

**Effective date:** April 30, 2020.

**Review date:** When there are changes to the Municipal, Provincial or Federal guidelines on COVID-19 Health and Safety protocols.