



Racing Operations during COVID-19

Backstretch Considerations

1. Access to the stable area will be limited to licensed trainers and essential credentialed personnel needed for the care of horses or conduct of live racing. No owners, media, fans or guests will be allowed to enter into the Stable Area at any time with no exceptions.
2. Before being allowed through the main stable gate, all individuals must have their temperature taken. Anyone with a temperature reading over 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or greater will be logged and not permitted onto track property for fourteen (14) days.
3. Every person entering the stable area must wear a mask or other protective covering over the face and mouth while on the grounds at all times. It is the trainer's responsibility to ensure their barn workers wear protective covering. The only exception to wearing a mask or face covering will be when a rider is actively breezing or galloping a horse. Otherwise, face masks must always be on and covering the nose and mouth.
4. Tack and barn equipment (e.g. lead shanks, grooming tools, mucking equipment, tack) will be assigned to specific personnel only and must be cleaned and sanitized on a daily basis at a minimum.
5. No gathering in groups larger than five.

Physical Distancing Protocol

1. The Racing Office and Bookkeeper can only be reached by phone.
2. All entries must be made by phone.
3. Jockey Agents and Trainers will be prohibited from attending the post position draw. A steward will be present. Access to a teleconference will be available.

Winner's Circle

1. Racetracks will be required to eliminate the post-race winner's presentation to practice physical distancing.



Roof Operations

1. Judges to ensure enough room for physical distancing.
2. Minimal camera operators on site.
3. Doors to be closed between charter/announcer/judges.

Jockeys and Essential Jockeys' Room Personnel

1. Jockeys are to maintain 6-foot distancing at all times.
2. Only essential personnel licensed by Horse Racing Alberta and jockeys scheduled to ride in races will be allowed access to the Jockeys' Room.
3. All jockeys and essential personnel in the Jockeys' Room (including Valets and Clerk of the Scales) will have their temperatures checked upon arrival. Anyone showing any signs of illness will be denied access to the premises and must leave the property immediately. Anyone with a temperature reading of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or greater will be logged and not permitted onto track property for fourteen (14) days.
4. All jockeys will be required to wear riding gloves.
5. Jockeys must be prohibited from any physical contact between themselves and others.
6. Sauna and hot box must be closed. Showers may remain open but will be sanitized following live racing.
7. Jockeys will get on their horses as soon as possible and proceed directly onto the race-track for the post parade and warm up.
8. Jockeys are required to leave the Jockeys' Room immediately following their last ride.



Starting Gate

1. Gate crew personnel must wear a suitable covering (a mask, scarf, or bandana) over their nose and mouth, wear gloves while loading horses in the starting gate, and will have no physical contact with any other personnel unless in the best interest of safety.
2. When in use, the gate crew will disinfect the starting gate every morning.

Essential On-Track Personnel

1. All pony riders and outriders on the track will be required to wear masks and gloves.

Paddock

1. Only the required racing officials, trainer and groom will be permitted in the paddock for saddling.
2. Owners will not be permitted.