## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO HORSEMEN**

It is the goal of Remington Park and OQHRA to provide a race meeting of the highest quality and free of any horse racing practices that are corrupt, incompetent, dishonest, or unprincipled. The fact that every horse must provide a negative hair test prior to entry will provide assurance to every owner and fan wagering on the races that the track is making significant effort to ensure horses are not unfairly competing with an advantage from prohibited substances.

## HAIR TESTING AS A CONDITION OF ENTRY

NO HORSE WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER A RACE AT REMINGTON PARK UNLESS RESULTS OF A NEGATIVE HAIR TEST HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO RACING SECRETARY PRIOR TO ENTRY.

1. Pre-entry Hair samples must be collected for testing <u>within</u> 45 days of the first pari-mutuel race that a horse competes in at this meet. Results must be on file with the racing office before a horse can be ENTERED.

2. As a service for horsemen, OQHRA will facilitate collection and submission of samples for testing of horses that are scheduled for testing at Remington Park.

a. A fee of \$250 must be paid prior to collection of sample.

b. Trainer/owner must contact the OQHRA to schedule hair collection.

c. Hair collection which will begin the first week RP is open for training in February and will continue throughout the meet.

3. Horsemen electing not to bring their horse to RP for collection of hair samples may contact OQHRA or RP Racing Secretary for instructions on having hair collected by an authorized veterinarian and sent for testing at Maddy Lab (UC Davis) or TX Vet Diagnostic Lab (TX A&M). (Instructions will be available from racing office, OQHRA office, and posted on <u>www.oqhra.com</u> and <u>www.remingtonpark.com</u> websites). If collected by a source other than OQHRA, the hair sample must be tested in accordance with the AQHA uniform testing protocols AND MUST INCLUDE DNA VERIFICATION confirming the sample was collected from said horse.

4. In no event will a horse be eligible to enter a race unless the hair testing has been completed and a negative result has been provided to the racing secretary in accordance with these conditions.

5. All Futurities and Derbies during the 2019 meet (for Quarter Horse, Paint, and Appaloosa) are ALSO subject to hair testing requirements. The conditions of each of those races also require a negative hair test collected within 45 days of date of trials to be eligible to ENTER for said trials. This may result in horses being required to have additional hair tests if the hair testing described in #1. above was conducted more than 45 days prior to the running of the trials.

\*Hair tests, and the results of any such testing, as required by this condition are not considered official tests or results by the OHRC.

## **PAYMENT OF PARTICIPATION PURSE**

The owner of each horse that has provided results of a negative hair test will be paid a one-time \$250 Participation Purse bonus when the horse competes in its first overnight race during the meet. Trials and Stake race participants will not be eligible for this bonus, but if the first start is a trial or a stake race the payment will be made only if the horse comes back and runs in an overnight race.

For more information on testing requirements, scheduling, arranging for off-site collection and testing of hair or payment of participation purse please contact:

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