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LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

THE LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING AT 9:00 AM ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025 IN THE BLACK GOLD ROOM OF THE FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS, 1751 GENTILLY BOULEVARD, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON ONLY.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 26, 2024 & OCTOBER 17, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

APPROVAL OF TRANSITIONING EARL A "BOO" LANDRY FROM 2ND VICE CHAIR TO 1ST VICE CHAIR, AND VINCENT V. TUMMINELLO JR., M.D. FROM 3RD VICE CHAIR TO 2ND VICE CHAIR

I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS/REPORTS

A. BOYD RACING, LLC d/b/a DELTA DOWNS RACETRACK, CASINO & HOTEL

1. PROGRESS REPORT

- a. Update** on infrastructure, escrow, and questions from the Commission.
- b. Discussion** of extending the deadline of new barn construction.

2025 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Approval of officials for 2025 quarter horse meet:

- John Simon – Director of Racing Operations / Racing Secretary
- Danielle Birzer – Assistant Racing Secretary / Stakes Coordinator
- Freddie Carrier, Jr. – Association Steward
- Jeff Jerman – Association Steward
- Darby Jones – Clerk of Scales
- Jeremy Courville – Head Starter
- Melissa Dueitt – Horse Identifier
- Steve Nick – Jocks Room Custodian
- Baylee Istre – Outrider
- Dale Beaty – Outrider
- Adrianna Vallejo – Outrider
- Becky LeBlanc – Paddock Judge / Program Coordinator

Christy Hatley – Claims Clerk / Entry Clerk
Amber Lindsay – Placing Judge
Claire Hudson – Placing Judge / Entry Clerk
Mohamed Alikhan – Placing Judge / Entry Clerk
David Gorman – Head Clocker
Jess Chance – Stall Superintendent
Aaron Pelt – Track Superintendent

b. Approval of Bobby Granger to serve as State Steward for 2025 quarter horse meet.

B. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC

d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

1. PROGRESS REPORT

a. Update on infrastructure, escrow, and questions from the Commission.

b. Discussion of extending the deadline of new barn construction.

2025 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Approval of officials for 2025 thoroughbred meet:

Tracey Coonce – Director of Racing Operations
Corey Veazey – Racing Secretary
Ashley Simon – Assistant Racing Secretary / Stakes Coordinator
Frank Rudis – Association Steward
Mark Guidry – Association Steward
TBD – Track Superintendent
Ashley Courville – Stall Superintendent
TBD – Identifier
Lily Daugherty – Paddock Judge
Harvey Lourd III – Clerk of Scales
Damon Menard – Jockey Room Custodian
Sandra Calais – Claims Clerk / Alternate Placing Judge
Lacy Torres – Placing Judge
Kaitlyn Jason – Placing Judge
Myrinda Willis – Placing Judge
Brett Poole – Clocker
Ray Sibille – Clocker
Joseph Savoy – Starter
Jacob Deville – Outrider
John Broussard – Outrider
Coplen Bouget – Outrider

**C. CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC
d/b/a FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS**

1. PROGRESS REPORT

a. Update on infrastructure, escrow, and questions from the Commission.

2. CONDITION BOOK APPROVAL RE: HOUSE RULES

a. Discussion and questions on house rules in the current condition book of the 2024-25 thoroughbred meet.

**D. LOUISIANA DOWNS INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC
d/b/a/ LOUISIANA DOWNS CASINO & RACETRACK**

1. PROGRESS REPORT

a. Update on infrastructure, escrow, and questions from the Commission.

2025 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. RACES

a. Ratification of first condition book for 2025 quarter horse meet.

II. HBPA UPDATE

A. LOUISIANA HORSEMEN'S BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (LaHBPA)

1. PROGRESS REPORT

2. LaHBPA requests approval from the LSRC, with the agreement of Delta Downs and Evangeline Downs, to transfer the sum of \$1,800,000 from the Delta Downs Thoroughbred Slots purse account to the Evangeline Downs Thoroughbred Slots purse account for the 2025 Evangeline Downs Thoroughbred Meet.

3. LaHBPA requests approval from the LSRC for a September Move-In for the 2025 Fair Grounds Thoroughbred Meet.

4. LaHBPA requests approval from the LSRC, with the agreement of Fair Grounds and Delta Downs, to transfer the 2025 Fair Grounds Quarter Horse Meet to Delta Downs, including all associated purse funds.

5. LaHBPA requests to amend Evangeline Downs' 2025 thoroughbred dates.

III. BREEDER UPDATES

A. LOUISIANA THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LTBA)

1. PROGRESS REPORT

B. LOUISIANA QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LQHBA)

1. PROGRESS REPORT

- a. **Update** on Evangeline Downs 2024 QH Hair Testing Results.

2. CEA BUDGET REQUESTS

- a. **Approval** to enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with and for Budget Request from LQHBA for Hair Testing Programs during the 2025 Delta Downs QH Meet through June 30, 2025 and during all QH Meets during the fiscal year from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

IV. OTHER

A. ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- 1. **Ratification** of Katie White as Assistant Executive Director of the LSRC.

B. "CLAIMING RULE"

- 1. **Clarification** on Void Claiming Rule, per LAC § 9901.

C. HHR

- 1. **Approval** to set June 30, 2025 as the Expiration Date for all HHR Temporary License Approvals.

V. LICENSE APPROVAL

A. REQUEST FOR LICENSE APPROVAL (LA. REV. STAT. 4:150(B))

1. Ryan C. Keith

Seeking permanent license approval.

VI. ADJUDICATIONS

A. DENIAL OF ENTRY (Matter continued at Fair Grounds Attorney's request; to be heard on, or before, the Commission meeting to be scheduled in April.)

B. VIOLATIONS OF LAC § 35:I.1797 (Equine Positives)

1. Kenneth L. Roberts, Sr.

(Adjudications Appealed)

Ruling #LD 25344 of 03/28/24

Albuterol (ARCI Category III)

Ruling #LD 25345 of 03/28/24

Albuterol (ARCI Category III)

Continued from August 26, 2024 & October 17, 2024 Commission Meetings.

2. **Richard G. Washington** *(Adjudication Referred)*
Ruling #LD 25511 of 08/06/24 Boldenone (ARCI Category III) & Dexamethasone (ARCI Category IV)
3. **Dwayne Breaux** *(Adjudication Referred)*
Ruling #FG 25537 of 08/24/24 Dexamethasone (ARCI Category IV)
4. **Keith Bourgeois** *(Adjudication Appealed)*
Ruling #ED 25637 of 10/25/24 Hydromorphone (ARCI Category I)
5. **Danny R. Hoda** *(Adjudication Referred)*
Ruling #DD 25587 of 09/18/24 Flunixin (ARCI Category IV)
6. **Shane Wilson** *(Adjudication Referred)*
Ruling #FG 25721 of 12/13/24 Dexamethasone (ARCI Category IV)

C. VIOLATION OF LAC § 35:I.303, LAC § 35: I.1709, LAC § 35:III.2111, LA. R. S. § 46:1905, & LA. R.S. 46:1905 (Possession of a Firearm)

1. **Jonathan Dillard, Exercise Person** *(Adjudication Referred)*
Ruling #FG 25239 of 01/05/24 Possession of a Firearm

D. VIOLATION OF LA. R. S. § 35:I.9901 (Claiming a Horse)

1. **Areli Gutierrez** *(Adjudication Referred & Appealed)*
Ruling #DD 25639 of 10/29/24 Claiming Violation

E. VIOLATIONS OF LA. R. S. § 4:175 & LAC § 35:I.1705, et seq. (Electrical Device)

1. **Marlon Del-Cid, Jockey** *(Adjudication Referred & Appealed)*
Ruling #LD 25434 of 06/19/24 Possession of Electrical Device
2. **Martin Osuna, Jockey** *(Adjudication Referred & Appealed)*
Ruling #ED 25705 of 12/04/24 Possession of Electrical Device
Ruling #ED 25706 of 12/04/24 Impermissible Conduct

F. VIOLATIONS OF LAC § 35:I.7901 (Careless Riding)

1. **Joel Dominquez, Jockey** *(Adjudication Appealed)*
Ruling #LD 25569 of 09/09/24 Careless Riding
2. **Ubaldo Luna, Jockey** *(Adjudication Appealed)*
Ruling #ED 25704 of 12/04/24 Careless Riding

G. REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF SENTENCE

1. Jose D. Barron

Ruling #DD 24849 of 05/05/22

Ruling #DD 24971 of 07/16/22

(Adjudication Referred & Appealed)

Zilpaterol (ARCI Category II)

(Adjudication Referred)

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Revisit November 24, 2022 Adjudication

VII. ADJOURNMENT



Stephen Landry
Executive Director

Title 35
HORSE RACING

Part XI. Claiming Rules and Engagements

Chapter 99. Claiming Rule

§9901. Any Horse May Be Claimed

A. In claiming races any horse is subject to being claimed for its entered price by any racing interest recognized by the commission, by any licensed horse owner, or his authorized agent, but only for the account of the person making the claim, or for whom the claim was made by the agent (provided, however, that no person shall claim his own horse or a horse in which he has an interest or cause his horse to be claimed directly or indirectly for his own account). Also, a claim may be made by any person who has established his qualifications to claim by filing an application for license as a horse owner and has been granted a certificate authorizing the claim by the stewards at the meeting where a horse is to be claimed.

B. A claim certificate shall not be issued until all conditions and qualifications for a horse owner's license have been met or completed. A claim certificate thus issued will be void if no claim is made within 30 days of issuance, and the owner's license will be withdrawn.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141, R.S. 4:142 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Racing Commission in 1971, promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Racing Commission, LR 2:445 (December 1976), amended LR 3:41 (January 1977), LR 4:285 (August 1978), LR 8:63 (February 1982), LR 10:660 (September 1984).

§9902. Declaring a Horse Ineligible to be Claimed at Time of Entry

A. At the time of entry, the owner, trainer, or authorized agent may declare a horse ineligible to be claimed provided: The horse has been laid off and has not started in a race for a minimum of 120 days and is entered for a claiming price equal to or greater than the price at which the horse last started. For counting purposes, the day following the horse's last race will count as day one. The horse is eligible to start on day 121.

B. Failure to declare the horse ineligible to be claimed at the time of entry may not be remedied.

C. A horse that enters a claiming race and is declared ineligible to be claimed in such race, cannot consider that race for eligibility in any starter type race or optional claiming race.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141, R.S. 4:142, and 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 47:1637 (November 2021).

§9903. Services of Trainer and Additional Qualifications

A. The licensed prospective claimant must have obtained the services of a licensed trainer and may be required to provide additional evidence of his qualifications as a horse owner when such evidence is requested by the stewards of the meeting.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141, R.S. 4:142 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Racing Commission, LR 2:445 (December 1976), amended LR 3:41 (January 1977), LR 4:285 (August 1978).

§9905. Timing of Entering Next Claiming Race

A. Except as otherwise provided herein, a claimed horse shall not run for 20 days after being claimed in a race in which the determining eligibility price is less than 25 percent more than the price at which the horse was claimed. For a period of 10 days thereafter, a horse is eligible to run back for the same claiming price or higher. The day claimed shall not count, but the following calendar day shall be the first day and the horse shall be entitled to enter whenever necessary so the horse may start on the thirty-first day following the claim for any claiming price. This provision shall not apply to allowance/optional claiming or starter allowance/optional claiming races in which a horse is entered for the allowance condition, starter handicaps in which the weight to be carried is assigned by the handicapper, starter stakes and starter allowance races. This provision shall apply to allowance/optional claiming and starter allowance/optional claiming races, if a horse is entered for a claiming price. A similar rule in other states will be recognized and enforced.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141, R.S. 4:142 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 30:1476 (July 2004), amended LR 33:2422 (November 2007), LR 41:1673 (September 2015), LR 44:916 (May 2018), LR 50:684 (May 2024).

§9907. Claiming Price

A. The claiming price of each horse in a claiming race shall be the entered claiming price, plus tax.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141, R.S. 4:142 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Racing Commission in 1971, promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Racing Commission, LR 2:446 (December 1976), amended LR 3:42 (January 1977), LR 4:285 (August 1978).