



## **Ocean Downs Racetrack-an overall view for 2021**

Deadline for submitting racing applications is Thursday, May 27, 2021.

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 6- September 15**

Sunday, Monday and Wednesday- Post Time 7:05 pm

### **Draw schedule**

Wednesdays for Sunday (by 9am)

Thursdays for Mondays (by 9 am)

Sundays for Wednesdays (by 9am)

Qualifiers are drawn Sundays (by 10 am) to be raced on Mondays @10 am

### **Racing Applications:**

- An application to race at Ocean Downs, listing all the horses you wish to race at the 2021 meet, must be on file in the race office by May 27, 2021 to be classified.
- Any application received after that date will not be reviewed until the following week. Subsequently, all new applications and reviews will be held on Thursdays
- All forms related to purse checks from the previous year remain in the purse check system. New forms must be submitted prior to racing, if your bank information changes or you have changed addresses. All forms are available on the web site, including those for the MD bonus.
- Horses being added to the roster after May 27 must be on file in the race office by the following Thursday for approval for Monday’s races.
- All horsemen may call the race office beginning Tuesday, June 1 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 is taken to another track to race without the permission of the race secretary, it must be re-submitted to race at Ocean Downs and go through the normal approval process (except for stakes races).
- The trainer is solely responsible for filing the necessary paperwork to withdraw from or add horses to his/her list.



### **Training and Qualifying Information:**

- Training days for the season have been established-April 12, 19, 26; May-3, 10, 17 and 24; June 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30; July 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28; August-2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 and 30; September-1, 6 and 8.
- Qualifying days (Mondays) are shared with the trainers; Wednesdays are for trainers only.
- Training times are 7 am until 12 pm
- An up-to-date Coggins test (with 12 months) must be on file with the USTA electronic eligibility system or the race office @ Ocean Downs; no entries will be accepted without it; the horse also needs to be registered with the USTA; it is also recommended that up to date EHV/Rhino and Rabies inoculations (180 days) are in place.
- If you have a recent up-to-date Coggins test, not yet on file with the USTA, you may leave a copy with security at the stable gate, where we will place it on file. If your horse has no paperwork, you will be denied access to the grounds.
- In order to train, the trainer/authorized rep is required to call in the entry by 10 am the day before the box closes at the following numbers for April and May trainers, call Peter Szymanski @410-641-0600 x 3377 from 8am until 10 am; for June, July, August and September trainers, call Craig Andow, Race Secretary @410-641-0600 x 3212 from 8am until 10 am.
- A contact/emergency phone number must be left with the race office at entry.
- While utilizing the track for training, a helmet and safety vest MUST be worn.
- Please be courteous. If you cannot make your training session, a simple phone call to cancel will do.
- Please note: there will be a \$50 monthly training fee for those horsemen who are not a member of CSOA and/or MSBA. That fee will cover your entire stable that you have in training. Thank you.

### **Qualifying:**

- 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 one qualifier will be held on Wednesday, June 2; during the meet, all Mondays afterwards. Post time: 10 am. Please declare by 10 am the day before and/or check the current condition sheet.
- Horses will go on the "must qualify" list 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. This pertains to all MDSS and MDSBRF races.*

### **Claiming Races:**

- The minimum claiming price is \$4,000
- Horses in claiming races will not be allowed to move up in price unless 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 in Racing Admin building. 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 hybrid classified/condition system that matches horses of equal ability by having each horse assigned a speed rating as well as per start earnings; this will include per start earnings and the Track master ratings.
- The lowest classified event is restricted to Maryland owned/sired/bred and must have five or more starts in 2021 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 after the initial period of time. It must be a clean charted line.
- The 45 day rule will also 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 Maryland owned and or bred:**

**MD Owned** - defined as owned by a MD full time resident at the time of declaration; if the horse has multiple owners, **all** the owners must be MD residents.

**MD Sired** – defined as a horse sired by a registered MD stallion in the year they were bred

**MD bred** – A horse out of a mare that was fully owned by MD residents at time of conception

- All MD owners MUST comply with the rules and regulations associated with the bonus ( please see the section located elsewhere on this web site).
- 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.
- Note when entering: it is strongly recommended that you enter your horse(s) electronically via the USTA system. You may also phone your entries in.
- There will be NO filling out declaration blanks and handing them into the race office during this COVID 19 pandemic.
- 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 strict adherence to the COVID 19 operating procedures and protocols will be in place. Please consult the COVID 19 manual that is located on the web site. There will be NO exceptions.
- Also note: when paying starting fees for all MDSBRF and MDSS races, Ocean Downs will be accepting check only-NO cash please.



- If you have any questions, concerning racing during these times, please contact Peter Szymanski, Director of Racing, at 410-641-0600 x3377.

### **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.

HORSES INTO RACE THAT NIGHT ARE ASKED TO BE IN THE Paddock 90 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE START OF THEIR RESPECTIVE RACE.

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 ON THE TRACK WILL BE SCRATCHED. IF A HORSE FALLS IN THE Paddock, THE HORSE MUST BE INSPECTED BY THE STATE VETERINARIAN BEFORE CONTINUING.

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.

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.

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.

#### **OCEAN DOWNS 2021 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 FOUR (4) 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.