

NM Horsemen's Association's Weekly Update Nov. 17th, 2026

ZIA CLASSIC RACES

QH Races

"NM Classic 870"
"NM Classic Filly & Mare"
"Namehimastreaker NM Classic"
"NM Classic Derby"
"NM Classic Futurity"

TB Races

"NM Classic Distaff"
"NM Classic Derby"
"NM Classic Juvenile"
"NM Classic Lassie"
"NM Classic Sprint"
"NM Classic Oaks"
"Peppers Pride NM Classic"
"Rocky Gulch NM Classic"

H·B·P·A



NMRC Monthly Meeting
November 19th, 2026
9:00 AM

NMHA Zia Park Local Committee

Larry Strain – BOD
Susie Prather – VP BOD
Denny Crozier
Helen Naves
Todd Fincher
Dallas Barton
Joel Marr
Donna McArthur

NMHA

Meeting for owners & breeders Monday, 11/23/26 from 10-12 in Mezzanine Room before Zia Cup races. Brunch served. Bring ideas of racing/breeding in 2027!

DAA Meet Champions were for QH's Wes Giles, Noe Garcia Jr., Branson and Vasquez. For TB's Todd Fincher, Oscar Andrete Jr, Bob Matney. Albuquerque will remain open for training until Sunland Park opens its backside.

No Update

Sunland Park Casino just published their Stall List for the 2027 race meet. It is attached to this newsletter.

Sunray Park and Casino are proud to bring live racing back to NW NM, and we look forward to welcoming Horsemen, racing fans and community partner's next spring.

Zia Park will be adding sand to the horse path on Wednesday after exercise. Please to do not park in this area. Dark day is Thursday and there are no schooling horses on dark day. NMHA is having a Racing/Breeders discussion on Monday, November 23rd before the races for new ideas for 2027.

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NMHA Members be sure to send in your medical receipts. Expenses for 2025 expire on December 31st, 2026. Don't get caught at the last minute trying to find things.

2026
LIVE RACING SCHEDULE

RACETRACK	STARTING	ENDING	LOCATION	ADDRESS	RACING OFFICE PHONE NUMBER
SUNLAND PARK	JANUARY 2	APRIL 5	SUNLAND PARK	1200 FUTURITY DR SUNLAND PARK, NM 88063	(575) 874-5229
SUNRAY PARK	APRIL 10	MAY 17	FARMINGTON	39 ROAD 5568 FARMINGTON, NM 87401	(505) 566-1220
RUIDOSO DOWNS @ DOWNS AT ALBUQUERQUE	MAY 22	SEPTEMBER 7	ALBUQUERQUE	145 LOUISIANA BLVD NW ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87108	(575) 378-7223 (505) 268-8668
DOWNS AT ALBUQUERQUE	SEPTEMBER 4	OCTOBER 25	ALBUQUERQUE	145 LOUISIANA BLVD NW ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87108	(505) 268-8668
ZIA PARK	OCTOBER 31	DECEMBER 15	HOBBS	3901 W MILLEN DR HOBBS, NM 88240	(575) 492-7086



NMHBA DEADLINES

DEADLINES	EVENT
FEBRUARY 1	STALLION EVA FORMS DEADLINE TO TURN IN TO NMHBA
SEPTEMBER 1	NEW BROODMARE *(INCLUDING RECIPIENTS)* REGISTRATION DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 1	ICSI PREGNANCY FORM DEADLINE—DONORS & RECIPIENT MARES
OCTOBER 1	EXPORT BROODMARE PROGRAM DEADLINE (including ICSI)
NOVEMBER 1	STALLION UPDATE FORM DEADLINE TO RETURN TO NMHBA
NOVEMBER 1	ACCEPTING 2026 NMHBA MEMBERSHIPS
DECEMBER 31	LAST DAY TO REGISTER NM BREDS BEFORE THE PRICE INCREASES **ALL HORSES AGE JANUARY 1**

2026
NM BRED STAKES RACES

RACETRACK	QUARTER HORSE STAKES	THOROUGHBRED STAKES
SUNLAND PARK Nomination Secretary (575) 874-5200	RED OR GREEN STAKES RG8 4 YRS & UP 400 YDS	NM STATE RACING COMMISSION STAKES 4 YR OLDS & UP 5 ½ FUR
	LOU WOOTEN-SYDNEY VALENTINE STAKES RG8 FILLIES/MARES 4 YR OLDS & UP 400 YDS	CORRALITO STEAK HOUSE STAKES 3 YR OLDS 6 FUR
	THE SHUE FLY RG8 3 YR OLDS 400 YDS	LA SENORA STAKES 3 YR OLD FILLIES 6 FUR
	LONNIE & CANDY ELAM MEMORIAL STAKES 4 YR OLDS & UP 870 YDS	LA CONCHA STAKES FILLIES/MARES 3 YR OLDS & UP 6 FUR
	PEPSI COLA STAKES 4 YR OLDS & UP 350 YDS	JAMISON MEMORIAL STAKES 4 YR OLDS & UP 6 ½ FUR
	SUNBURST STAKES RG8 3 YR OLD FILLIES 350 YDS	THE PEPPERS PRIDE STAKES 3 YR OLD FILLIES 1 MILE
	NMHBA QUARTER HORSE STAKE RG 8 3 YR OLDS 400 YDS	RED HEDEMAN MILE 3 YR OLDS 1 MILE
	NEW MEXICAN SPRING FUTURITY RG8 2 YR OLDS 300 YDS	ALBERT & HENRY DOMINGUEZ MEMORIAL STAKES 4 YR OLDS & UP 1 1/16TH MILES
	NEW MEXICAN SPRING FLING 2 YR OLDS THAT STARTED IN NEW MEXICAN SPRING FUTURITY & FAILED TO QUALIFY	MT. CRISTO REY STAKES 3 YR OLDS & UP 5 ½ FUR
		NEW MEXICO BREEDERS' OAKS 3 YR OLD FILLIES 1 1/16TH MILES
		NEW MEXICO BREEDERS' DERBY 3 YR OLDS 1 1/16TH MILES
		NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY STAKES 4 YR OLDS & UP 1 MILE & 70 YDS
SUNRAY PARK Nomination Secretary (505) 566-1262	NM BREEDERS' STAKES RG3 3 YR OLDS 400 YDS	RUSSELL/HELEN FOUTZ DISTAFF FILLIES/MARES 3 YR OLDS & UP 6 ½ FUR
	JIMMY DRAKE STAKES 3 YR OLDS & UP 350 YDS	JACK COLE STAKES 3 YR OLDS & UP 6 ½ FUR
	NM BREEDERS' FUTURITY RG3 2 YR OLDS 350 YDS	THE KENDRICK STAKES 3 YR OLDS 6 ½ FUR
RUIDOSO DOWNS Nomination Secretary (575) 378-7316	JESS BURNER 4 YR OLDS & UP 400 YDS	SIERRA STARLET FILLIES/MARES 4 YR OLDS & UP 5 1/2 FUR
	MOUNTAIN TOP QH DERBY 3 YR OLDS 350 YDS	LAND OF ENCHANTMENT STAKES 3 YEAR OLDS & UP 7 FUR
	MOUNTAIN TOP QH FUTURITY RG2 2 YR OLDS 350 YDS	ROAD RUNNER STAKES 3 YEAR OLDS 5 1/2 FUR
	MOUNTAIN TOP QH JUVENILE STAKES 2 YR OLDS 350 YDS	RIO GRANDE SENORITA 2 YEAR OLD FILLIES 5 1/2 FUR
	VISTA DISTAFF STAKES FILLIES/MARES 3 YR OLDS & UP 350 YDS	RIO GRANDE SENOR 2 YEAR OLD COLTS/GELDINGS 5 1/2 FUR
	ZIA QH DERBY RG2 3 YR OLDS 400 YDS	LINCOLN STAKES FILLIES/MARES 3 YEAR OLDS & UP 6 FUR
	ZIA STAKES RG2 3 YR OLDS & UP 400 YDS	
	ZIA QH FUTURITY RG1 2 YR OLDS 400 YDS	
	ZIA 870 CHAMPIONSHIP 3 YR OLDS & UP 870 YDS	
	ZIA QH JUVENILE 2 YR OLDS 400 YDS	
DOWNS AT ALBUQUERQUE Nomination Secretary (505) 266-5555 Ext. 7610	NMSF QH JUVENILE FOR 2 YR OLDS THAT STARTED IN THE NMSF QH FUTURITY TRIALS AND FAILED TO QUALIFY FOR THE FINAL 400 YDS	NMSF THOROUGHBRED FUTURITY 2 YR OLDS 6 FUR
	NMSF QH FUTURITY RG2 2 YR OLDS 400 YDS	CASEY DARNELL HANDICAP 3 YR OLDS & UP 5 ½ FUR
	NMSF QH DERBY RG3 3 YR OLDS 400 YDS	CARLOS SALAZAR FILLIES/MARES 3 YR OLDS & UP 6 ½ FUR
	FIRST MOONFLASH QH MATURITY RG2 4 YR OLDS & UP 440 YDS	CASINO AT THE DOWNS TB DERBY 3 YR OLDS 1 MILE
	CHAMPAGNE LANE STAKES FILLIES/MARES 3 YR OLDS & UP 350 YDS	PETTICOAT STAKES 3 YR OLD FILLIES 6 ½ FUR
		O.D. MCDONALD HANDICAP 3 YR OLDS & UP 7 FUR
ZIA PARK Nomination Secretary (575) 492-7084	NM CLASSIC DERBY RG2 3 YR OLDS 400 YDS	PEPPERS PRIDE NM CUP FILLIES & MARES CLASSIC 3 YR OLDS & UP 1 MILE
	NM CLASSIC FUTURITY RG2 2 YR OLDS 350 YDS	ROCKY GULCH NM CUP CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP 3 YR OLDS & UP 1 MILE & 70 YDS
	NM CLASSIC QH JUVENILE STAKES 2 YR OLDS 350 YDS	NM CLASSIC CUP SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP 3 YR OLDS & UP 6 FUR
	NM CLASSIC CUP 870 CHAMPIONSHIP G3I 3 YR OLDS & UP 870 YDS	NM CLASSIC CUP JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP 2 YR OLD COLTS/GELDINGS 6 FUR
	NM CLASSIC QH SOPHOMORE STAKES 3 YR OLDS 400 YDS	NM CLASSIC CUP DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP 3 YR OLD COLTS/GELDINGS 6 FUR
	NM QH FILLIES & MARES CHAMPIONSHIP RG1 3 YR OLDS & UP 400 YDS	NM CLASSIC CUP DISTAFF SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP FILLIES/MARES 3 YRS & UP 6 FUR
	NAMEHIMASTREAKER NM CLASSIC CUP QH CHP RG1 3 YRS & UP 440 YDS	NM CLASSIC CUP LASSIE CHAMPIONSHIP 2 YR OLD FILLIES 6 FUR
	NM CLASSIC DISTAFF STAKES FILLIES/MARES 3 YR OLDS & UP 350 YDS	NM CLASSIC CUP OAKS CHAMPIONSHIP 3 YR OLD FILLIES 6 FUR
		HOBBS FALL CLASSIC 2 YR OLDS 1 MILE 70 YDS
		LEA COUNTY STAKES 2 YR OLD FILLIES 1 MILE 70 YDS

Happenings at Sunland Park and Zia Park







SPECIAL HOTEL RATES DURING THE 2026 RACING SEASON

- 20% off Best Available Rate, based on availability
- Amenity & Reservation Service Fees Waived

To Make A Reservation:
Call Center – 866-246-3708 or
Front Desk – 575-492-7172
USE Plan Code: HORSE

*Offer Available October 31 to December 16, 2026 * Cannot be combined with any other offers * A Valid Racing Commission license must be presented at check-in*

2026 ZIA PARK LIVE RACING CALENDAR

31 Live Race Days

OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER

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29	30					

DECEMBER

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27	28	29	30	31		

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NMHBA website

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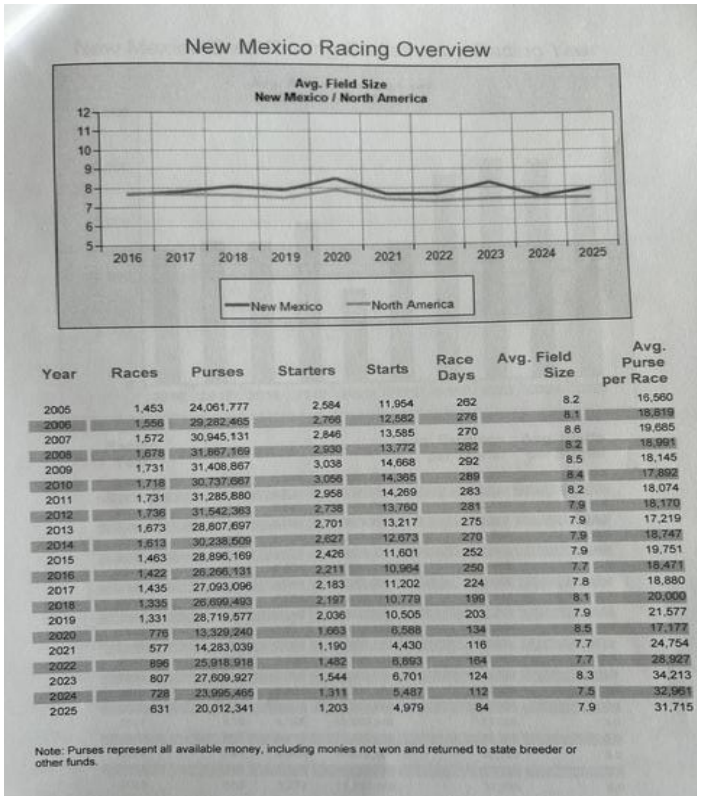
2026 - 27 NMHBA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OFFICERS	THOROUGHBRED TRUSTEES	QUARTER HORSE TRUSTEES
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HISTORY OF RACE DATES IN NEW MEXICO

YEAR	TOTAL RACE DAYS	Santa Fe @ ALB	Downs At Santa Fe	Downs At Albuquerque	NM State Fair	Sunland Park	Ruidoso Downs	SunRay Park	Zia Park
1994	347	29	47	63	26	114	68		
1995	344	28	48	63	26	111	68	Not	
1996	268		48	63	17	91	49	open	
1997	214		37	35	18	75	49	yet	
1998	194			63	17	63	51		Not
1999	215			32	22	71	62	28	open
2000	252			52	17	80	62	41	yet
2001	242			48	17	80	62	35	
2002	241			48	17	80	61	35	
2003	249			51	17	80	61	40	
2004	255			53	17	80	61	44	
2005	288			42	17	87	60	38	44
2006	303			50	17	79	60	48	49
2007	275	No		27	17	79	60	44	48
2008	293	Longer	No	42	17	77	60	44	53
2009	300	open	Longer	42	17	77	63	44	57
2010	295		open	42	17	77	60	46	53
2011	289			37	17	77	60	48	50
2012	288			37	17	77	61	42	54
2013	288			40	17	76	60	39	56
2014	288			39	17	76	61	39	56
2015	288			39	17	76	64	36	56
2016	284			43	17	72	60	36	56
2017	274			41	17	72	52	36	56
2018	263			38	17	72	47	33	56
2019	255			39	17	75	54	17	53
2020	152	COVID		9	17	48	50	0	28
2021	127	COVID		10	17	0	46	18	36
2022	206			21	17	55	47	18	48
2023	188			19	17	55	46	21	30
2024	187	No Longer open		20	17	55	47	18	30
2025	187			20	17	55	46	18	31
2026	183			30		55	49	18	31



Year	Races	Purses	Starters	Starts	Race Days	Avg. Field Size	Avg. Purse per Race
2005	1,453	24,061,777	2,584	11,954	262	8.2	16,560
2006	1,556	29,282,465	2,766	12,582	276	8.1	18,819
2007	1,572	30,945,131	2,846	13,585	270	8.6	19,685
2008	1,678	31,867,169	2,930	13,772	282	8.2	18,991
2009	1,731	31,408,867	3,038	14,668	292	8.5	18,145
2010	1,718	30,737,667	3,056	14,365	289	8.4	17,892
2011	1,731	31,285,880	2,958	14,269	283	8.2	18,074
2012	1,736	31,542,363	2,738	13,760	281	7.9	18,170
2013	1,673	28,807,697	2,701	13,217	275	7.9	17,219
2014	1,613	30,238,509	2,627	12,673	270	7.9	18,747
2015	1,463	28,896,169	2,426	11,601	252	7.9	19,751
2016	1,422	26,266,131	2,211	10,904	250	7.7	18,471
2017	1,435	27,093,096	2,183	11,202	224	7.8	18,880
2018	1,335	26,699,493	2,197	10,779	199	8.1	20,000
2019	1,331	28,719,577	2,036	10,505	203	7.9	21,577
2020	776	13,329,240	1,663	6,588	134	8.5	17,177
2021	577	14,283,039	1,190	4,430	116	7.7	24,754
2022	896	25,918,918	1,482	6,893	164	7.7	28,927
2023	807	27,609,927	1,544	6,701	124	8.3	34,213
2024	728	23,995,465	1,311	5,487	112	7.5	32,961
2025	631	20,012,341	1,203	4,979	84	7.9	31,715

Note: Purses represent all available money, including monies not won and returned to state breeder or other funds.

Reduction in race dates leads to reduction in breeding. Why breed if you can't run them!

Racetrack Gaming machines net take for 2025 was $264.4M.

Racetrack Tax Revenue for 2025 was $65.5M.

Racetracks budget is supposedly $35K per day for racing expenses during their meet, which totals $6.4 M per year for a grand expense of .024% of net take amongst all racetracks.

In spite of reduction of races, NM Races still average 7.9 starts per race, one of the highest in the country.

Because of reduction of race dates, trainers and owners have been forced to leave NM to run in neighboring states.

Racetracks' barn areas are full to capacity, most with waitlists to get stalls. There ARE enough horses to run race meets.

Horseracing is the 3rd largest industry in New Mexico, with 30,000+ indirect and related jobs across agriculture, training and tourism.

Expansion of Gaming at the expense of horse racing should never be allowed!

Horse Racing 101

BACKSIDE BASICS
RACEHORSE OWNERSHIP
IRON ROSE ACADEMY

PART 2: THE FINANCIAL SIDE OF RACEHORSE OWNERSHIP

What Does It Cost and How Do Owners Earn Money?

1 PURCHASE PRICE

The initial cost of a racehorse can vary widely depending on its pedigree, age, training, conformation, and potential. Horses can be purchased privately or at public auctions.

2 MONTHLY TRAINING COSTS

The largest ongoing expense is the daily training bill. This covers feed, stall, care, exercise, and management by the trainer's staff. Training costs can vary depending on the farm, location, add the horse's individual needs.

3 ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

Beyond the training bill, there are many other costs to consider, including veterinary care, farrier work, transportation, entries, insurance, medications, and unexpected expenses. These can add up quickly and vary depending on the horse's needs.

4 EXAMPLE MONTHLY COST BREAKDOWN

Training (daily rate)	$2,000
Feed & supplements	$300
Farrier (average)	$250
Routine veterinary care	$200
Medications (varies)	$150
Insurance (optional)	$100
Transportation (average)	$100
Entries & fees (average)	$250
Miscellaneous	$150
Estimated Total	**$3,500 / month**

Costs can vary significantly based on the horse, trainer, location, and level of competition.



5 HOW OWNERS EARN MONEY

Owners earn money primarily through racing purses. Some horses may also be sold as claiming horses or privately sold. If a horse retires to breeding, it may have additional value as a broodmare or stallion.

6 PURSE DISTRIBUTION

A race's total purse is divided among the top finishers according to the racetrack's purse structure. From the owner's share, percentages are also paid to the trainer, jockey, and other designated recipients, such as the track and racing organizations.

7 IT'S AN INVESTMENT IN A LIVING ANIMAL

Racehorse ownership is not a guaranteed financial return. Even horses that win races can cost more to maintain than they earn. It's important to understand the financial commitment and be prepared for both the rewards and the risks.

8 PLANNING AHEAD

Responsible owners consider more than just the racing career. It's important to plan for potential layups, injuries, and retirement. Every racehorse deserves a safe and appropriate future, whether that's a second career, breeding, or a comfortable retirement.

9 OPEN COMMUNICATION

Maintain clear and honest communication with your trainer about costs, racing plans, and your goals for the horse. A strong owner–trainer relationship is essential for making informed decisions throughout the horse's career.

YOUR EDUCATION IS YOURS TO LEAD.

BACKSIDE BASICS
THE STARTING GATE

HOW HORSES GET READY, LOAD, AND BREAK FROM THE GATE

1 WHAT IS THE STARTING GATE?

The starting gate is a mechanical stall used to hold horses at the start of a race. It keeps all horses lined up and (ideally) released at the same time when the race begins.

2 GATE CREW

A trained gate crew is responsible for loading the horses, keeping everyone safe, and operating the gate. Each person has a specific job, and they work together to keep the process calm, controlled, and efficient.

3 GATE SCHOOLING

Many young or inexperienced horses are gate schooled before their first race. This helps them learn to calmly enter, stand in the gate, and break out when the doors open. Horses may go in and back out multiple times until they understand the process.

4 GETTING LOADED

Horses are usually loaded in the same order as the post positions, starting with the inside (1) and working out. They are led or ponied into the gate, asked to step forward, and settle into position.

5 INSIDE THE GATE

Once the doors are closed, horses stand in individual stalls. Most will be calm, but some may be anxious, active, or even try to turn around. The gate crew is trained to handle different personalities and keep everyone safe.



THE GOAL IS ALWAYS THE SAME:

A SAFE, FAIR, AND CLEAN START FOR EVERY HORSE.

IRON ROSE ACADEMY

6 THE START

When the starter is ready, they press the button and all of the front doors open at the same time. The horses break from the gate and begin the race. A clean start helps ensure a fair and safe race for everyone.

7 COMMON GATE ISSUES

Not every horse leaves the gate perfectly. Some common issues include:

- Hesitating or refusing to load
- Jumping or rearing in the gate
- Breaking slowly
- Breaking inward or outward
- Stumbling or losing footing
- Crowding another horse

8 SAFETY FIRST

The starting gate can be a dangerous place if a horse becomes unruly. That's why an experienced gate crew, well-trained horses, and proper equipment are so important. Everyone involved follows strict safety protocols to protect the horses, riders, handlers, and gate crew.

9 FIRST TIME STARTERS

A horse's first race can be a big day! Gate schooling, proper preparation, and a calm environment make a huge differences in helping first-time starters have a positive experience.

10 EVERY TRACK IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT

While all starting gates work on the same basic principle, there can be differences between racetracks in equipment, procedures, and crew size. Horses and riders become familiar with the gate and crew at each track through training and prior experience.

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BACKSIDE BASICS
THE VETERINARIAN'S LIST

Why Horses Are Listed & How They Return to Racing

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1 WHAT IS THE VET'S LIST?

The Veterinarian's List (also called the Vet's List) is an official regulatory list of horses that are temporarily ineligible to race until certain veterinary requirements have been met. It helps protect horse welfare, jockey safety, and the integrity of racing.

2 WHY HORSES ARE PLACED ON THE LIST

Horses may be placed on the Vet's List for a variety of reasons, including:

- Lameness or unsoundness
- Illness or injury
- Bleeding (EIPH)
- Veterinary examination findings
- Regulatory concerns
- Failure to meet required time off or workout requirements

3 WHO PLACES A HORSE ON THE LIST?

Regulatory veterinarians, and other authorized racing officials, may place a horse on the Vet's List based on examination findings, observations during training or racing, or other regulatory requirements.



4 LAMENESS & SOUNDNESS CONCERNS

A horse may be listed following a pre-race examination, a post-race evaluation, or an observation during morning training. Lameness or signs of unsoundness require further veterinary evaluation and clearance before the horse can return to racing.

5 BLEEDERS & EIPH

Horses that bleed (Exercise-Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage - EIPH) may be placed on the Vet's List and are subject to specific regulatory requirements and waiting periods before they can be cleared to race again.

6 MANDATORY WAITING PERIODS

Depending on the reason a horse is listed, it may be required to remain on the list for a specified period of time before it can be considered for removal. The length of the waiting period varies based on the condition and the applicable rules.

7 VETERINARY EXAMINATIONS

Before a horse can be removed from the list, it often must pass a veterinary examination by a regulatory veterinarian. This may include a physical exam, observation at the walk and trot, and evaluation of the horse's overall condition.

8 REQUIRED WORKOUTS

Some horses must complete one or more official workouts under veterinary supervision before they can be cleared to race. A regulatory veterinarian must observe and approve the workout(s), and the horse must meet the applicable criteria.

9 RETURNING AFTER AN EXTENDED LAYOFF

Even if a horse is healthy, additional requirements apply when a horse has been off from racing for a certain amount of time.

150 DAYS — HISA POST-LAYOFF REPORT

When a covered horse returns to racing after a layoff of 150 days or more, the trainer must submit a post-layoff report through the HISA Portal. The report documents the reason for the layoff, veterinary examinations, medical and surgical treatments, and the horse's exercise history during that period.

365 DAYS — KENTUCKY RETURN-TO-RACING APPROVAL

In Kentucky, a horse that has not started in 365 days or more cannot be entered until approved by a regulatory veterinarian. Depending on the applicable requirements, the horse may also need a veterinary examination and an official timed workout before clearance.

OTHER SITUATIONS: A horse that has not made its first start before January 1 of its 4-year-old year may also be subject to additional Vet's List requirements before its racing debut.

10 REMOVING A HORSE FROM THE LIST

A horse can be removed from the Vet's List once all applicable requirements have been met. This may include:

- Expiration of the required waiting period
- Passing a veterinary examination
- Completing required workout(s)
- Meeting any additional regulatory criteria

A regulatory veterinarian will determine whether the horse is eligible for removal based on the applicable rules.

TRAINER'S VETERINARIAN VS. REGULATORY VETERINARIAN

A trainer's veterinarian works for the trainer and provides routine care, treatment, and advice for the horse.

A regulatory veterinarian is employed by the racetrack or state racing authority and is responsible for enforcing racing regulations and determining eligibility to race.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Being placed on the Vet's List does NOT mean a horse has a serious injury or that its racing career is over.
- Some horses are listed for temporary conditions and return to racing after meeting the requirements.
- Every state, and HISA, may have different rules and procedures.
- The exact requirements can vary depending on the reason the horse was listed and the racing jurisdiction.

EN ESPAÑOL

Lista del Veterinario

La Lista del Veterinario es una lista oficial de caballos que no pueden correr temporalmente hasta que se cumplan ciertos requisitos veterinarios. Un caballo puede ser incluido en la lista por cojera, lesión, enfermedad, sangrado (EIPH) u otros motivos regulatorios. Para ser retirado de la lista, el caballo debe cumplir con el período de espera requerido, pasar un examen veterinario y, en algunos casos, completar entrenamientos oficiales antes de ser elegible para correr nuevamente.

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BACKSIDE BASICS
RACEHORSE OWNERSHIP

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PART 1: UNDERSTANDING RACEHORSE OWNERSHIP

What Does It Really Mean to Own a Thoroughbred Racehorse?

1 Who Can Own a Racehorse?

Anyone can own a Thoroughbred racehorse. Horses can be owned by individuals, partnerships, syndicates, families, friends, or businesses.

2 Becoming a Licensed Owner

To race a horse, you must be licensed by the racing commission in the state where you plan to race. This typically includes an application, background check, and annual fee. The horse must also be properly registered and all ownership paperwork filed with the racetrack.

3 Types of Ownership

Horses can be owned outright by one person or shared through partnerships or syndicates. Syndicates allow multiple people to own smaller percentages, making ownership more accessible.



4 Choosing a Trainer

The trainer is responsible for the horse's daily care, training, and racing management. When choosing a trainer, it's important to find someone you trust, who communicates well, and whose program fits your goals for the horse.

5 Cost of Ownership

Owning a racehorse includes ongoing expenses such as training bills, veterinary care, farrier work, transportation, insurance, entries, and other costs. Expenses can vary depending on the horse's needs, training program, and where it races.

6 How Owners Earn Money

Owners earn money primarily through racing purses. Some horses may also be sold as claiming horses or privately if a suitable opportunity arises. If a horse retires to breeding, it may have additional value as a broodmare or stallion.

7 Purse Distribution

When a horse earns a purse, it is divided according to the racetrack's purse distribution structure. A portion goes to the owners, and portions are also paid to the trainer, jockey, and other designated recipients, such as the track and racing organizations.

8 Owner Responsibilities

Owners are responsible for paying bills, keeping their license current, ensuring all paperwork is filed, and communicating with the trainer. Most importantly, owners play a key role in the horse's care and well-being throughout its career.

9 Making Racing Decisions

Owners and trainers work together to make decisions about where and when to race, which races to enter, whether to claim, and the long-term plan for the horse. These decisions are based on the horse's condition, competition, class, and the owner's goals.

10 Planning for Retirement

A racehorse's career is limited, and part of responsible ownership is planning for its future. Many racehorses go on to second careers such as breeding, sport horse careers, or other equine pursuits. Ensuring a safe and appropriate retirement is an important part of being a racehorse owner.

Sunland Park Stall List

Barn Report

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Trainer Name	Barn	Stalls	Phone Total	
Aldavaz Hermenegildo G.	Barn E3	1-26	575-491-3962	26
Aldavaz Karina	Barn C9	13-24	575-915-8764	12
Aldavaz, Sr. Jaime G.	Barn C9	1-12	575-317-9948	12
Amparan Alberto	Barn B10	1-24	915-491-2065	24
Archuleta Adam	Barn K	7-12	505-927-7567	6
	Barn L	7-12		6
Armstrong Sherry	Barn B8	13-24	915-526-0522	12
	Barn B9	1-24		24
Barraza Rafael S.	Barn F4	25-48		24
Barrios Bernadette	Barn C10	1-28	505-516-4478	28
Barton Dallas J.	Barn E2	43-48	915-525-1201	6
Bolen Bradley C.	Barn G1	13-24, 34-36	325-212-2428/575	15
Bratcher Ryan	Barn L	13-21	720-314-9712	9
Buechler Simon J.	Barn E4	1-30, 43-48	575-644-2805	36
Cappellucci Dick	Barn A4	1-24	505-350-4688	24
	Barn A5	1-24		24
Carrete Oscar V.	Barn B6	1-12	505-550-2442	12
Chadborn, Jr. Kenneth K.	Barn C5	1-5	505-330-3872	5
Chavez Larry	Barn K	1-6	575-496-4451	6
	Barn L	1-6		6
Cross Gary W.	Barn F1	1-24	505-238-9731	24
Crotts James E.	Barn B7	17-24	520-975-8316	8
De La Cruz Vilma I.	Barn B4	20-24	915-726-4484	5
Diodoro Robertino	Barn J1	1-28, 45-48	406-381-6528	32
Dominguez Jaime	Barn C7	1-12	719-491-5565	12
Douglas Natalie	Barn O	17-24	970-764-7571	8
Durbin Kenneth	Barn E1	8-12	575-808-0132	5
Evans Justin R.	Barn E2	1-24, 35-38	602-358-5676	28
Fincher Leroy A.	Barn E3	33-36	719-680-3490	4
Fincher Todd W.	Barn J3	1-48	575-491-3873	48
Giles Jason T.	Barn J4	1-12	801-455-1415	12
Giles Wesley T.	Barn J4	13-48	801-557-4287	36
Gleason Timothy Mark	Barn E1	1-7, 18-24		14
Gonzales Sebastian	Barn J6	29-48		20
Gonzales II James J.	Barn J6	1-28	505-796-2445	28
Gonzalez Carlos C.	Barn B8	1-12	505-263-3977	12
Gonzalez Jose A.	Barn R	1-24	915-996-3982	24
Gonzalez Jose R.	Barn E1	25-48		24
Green Greg	Barn C2	1-24	602-418-8865	24
	Barn C1	1-6, 19-24		12
Guynes Donald J.	Barn F2	1-7, 18-24		14
Hall Dru S.	Barn B2	13-24		12
Hernandez Daniel	Barn M	13-24		12
Hernandez Miguel L.	Barn C8	13-14	623-332-8984	2
Hone Bart G.	Barn A6	1-24	602-684-7640	24
	Barn A7	1-12		12
Hudson Jeff D.	Barn A8	1-24	575-921-9386	24
Kereluk Edward J.	Barn B6	13-24		12
LaVanway Dayson	Barn M	1-10		10
Lambert Casey T.	Barn F2	8-17, 25-48	915-217-8153	34
Marlin Joy I.	Barn C8	1-10	504-884-4705	10
Marr Joel H.	Barn B1	1-24	915-525-1163	24
	Barn B2	1-12		12
Martinez Danny E.	Barn E3	37-42	505-690-8663	6
Martinez, Jr. O. A.	Barn C8	15-24		10
McArthur Donna	Barn J1	29-44	562-208-0497	16
McCartney Jack	Barn O	13-16		4
	Barn P	13-24		12
McFarlane Dan L.	Barn Q	13-24		12
Meridyth David	Barn J5 - Receiving	25-48	432-349-5266	24
Middleton G. Allen	Barn C8	11-12	915-227-8842	2
Morales Danny	Barn C4	1-15	575-808-7402	15
Moreno Edgar	Barn C4	16-24	505-307-5771	9
Olguin Ever	Barn E3	27-32, 44-48	505-417-9347	11
Orona, Sr. Martin	Barn N	1-12	575-618-0119	12
Quiroz Filiberto	Barn J2	1-29, 41-48	562-326-0116	37
Rodriguez Manuel A.	Barn B3	1-12		12
Rust Terri	Barn C3	1-24	575-605-1844	24
Sanchez, Jr. Jorge Luis	Barn B4	1-12	432-266-0502	12
Sedillo Richard D.	Barn C5	13-24	915-471-6845	12
Sedillo Tony E.	Barn C6	1-24	915-474-3978	24
Silva Lillian N.	Barn A7	13-24	915-253-5872	12
Singh Johnny	Barn B4	13-19	915-449-0698	7
Soto Salvador R.	Barn A3	1-12	915-630-1491	12
Torres Juan D.	Barn A3	19-24	575-208-8005	6
Trujillo Jeffrey J.	Barn N	13-19	505-231-5496	7
Trujillo, Jr Celio E.	Barn C5	8-12	505-608-2154	5
Tsosie Terrill	Barn E4	31-42		12
Valdez-Cabral Martin Manuel	Barn F3	1-48		48
Valenzuela Eric	Barn O	1-12		12
	Barn P	1-12		12
Valenzuela Luis A.	Barn B7	9-16		8
Valerio Raymond G.	Barn C7	13-24	575-770-1529	12
Valles Rodolfo G.	Barn A3	13-18	505-916-6987	6
Vaughn Lonnie H.	Barn B3	13-24	505-450-2481	12
Wood S. Trey	Barn H1	1-35	915-490-4828	35
Woolley, Jr. Bennie L.	Barn B5	1-24	505-252-9268	24
Zimmerman Jon Phil	Barn G1	25-33		9

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To foster and promote the horse racing industry in the State of New Mexico.

To give assistance to OWNERS, TRAINERS and their employees in their medical expenses due to illness and accidents related to the industry. Medical guidelines will be established by the Board of Directors and published for the members.

To institute or aid in any movement that will aid or protect the general welfare of the Horse Racing Industry, including the interest of Owners, Trainers and their employees.

To bring about a closer and more understanding relationship among Breeders, Owners, Trainers, Racing Management, the Racing Commission and the Public.

To take part and advise with the legislative bodies, state agencies, track management and the State Racing Commission in the establishment of statutes, directives, proper rules and conditions which affect, in any manner, the interest of the Owners, Trainers and their employees.

To keep the membership of the Association informed concerning all Association business.

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