



Ocean Downs Casino general conditions for 2018

Deadline for submitting racing applications is May 18, 2018.

An up to date Coggins test (within the last 12 months) must be on file with the USTA Electronic eligibility system or the race office. No entries will be accepted without it.

A “release of liability” form and proof of Workmen’s Compensation Insurance must be on file with the race office and MD Racing Commission from all trainers and their employees prior to any horse being accepted.

Racing dates: June 3- Sept 3

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, Post Time 7:05 pm
Dark: Tuesday, Friday, Saturday
NO racing on Thursday, July 27.

Draw schedule

Sunday for Wednesday-box closes @ 9am
Monday for Thursday-box closes @ 9am
Wednesday for Sunday-box closes @ 9am
Thursday for Monday-box closes @ 9 am
Scratch time and driver changes by 9:30 am next day

Racing applications:

- An application to race at Ocean Downs, listing all the horses you wish to race at the 2017 meet, must be on file in the race office by May 18, 2018 to be classified. Any application received after that date will not be reviewed until May 24, 2018. Subsequently, all new applications and reviews will be held on Thursdays
- All forms related to purse checks from the previous years have been removed from system. New forms must be submitted prior to racing, including the eligibility for the MD horse bonus. All forms are available on the web site.
- Horses being added to the roster after May 31 must be on file in the race office by Thursday at 9 am for approval for Monday’s races.
- All horsemen may call the race office beginning Thursday May 24 between 9 am-3:30 pm regarding their application status
- No owner may have more than two trainers for horses racing in overnight events without approval.

- If a horse is taken off the roster, or, it is taken to another track to race without the permission of the race secretary, it must be resubmitted to race at Ocean Downs and go through the normal approval process(except for stakes and early/late closers)
- The trainer is solely responsible for filing the necessary paperwork to withdraw from and add horses to his /her list

Qualifying information:

- Pace: 2:03
- Trot: 2:05
- Two seconds allowed for two year olds
- One second allowed for three year olds and maidens 4yos and younger
- Qualifying races: prior to the meet beginning, the first qualifier will be held on Thursday May 31, 2018 during the meet and all Thursdays afterwards. Post time: 10 am. Please declare by 10 am the day before and/or check the current condition sheet

***The lone exception will be the final week of July when qualifiers will be held on WEDNESDAY, JULY 25. Declare by 10 am on Monday.

Horses will be placed on the stewards list (must qualify) if:

- They fail to go in qualifying time on a fast track
- They are scratched off a qualifying race
- They are scratched two (2) consecutive starts.
- They break in their two (2) most recent races over a fast track
- They perform poorly as determined by the judges
- They fail to finish the race
- They break off a qualifying race (BOQ) on a fast track (win exempt)
- Horses placed on the stewards list for sickness/lameness may not race for seven days (eg. Horses scratched Sunday are not eligible to race until the following Sunday)

***Please note-very important: Horses racing must have a clean charted line within 45 days prior to racing.

Claiming races:

- The minimum claiming price is \$4,000
- Horses in claiming races will not be allowed to move up in price unless 1st or 2nd in their last claiming start, or at the discretion of the race secretary.
- If a horse is scratched from a claiming race at any track, they must go back in for the same claiming price or lower in their next start
- A claimed horse that changes trainers must be resubmitted by the new trainer
- All claims must be made with bank draft or certified check. All claims must be submitted to the Maryland Racing Commission office located next to the

judges trailer. A claimed horse may not be raced outside the state until 30 days expire from the date of the claim or the meet ends.

The check must reflect the purchase price of the horse and 6% MD state tax. For example, price of the horse is \$10,000, add \$600 for tax and the check total becomes \$10,600. The USTA transfer fee of \$35.00 can be paid separately by cash.

Claims must be made 20 minutes before post time for the race in which the horse is participating.

*****Note: very important: A claim shall be voided if a horse is a starter and the Horse dies on the racetrack or suffers an injury which requires the euthanasia of the horse, as determined by the State Veterinarian, while The horse is on the racetrack.**

- No horses may enter to race without first approval from the race secretary prior to entering.
- Horses scratched from posts seven and/or eight (other than a management error or a judges circumstantial call) will be assigned the outside post again if entered to race within 14 days.

Classified races:

- Ocean Downs will be utilizing a new classified system that matches horses of equal ability by having each horse assigned a speed rating.
- The lowest classified event is restricted to Maryland owned/sired/bred and must have five or more starts in 2018 to be eligible.
- No horses may enter without being approved.
- The race secretary reserves the right to move a horse in case of an ownership/trainer entry conflict in a particular event. He may then move up a horse from a lower class to fill that spot and then replace that horse with one coming from the higher classified event.
- Ocean Downs reserves the right to rule a horse too competitive, non-competitive and may also rule a horse off the grounds.
- If a horse's last start was not at Ocean Downs, it will still maintain a speed rating assigned to it from the track where it last raced.

General:

- The 45 day rule is in effect for the summer meet. It must be a clean charted line (Overnight races only).
- The 30 day rule will be in effect for Maryland Sire Stakes and Maryland Fund Races.
- Horses entered with a first or second choice of events that will not get in by date may be moved to the second choice. When entering, always enter with your first choice in mind.
- A horse entered in a class to which it is not eligible may be listed as not eligible and left out, or transferred to another class at the discretion of the race secretary
- Entering horses in classes where not eligible, or with no knowledge of which classes are eligible to race in, or attempting to make entries without a condition sheet may result in the entries not being accepted
- A safety vest and helmet must be worn at all times while on the track, including morning jogging, training prior to the races, warming up and qualifying races. NO shorts are to be worn during qualifying races.

- **Definitions of a Maryland owned and or bred:**

MD bred-Mare fully owned by MD residents at time of conception

MD owned-defined as owner at the time of declaration while residing in MD

MD sired by a registered MD stallion

*****NOTE:** Horses that are privately purchased by a MD resident will not be considered to be MD owned if purchased within 60 days of the start of the meet; such horses will become eligible for a race preference and/or bonus after 60 days from the transfer of ownership as recorded by the USTA. Horses purchased at a public auction or sale, and an on line auction are exempt from this rule. Horses purchased by way of an on-line sale are considered privately purchased. All verification of this information will be handle by Ocean Downs and CSOA.

- Conditions sheets will reflect 80% MD owned, bred or sired races as per the MD Racing Commission, 80% of the races carded will be MD O/S/B and daily draw sheets will be posted; a maximum of 15 conditions will be written daily.
- Trainers are encouraged to enter MD O/S/B races with non MD O/S/B horses. MD races not filling properly will be opened.
- **Also note: when paying starting fees for all MDSBRF and MDSS races, Ocean Downs will be accepting check only-NO cash please.**

- The Ocean Downs main race track will be available for training from 7 am until 12 noon on Mondays beginning May 7, 2018 (Exceptions: NO training on Monday May 28) and continuing through and including August 27.

Friday training during May is available on 5/4, 5/11 and 5/18 and 5/25.

Additional training and schooling is also available on qualifying days. Please contact the race office and the judges for permission.

In order to train on Mondays and Fridays, you must register your horse(s) with the race office by Sunday at 10 am (In May, contact the GM's office at x 3377) and/or Thursdays at 10 am for Friday training (call the GM's office for all May training. For all training days starting in June and continuing through August, please contact the race office x 3211 or x3212).

Again, all horses must have an up to date Coggins test (within 12 months) on file with the race office or electronically with the USTA

ATTENTION HORSEMEN

ALL HORSEMEN MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH THE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND RACING COMMISSION AND THE UNITED STATES TROTTING ASSOCIATION

ALL OWNERS, TRAINERS, DRIVERS AND GROOMS MUST HAVE A CURRENT MARYLAND LICENSE (ALSO A USTA LICENSE FOR O-T-D). THIS ALSO APPLIES TO QUALIFIERS.

BOTH FEET MUST BE KEPT IN THE STIRRUPS AT ALL TIMES DURING A RACE, EXCEPT IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT OR PULLING EAR PLUGS.

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF THE WHIP, WHIPPING BEFORE THE QUARTER POLE, JABBING, KICKING, HITTING THE WHEEL DISC, OR HITTING BELOW THE SHAFTS IS PROHIBITED.

THE DRIVER MUST KEEP A LINE IN EACH HAND UNTIL THE DRIVER'S HORSE REACHES THE QUARTER POLE.

HORSES SHALL PARADE IN ORDER, FIVE (5) LENGTHS APART. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PARADE YOUR OWN HORSE, MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ANOTHER DRIVER TO DO SO, AND NOTIFY THE JUDGES.

ANY HORSE THAT FALLS WHILE ON THE TRACK OR IN THE

Paddock at any time will be scratched.

After the post parade, any adjustment of harness or other equipment must be made under the supervision of the Paddock Judge. Trainers are responsible for their equipment to be in proper and safe condition. If you have broken equipment during the race, report it to the Paddock Judge immediately after the race is over.

Horses into race that night are asked to be in the Paddock 90 minutes prior to the start of their respective race due to new blood gas testing protocol.

OBJECTIONS MUST BE LODGED WITH THE STARTING JUDGE AFTER THE RACE AND BEFORE DISMOUNTING. INDICATE AGAINST WHOM THE OBJECTION IS LODGED, WHERE THE INCIDENT OCCURRED, AND THE NATURE OF THE VIOLATION. THEN RETURN TO THE PADDOCK TO TALK WITH THE JUDGES.

HORSES NOT FINISHING THE RACE WILL BE PLACED ON THE QUALIFYING LIST, UNLESS EXCUSED DUE TO LEGITIMATE BROKEN EQUIPMENT (PRIOR TO MAKING A BREAK-THAT IS NOT FAULTY) OR BY INTERFERENCE.

HORSES IN TO GO THAT ARE PUT ON THE STEWARDS LIST FOR PERFORMANCE WILL BE SCRATCHED.

QUALIFYING DRIVERS MUST WEAR FULL COLORS. TO RECEIVE FULL CREDIT FOR THEIR DRIVES.

HORSEMEN ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCTING OF THEIR BUSINESS. THEY MUST CONTACT THE JUDGES TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF THE ALSO ELIGIBLE HORSES AND LEAVE A CURRENT PHONE NUMBER WHERE THEY MAY BE REACHED. IT IS THE TRAINER'S OBLIGATION TO CHECK WITH THE JUDGES PRIOR TO SCRATCH TIME TO NAME THE PROPER DRIVER.

HORSES ON THE TRACK AFTER 6PM MUST WEAR WARM UP PADS OR SCHOOLING PADS. DRIVERS MUST BE IN COLORS.

NO RIDING DOUBLE ON THE MAIN RACETRACK AT ANY TIME.

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LASIX GUIDELINES

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE MARYLAND RACING COMMISSION HAS INSTITUTED NEW RULES FOR LASIX ADMINISTRATION: LASIX MUST NOW BE GIVEN A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) HOURS PRIOR TO THE RACE. WHEN QUALIFYING A HORSE, THE TRAINER OF RECORD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LASIX ADMINISTRATION.

AND LASIX WILL BE ADMINISTERED AT THE TRACK BY THE APPOINTED THIRD PARTY TRACK VETERINARIAN. NO ADJUNCT BLEEDER MEDICATIONS ARE PERMITTED.

ALL LASIX ADMINISTRATION IS BY IV ONLY.

NOTE: THE RULES OF THE MARYLAND RACING COMMISSION WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE. U.S.T.A. RULES WILL BE USED IF NOT COVERED BY THE MARYLAND RULES.

ANY RULES OR CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED BY THE ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE COVERED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE HOST ASSOCIATION OR THE MARYLAND RACING COMMISSION.