



PLAINRIDGE PARK
CASINO

PROTOCOLS FOR CONDUCT OF LIVE RACING UNDER COVID-19

The conduct of live harness racing in a safe, controlled and sustainable fashion is the paramount and shared goal of stakeholders Plainridge Park Casino (PPC), the Harness Horsemen's Association of New England (HHANE) and the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC).

The following policies shall be put into effect with the start of live racing at PPC at a date to be determined based on guidance from the State, the MGC and health officials.

The goal of these procedures shall be to meet or exceed the recommended guidelines as set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Massachusetts Department of Health, local health officials and shall be consistent with the comprehensive outline for dealing with COVID-19 as set forth in the state's "Reopening Massachusetts" plan published on May 18, 2020, and with the Minimum Requirements set by the MGC.

All of the enclosed procedures are subject to constant review by the stakeholders and outside health experts with any updating or changes being communicated to stakeholders in an expedited fashion.

General Guidelines:

PPC, HHANE and MGC shall develop a communication checklist with contact information of key members of each organization (cell phone/email) to establish and execute procedures in the execution of the attached protocols. Horsemen and PPC employees will be encouraged to sign up for PPC Textcaster system to receive pertinent and up to date information via text messaging.

PPC shall develop a communications plan to inform guests of its expectations regarding COVID-19. PPC's communications plan, website, and signage at points of entry shall list COVID-19 symptoms and direct guests not to visit/enter if they indicate "YES" to feeling or exhibiting any symptoms. The communications plan, website, and signage also shall direct guests not to visit/enter if they have traveled to any CDC Level 3 Warning country in the past 14 days (list countries), or have come into close contact with an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days, and shall further discourage people at increased risk for severe illness or who are generally feeling ill from entering the property.

While on the grounds of PPC all individuals shall wear a suitable face mask at all times that covers the nose and mouth. The only exception is for horsemen while racing or training a horse

while on the track.

At all times, individuals on the grounds of PPC shall follow appropriate social distancing (maintaining at least a 6-foot clearance from any other individual). Individuals should not congregate in groups. Individuals may be removed from PPC grounds for failure to adhere to rules/protocols put in place.

PPC, MGC and individual horsemen shall be responsible for training their employees on COVID-19 best practices including reminders on social distancing requirements, outlining proper hygiene (including frequent hand washings and regular use of sanitizer) and ensuring the use of face masks at all times.

Horsemen should make themselves aware of potential COVID-19 symptoms and check themselves for symptoms prior to their arrival at PPC. Individuals showing signs of symptoms shall not enter the restricted areas and should take proper precautions to self-quarantine or seek medical attention.

All individuals entering PPC racing areas shall be temperature checked by Security. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher will be logged by Security and shall not be permitted entry and will not be permitted to enter PPC grounds for a minimum of fourteen (14) days.

Employees of PPC and MGC shall follow the published requirements in place by their employers regarding presence of potential COVID-19 symptoms and their ability to work under such conditions.

All horsemen entering PPC grounds shall sign and have on file a COVID-19 release form.

Access to Racing Areas:

Access shall only be through designated points of entry as determined by PPC.

All individuals will be temperature checked at the Security checkpoint.

All individuals must have MGC license or authorization visible and will be logged in by security.

Access shall be restricted to essential, MGC licensed or authorized personnel required for the conduct of live racing (or qualifiers.) Essential personnel shall be defined as:

- PPC racing officials/staff
- PPC maintenance staff
- MGC racing officials/staff
- Trainers
- Drivers

- Grooms
- Veterinarians
- Farrier
- Outrider
- Medical personnel
- Any other positions or individuals as determined by PPC or MGC

No owners, unless they fall under a category listed above, shall be permitted access to any restricted racing areas. No guests shall be permitted entry to restricted areas and no one under the age of 16 shall be permitted in the restricted racing areas.

Only individuals with horses entered to race on that day or have prior approval from MGC and PPC shall be permitted access to the restricted racing areas.

Ship-Ins/Barn Area

Only horses approved by the Racing Secretary shall be approved to ship in. Proper equine health information for each horse arriving at PPC is required.

Parking for ship-in vehicles shall be designated by PPC.

Only horses racing on that day may ship in. No training of horses will be permitted at any time.

All horses shipping onto grounds of PPC will be assigned specific stalls by the Racing Secretary. Spacing of stalls to promote social distancing requirements shall be done.

Horses requiring Lasix shall be required to arrive in time for Lasix to be administered no later than four (4) hours prior to the scheduled post time of their race. Horses not requiring Lasix shall arrive no later than three (3) hours prior to their scheduled race post time.

Lasix will be administered outside at a designated Lasix veterinarian's office no later than four (4) hours prior to the scheduled post time of their race.

Only minimum staffing may accompany each horse brought on the grounds. A trainer with only one (1) horse shall have only one groom accompany the horse. A trainer with 2-5 horses may have two (2) grooms. Exceptions shall be made for those individuals that are a driver/trainer with one groom for every two horses entered shall be permitted in such situation, or at the discretion/approval of the Racing Secretary and MGC.

Individuals in the barn area should exhibit proper social distancing at all times and wear a proper mask covering the nose and mouth at all times.

Horsemen, Trainers and their contractors/vendors/employees shall be responsible for cleaning frequently touched surfaces (e.g. faucets, door handles etc..) throughout the barn areas where they are assigned and shall be responsible for making sanitizer available for their contractors, vendors, and employees in the areas where they operate.

PPC will clean all common areas of the paddock and barn area and provide sanitizer in those same areas.

Identification of horses shall take place at ship in stall.

Horses shall prepare and warm up prior to their races from ship-in stalls. Saddle pads will be left at each stall. Horses should not proceed to the paddock until their race is called.

Individuals may bring their own food and beverages to the barn area but should not share and should dispose of trash in proper receptacles.

Horsemen are required to thoroughly clean their assigned stalls prior to leaving and PPC shall keep records of individuals not adhering to this requirement. All trailers and equipment shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. No overnight stabling of horses shall be permitted unless it is an emergency situation and approved by the Racing Secretary.

Race Paddock

Only individuals associated with horses approved to be in the paddock should be present.

The paddock judge will assign races/horses to the appropriate paddock stalls. Every effort will be made to provide separation between horses and races in paddock and to rotate use of paddock stalls throughout the race card. Paddock stalls will be disinfected daily with CDC-approved cleaning solutions.

Horsemen should make efforts to assist in cleaning all common equipment/high touch point items in paddock (cross ties, faucets) and sharing of equipment or tools should be discouraged. Use of work gloves is encouraged.

Saddle pads shall be cleaned and disinfected after each race.

Paddock lounge shall be locked. Individuals shall not congregate in any common area of the paddock (near TV, etc.) and are encouraged to practice safe distancing including moving outside, weather permitting, whenever possible.

Only the bathrooms shall be utilized in locker room facilities. Staff shall be deployed regularly to clean and disinfect restrooms and other high touch point locations.

Driver/Trainers should arrive at track with colors (and a spare or change if needed) and their necessary equipment for the race day.

Individuals should not enter any racing official's office areas in the Paddock unless instructed.

Proper distancing should be practiced with horses going from paddock to the racetrack and from racetrack to paddock. Weather permitting, drivers should get on/off their race bike outside of the paddock. Drivers should regularly clean their race bikes.

No winner's circle ceremony shall take place. The photographer will attempt to take a win picture with the driver only.

Racing Office

No individuals other than race office staff and MGC shall be permitted in the racing office building. All individuals must wear masks covering the nose and mouth.

Office space use and configuration shall comply with the Sector Specific Workplace Safety Standards for Office Spaces to Address COVID-19 as issued by the Department of Labor Standards.

All entries will be made on-line or via telephone; racing updates shall be communicated via Textcaster.

All draws will be done via conference call or other approved method.

MGC

Horsemen are responsible for bringing their own pens to Lasix administration and the Test Barn.

Horsemen shall stand on the opposite side of their horse from the veterinarian during blood draws.

Horsemen will observe the sealing of samples from outside of the Test Barn office to maintain social distancing.

MGC Offices/Licensing

License applications shall be emailed, faxed or mailed to the MGC Division of Racing.

Judges hearings shall be held via video or conference call when possible.

Racing Officials/Employees in Main Gaming/Racetrack Building

Only essential racing officials, employees and 3rd party vendors shall be permitted in the main gaming/racetrack building (“main building”) during racing. (Until such time as spectators are permitted as described below).

All individuals entering the main building should follow the previously outlined requirements for individuals regarding self-checking for COVID-19 symptoms and following the respective policies put in place.

All individuals entering the main building shall be temperature checked.

All individuals entering the main building must practice social distancing and must wear face coverings at all times except where unsafe due to disability or medical condition.

Racing official office areas will be arranged to separate individuals as much as possible and, if necessary, physical barriers may be added. Racing office space use and configuration shall otherwise comply with the Sector Specific Workplace Safety Standards for Office Spaces to Address COVID-19 as issued by the Department of Labor Standards and all Minimum Requirements set by the Commission.

Individuals shall make efforts to keep their respective areas clean and sanitized.

At such time that spectators for outdoor viewing are permitted by Executive Order issued by the Governor as part of the Commonwealth's phased re-opening plan, the following limitations shall apply:

- Spectators may not gather in groups of more than six people
- The occupancy level in the outdoor apron area adjacent to the main building shall not exceed a count necessary to ensure that proper social distancing practices can be achieved.
- All spectators must wear face masks except where unsafe due to disability or medical condition
- Food or beverage service and consumption shall be restricted to designated areas, which shall be operated in accordance with Sector-Specific Workplace Safety Standards for restaurants.
- Bars shall remain closed until permitted to re-open by Executive Order issued by the Governor as part of Commonwealth's phased re-opening plan and until further MGC guidance
- Spectators shall not be allowed to carry or drink beverages while moving about the outside spectating area. Staff shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that guests comply with this rule.

The indoor areas, including the simulcasting area, at the gaming establishment shall be subject to the Minimum Requirements for the Initial Phase 3 Opening of Gaming Establishments and any superseding rules adopted by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

PPC/MGC shall take appropriate actions in the event of a positive test for COVID-19 by a horseman or PPC/MGC employee who was in the racing areas or in contact with individuals associated with the conduct of racing. These actions could include access restrictions for certain individuals for a certain period of time, additional cleaning requirements or cessation of racing for a period of time to take further appropriate measure to ensure the health and safety of all individuals. PPC will designate (and identify for the MGC) a Key-level employee to act as the Pandemic Safety Officer-a liaison to federal, state, and local public health agencies. This liaison

shall be responsible for notifying the local Board of Health, as well as the MGC, if there is a report of a COVID-19 positive case, and to assist with data sharing and identification of individuals for contact tracing purposes.