



# How To Race Your Horse **DURING COVID-19**



**RED SHORES**  
**RACETRACK & CASINO**  
AT CHARLOTTETOWN DRIVING PARK

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## ENTER YOUR HORSE TO RACE

Call the Race Office on draw day (902-629-6634) - declarations must be in by 9 am.

Red Shores draw schedule is as follows:

- Friday for Wednesday
- Monday for Thursday
- Tuesday for Friday
- Wednesday for Saturday
- Thursday for Sunday

After the draw is complete, Red Shores will contact trainers for information regarding the names of persons required to be on site during race day.

- 1-2 horses - 1 trainer + 1 groom
- 3-4 horses - 1 trainer + 2 grooms
- 5-6 horses - 1 trainer + 3 grooms
- 7+ horses - 1 trainer + 4 grooms

## PADDOCK ENTRY PROTOCOL

1 race paddock.

1 groom or trainer per horse will be permitted in the paddock area.

Horses entering the paddock can only do so after the previous race is on the racetrack. No horses will be permitted into the paddock until all horses from the previous race have exited.

The Paddock Judge will direct you to your designated stall in the paddock – please await his directions.

Security in the paddock area will ensure only grooms for the horses in each race enter the paddock area. Security will also ensure social distancing requirements are being met.

When it is time to go to the paddock, the groom will take the race bike and any other gear in. The groom will take the horse in. Once in the paddock, the groom must remain there until it is time to take the horse out to post parade.

The groom is the **ONLY** person responsible for bringing in horse equipment and the horse into the paddock.

The Paddock Judge will come over and check the tattoo of each horse. The groom will move to the back of the adjacent stall until the Paddock Judge leaves.

The groom will go to the head of the horse and the driver of each horse will stand at the back of the stall, at the race bike.

Each groom will walk each horse through the outdoor paddock area and into the ship-in yard area towards the ramp. The groom will wait in the ship-in yard area, following social distancing rules, until every horse is out of the paddock. If the groom needs to go back into the paddock for a blanket or gear, they will do so at this time and leave promptly.

The paddock stalls will be cleaned/sanitized prior to the next race participants using those stalls.

## SHIP-IN ENTRY PROTOCOL

On qualifying/race day, **ONLY** the people on the approved list will be permitted through the gates.

Trucks will pull into the **ENTRANCE** (gate closest to paddock barn) gate on Park Street, stop at the security checkpoint and provide names of individuals in the vehicle. Security will verify against approved entry list. Security will be required to ask questions regarding COVID-19.

Approved persons will drive their truck/trailer into the ship-in yard, unload horses and take horses directly to their designated stall. Hooks will be available for each person's gear to enable each person to stay in their allocated area. Trucks/trailers will be pulled out through the **EXIT** gate on Park Street and will park in designated parking areas. The person parking the truck/trailer will re-enter ship-in area through the **ENTRANCE** gate.

Saddle pads will be cleaned/sanitized before being dropped off to each allotted ship-in stall. After each qualifier/race card, the saddle pads **MUST** be returned to the provided "saddle pad return" bin. Failing to return saddle pads is subject to fines.

When it is time to go to the paddock, the groom will take the race bike and any other gear over, first. The groom will take the horse over, next. Once in the paddock, the groom must remain there until it is time to take the horse out to post parade.

Trucks/trailers will pull in using the same gate as when they arrived – going through the security checkpoint again. Horses will be loaded onto trailers. Trucks/trailers will exit through the gate they previously exited through.





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## RACE OFFICE ENTRY PROTOCOL

1. 3 PEOPLE **MAXIMUM** IN THE RACE OFFICE AT ONE TIME
  - a. 1 PERSON AT FRONT WINDOW
  - b. 1 PERSON IN THE MIDDLE ENTRYWAY
  - c. 1 PERSON BY THE OUTSIDE DOOR
2. PLEASE STAND ON THE “**STAND HERE**” SIGNS ON THE FLOOR TO ENSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING
3. PLEASE WAIT OUTSIDE IF YOU OPEN THE DOOR AND SOMEONE IS WAITING IN THE AREA AS SOON AS YOU OPEN THE DOOR
4. PLEASE USE HAND SANITIZER BEFORE AND AFTER TOUCHING THE DEBIT MACHINE
5. NO STOPPING TO TALK TO ANYONE WAITING IN LINE – IN & OUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
6. IF YOU HAVE BEEN OUT OF PROVINCE/COUNTRY IN THE PAST 14 DAYS OR HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS (TROUBLE BREATHING, FEVER, COUGH) PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE RACE OFFICE

## TEST BARN PROTOCOL

Changes to usual procedures:

- Masks and gloves are required before entering the test barn area.
  - Red Shores will supply masks and gloves for the area
  - Grooms are permitted to wear their own supplied masks
- A maximum of one person may enter the retention area with a horse called to test.
- Every effort must be made to keep at least 2m (6ft) between people at all times.
- Horses must be attended by one handler at all times.
- Retention time will be reduced to 40 minutes (from 60 minutes).
- Horsepersons are requested to keep cooling out and bathing time to a minimum.
- Horsepersons should only touch their own horse and equipment, wash stall cross-ties, hoses and faucets. Retention area staff will open and close all doors as needed.
- Handlers will provide their name and license number to the Test Inspector in lieu of a signature as witness to the sample collection.
- Handlers may not enter the stall with the Test Inspector and horse unless specifically requested by the Test Inspector. They may witness sample collection via the peephole if the stall door is closed.
- Handlers may not enter the office and/or sample processing areas. They may witness sample processing from designated areas.
- Handlers must stand on the opposite side of the horse from the Test Inspector during blood collections.



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## HORSEMAN'S INFO

The only people permitted into the paddock area: grooms, drivers, Paddock Judge, cleaner, Security Officer, and Racing Management.

The term groom is interchangeable with the term trainer – the trainer may act as the groom.

If you are a driver only during a race card you will have access to the ship-in and paddock areas through the ship-in entrance.

Hand washing stations will be placed in the ship-in and paddock area.

Hand sanitizer stations will be placed throughout the ship-in and paddock area.

If you are not qualifying/racing a horse, you are not permitted into the barnyard during the hours of a race card.

The barnyard will be closed at midnight (12:00 AM).

No blacksmiths are permitted into the barnyard area **EXCEPT** the racetrack blacksmith unless approved by Red Shores.

Standing at the fence in between races will be permitted - social distancing measures will be required. Signage will be posted.

Please choose a groom that can handle the horse(s) you are racing. The groom will oversee the horse the entire time it is in the paddock.

If racing more than 2 horses out of the barnyard area, Red Shores suggests having a person in the paddock that will remain in the paddock for the race card; one person in the stabling barnyard to tend to horses once they are finished racing; and one or two warm-up people. This will limit the number of people entering the paddock area.

There will be no Food & Beverage services on site during this phase. The Grandstand will remain closed.

Red Shores will deliver saddle pads to ship-in and stabling barnyard areas prior to 3 pm on race days.

After each qualifier/race card, the saddle pads **MUST** be returned to the provided "saddle pad return" bin. Failing to return saddle pads is subject to fines.

Winning horses getting their pictures taken can be accompanied by the groom OR trainer (at the head of the horse) and driver.

During race events, all approved race participants must be 14 years of age and older and must be licensed by Standardbred Canada.

The Lasix program will operate as usual – only 1 person per horse permitted.

Race participants should complete required work promptly after horses have raced – no loitering once barn work has been completed.

When a horse comes off the racetrack surface, down the ramp and into the ship-in yard area, the person warming up the horse will get off the bike while the **designated groom** will hold the horse by the head on one side.

The person warming up the horse will get off the race bike, hang the reins and walk on the opposite side of the horse as the groom is on. The **groom** will remove the jog cart or race bike. The **groom** will take the race bike into the paddock and to the assigned stall. The **groom** will return to the opposite side of the horse and lead the horse into the paddock and into the assigned stall.

The person warming up the horse either returns to the barnyard area or stays in the ship-in yard area and practice social distancing until the race is over. The warm-up person **DOES NOT** enter the paddock area.

Once the race is completed, if the driver needs to remain in the paddock area for the next race, the horse will come down the ramp.

**Option A (no removal of race bike):** The groom will hold the horses head while the driver gets off the race bike, hang the reins and leaves. The warm-up person will take the reins and get on the bike, returning the horse to the barnyard area or ship-in area.

**Option B (changing from bike to cart):** If race bikes need to be exchanged for jog cart, the driver will hold the horse by the head while the groom exchanges bikes.

If the **groom** is waiting for the next horse to arrive, they will wait in the **ship-in yard** area.

If you are in the paddock area and waiting for someone to come take your horse back to the barnyard area, please use the first 2 outdoor ship-in stalls.

Transportation from the barn area to the paddock area will be available and limited to one person per ride and the passenger must sit in the very back seat.

