



## Fairgrounds Backside Policies

### 2025 - 2026 VACCINATION ADVISORY

For the benefit and well-being of all horses wishing to participate in Fair Grounds 2025 - 2026 race meet and to maintain the integrity of said race meet, Fair Grounds recommends the guidelines listed below:

#### For Resident Horses:

Trainers are responsible for maintaining current vaccination records at their barns and must make said records available for inspection upon request of a representative of Fair Grounds management.

Vaccination records of claimed horses must be transferred by the previous trainer to the claiming trainer within 24 hours of official transfer of ownership.

#### For Entry to the Barn Area for Stabling:

All horses seeking entrance into the Fair Grounds' stable area/racetrack must be accompanied by and listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) that has been signed and dated within thirty (30) days of arrival by a licensed veterinarian, and which shall contain the following written statement: The horses listed on this Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) have not originated from, not been stabled on a premises which has had Equine Herpes virus (EHV-1) diagnosed during the previous thirty (30) day period.

Additionally, each horse seeking entrance into Fair Grounds' stable area should be vaccinated against Equine Herpes virus Type 1 (EHV-1) by a licensed veterinarian within a minimum of fourteen (14) days and a maximum of ninety (90) days prior to entry into the stable area. The Certificate of Veterinary Medicine (CVI) shall indicate the date of the vaccination and the specific vaccine product used to vaccinate each horse.

### Reportable Diseases

Veterinarians are to report to the Commission Veterinarian any horse(s) suspected of being infected with or demonstrating symptoms consistent with any of the following disease/organisms:

- Equine rhinopneumonitis/Equine Herpes virus Type 1
- Streptococcus equi
- Equine encephalitis (Eastern/Western/Venezuelan)
- West Nile Virus
- Equine Viral Arteritis
- Vesicular conditions
- Equine Infectious Anemia
- Any disease classified by USDA as a foreign animal disease

In the absence of a specific presumptive diagnosis, the presence of infectious disease affecting fifteen (15) percent or more of horses in a barn must be reported.

### TRACK TRAINING RULES & POLICIES

- The main track training hours will be conducted with a 2-break schedule on Mondays through Sundays with the exception of specific holidays TBA by track management.
- TRAINING HOURS** will be conducted 5:30am through 10:15am daily with breaks occurring 7:00am – 7:30am & 8:45am – 9:15am. At the reopening of the racetrack following the 7:00am – 7:30am break, only horses that are participating in timed workouts can enter the racetrack until 7:50am. (Times may fluctuate due to unforeseen circumstances that may alter training schedule. Horsemen should abide by outriders/security public announcement calls for opening and closing of the racetrack.
- STARTING GATE SCHOOLING/WORKOUTS** will be conducted 7:30am through 10:00am daily with the exceptions of Tuesdays. (Track Management reserves the right to alter

schooling days due to holidays or unforeseen circumstances)

- Fair Grounds reserves the right to alter or cancel daily training time sessions due to inclement weather conditions or any other unforeseen circumstances.
- Trainers shall report to racing officials/clockers the names of and the distances to be worked on all horses entering the track for workouts. Failure to comply with this rule shall be referred to the stewards.
- All licensed personnel, which include exercise riders, jockeys, owners, trainers, assistant trainers, pony persons and others on horseback anywhere on Fair Grounds property must wear both safety vest and helmets. Chin straps must be buckled at all times. A safety helmet or safety vest shall not be altered in any manner nor shall the product marking be removed or defaced.

#### •**MANDATORY SAFETY HELMETS**

**REQUIREMENTS:** Taken from the **ARCI-008-100(z) Model Rules**, helmet must comply with one of the following minimum safety standards or later revisions: **a) American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM 1163); b) European Standards (EN-1384 Or PAS-015 or VG1); c) Australian/New Zealand Standards (AS/NZ 38380; d) ARB HS 2012 or Snell Equestrian Standard 2001**

**MANDATORY SAFETY VEST REQUIREMENTS:** Taken from the **ARCI-008-100(z) Model Rules**, the safety vest must comply with one of the following minimum standards or later revisions: **a) British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA): 2000 Level 1 b) Euro norm (EN) 13158:2000 Level 1 c) American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F2681-08 or F1937 d) Shoe and Allied Trade Research Association (SATRA) Jockey Vest Document M6 Issue 3 e) Australian Racing Board (ARB) Standard 1.1998**

- The usage of cellular devices or ear pods while on horseback is strictly prohibited. The usage or flying of drones on Fair Grounds property is strictly prohibited without the formal consent of Fair Grounds Management.
- Inside rail is reserved for horses participating in workouts only. When galloping, use the center part of the racetrack. Stay well off the inside rail.

- Galloping the wrong way is strictly prohibited. Horses backtracking must yield to horses leaving the starting gate. Be mindful of activity at starting gate and follow instructions given by Starter, Assistant Starters or Outriders. Failure to adhere to directions given by Racing Officials may result in referral to the stewards which could result in fines and the loss of galloping/workout privileges.

- Horsemen are not allowed to stand on the racetrack during training hours. Please use the designated viewing stand areas.

- Fair Grounds utilizes an Audio/Visual Equine Safety Alarm System. In any situation involving an accident on the racetrack, the alarm system will be activated. Anyone on horseback should stay alert and stop training/workout regiments until an ALL CLEAR is given by Racing Officials. While alarm is activated, trainers should refrain from sending horses onto the racetrack until the ALL CLEAR is announced. (Violators of this policy will be referred to stewards which could result in fines and the loss of galloping/workout privileges)

- Any horse that is placed on a regulatory Stewards, Veterinarians or Starters list must meet certain guidelines to be eligible to enter into a race following being placed on set forth list. It is the trainer's responsibility to obtain the information required to be removed from any list. Horses that require official workouts and blood sampling submission to be eligible for removal from Vet's List must schedule a time and date with the Louisiana State Veterinarian.

- If any owner, trainer, assistant trainer, groom, stable attendant or exercise rider interferes with or uses abusive language to a LSRC veterinarian / Fair Grounds Racing Official while in the discharge of their duties shall be referred to Stewards which can result in fines and suspensions.

- WARNING: UNDER LOUISIANA LAW, AN EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR OR EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISK OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO R.S.9:2795.1.**

## **BACKSIDE PET AND LIVESTOCK POLICY**

- Pets must be confined to Trainers / Assistant Trainers assigned tack rooms or office. Pets are not allowed to roam free in shed rows or areas outside of barns. Upon exiting vehicles, pet must be on a leash or harness at all times.
- Person who walks pets are responsible for immediately cleaning up after their animal and discarding securely bagged pet droppings in trash cans provided on backside.
- No pets allowed in barn sleeping quarters or dormitory sleeping quarters throughout the property unless assistance dog verification is provided to management.

## **SECURITY AND SHIP IN INFORMATION**

All 18-wheeler horse trailers delivering horses will enter through the Aubry Street gate of f of Gentilly Boulevard. All other trailers delivering horses (homemade trailers, gooseneck trailers, etc.) will enter through the Belfort Street gate. They will be able to enter the barn area during training hours. Horse trailers and 18 wheelers will not be allowed in the barn area to pick up horses between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

## **PARKING AND HANG TAG INFORMATION**

Window stickers and hang tags will be issued as follows:

**Stable Area** – Mario Torres

**Owners, Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Jockeys and Agents** – Racing Office.

**Vendors, Blacksmiths and Veterinarians** – Fair Grounds Security.

- Anyone providing products to the horsemen on Fair Grounds property must apply for a vendors permit. For more details please contact Fair Grounds Security at (504-948-1127).
- Anyone found in violation of the parking area policies will be subject to having vehicle booted by Fair Grounds Security. There will be a \$50 boot removal fee.

## **BAN ON HORSE SLAUGHTER**

Any owner or trainer who directly or indirectly participates in the transport or sale of a horse previously stabled at a CDI property to a slaughter facility or to an auction that facilitates

sales of horses for slaughter, shall permanently forfeit all stalling and racing privileges at any CDI property.

## **TRPB DIGITAL TATTOOS – 2025 UPDATE – FAIR GROUNDS**

In effect since January 2020, a Thoroughbred making its first lifetime start requires a TRPB Digital Tattoo™.

Sign up for tattooing at the Fair Grounds race office, and list the horse's name, barn number, your name and cell phone number. A Digital Tattoo™ is required for any horse that is planning to make their first lifetime start at Fair Grounds.

All foals of 2017 thru 2025 have microchip numbers on The Jockey Club foal registration papers which the TRPB Technician will validate prior to confirming the markings and documenting through digital photos.

The TRPB Technician will scan the microchip to access the digital copy of the foal certificate, validate the information, verify the markings, color and gender, then take 10 -14 photos of the horse to digitally document all equine attributes. Bandages, poultice, blankets must be removed, and the horse must be named by the time the TRPB Technician is present to certify its identity.

The Digital Tattoo™ fee is \$110 which MUST be paid prior to the TRPB Technician performing the work. Payment can be made by Credit Card, only.

The TRPB Technicians at Fair Grounds are Stephanie Vander Boon 616-481-1534 & Tyler Woodley 337-326-0695. Any questions about Digital Tattoos can be directed to TRPB Horse ID at 410-398- 2261 Ext. 600 or tattoo@trpb.com

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ)**

### **NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality requires Fair Grounds' stable area to maintain a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permit. This permit requires Applicant and his/her employees to do the

following: (1) place all used shavings and/or straw in designated manure bins in order to keep them from running into the storm drain water system; (2) attach all washers to sanitary hook-ups and prevent all washers and ice machines from running into the storm water drain; (3) otherwise comply with Fair Grounds' best management practices as required by the permit. Applicant acknowledges and agrees that the Fair Grounds will use Video surveillance to monitor Applicant's and Applicant's employees' compliance with these requirements and the stable area will be subject to inspections by Fair Grounds' personnel, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the New Orleans Sewage and Water Board and the Environmental Protection Agency. An information and training package regarding the rules and regulations will be presented to each trainer at time of arrival. Applicant further acknowledges and agrees that for Applicant's and his/her employees' failure to comply with these requirements, the first offense is \$250; the second offense is \$500; the third offense will result in revocation of this Stall Application and Applicant's prompt removal of all horses from Fair Grounds' stable area.

**To maintain acceptable levels it is imperative that the following rules be taught to your stable workers and that they see this is important to you that they remain compliant.**

- All dumpsters must have lids and all lids must be closed when not in use. Dumpsters can not be overloaded to prohibit lid from closing completely.
- All storm drains must not be covered or blocked.
- All hoses must be equipped with nozzle. At the Fair Grounds, hoses without nozzles will be confiscated.
- Hay, manure, shavings and bedding are prohibited from being washed down storm drains. They must be swept up and placed into dumpsters.

**Bi-lingual signage will be posted throughout the backside.**

Members of FGNO Security team, FGNO staff, Louisiana State Police Racing Detail will be identifying any and all violations observed. FGNO Security team will investigate and

handle all documentation of all observed or reported violations. The warnings, steward citations, steward fines or steward evictions will be enforced and documented under the trainer's name. Each trainer will receive a copy of the DEQ Violation Report which will identify FGNO Security personnel completing the report, photographs, the date, time, weather condition, violation, action taken and the stable worker involved. The consequences of violations will be progressive becoming more severe based on frequency.

**Individuals will be subject to monetary fines if found to be blatantly disregarding these rules.**

## **ANTI-HARASSMENT AND WORKPLACE VIOLENCE POLICY**

Fair Grounds is committed to preventing violence on its property and to maintaining a safe environment for its Team Members, guests, and other third parties. Fair Grounds does not tolerate fighting, "horseplay," or other conduct that may lead to violence or be dangerous to others, including conduct that threatens, intimidates, or coerces another person or group of people while at work. This prohibition includes all acts of harassment. All threats of (or actual) violence, both direct and indirect as well as verbal or written threats, must be immediately reported to Fair Grounds' Human Resources, a department manager, or any other member of Fair Grounds management. This includes threats by Team Members, as well as threats by vendors, solicitors, or other members of the public.

Fair Grounds promptly and thoroughly investigates all reports of threats of (or actual) violence or harassment, and of suspicious individuals or activities. Any Team Member, guest, or other third party who violates this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, exclusion from the property and/or revocation of stalling privileges.