

THOROUGHBRED RULE BOOK

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FORT ERIE RACETRACK RULES

STABLE AREA / CLUBHOUSE / ALL AREAS



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SECTION 1

WELCOME TO A NEW SEASON OF LIVE RACING AT THE FORT ERIE RACE TRACK. FORT ERIE RACE TRACK ASKS THAT YOU FOLLOW THE OUTLINED TRACK RULES OR THE SAFE OPERATION OF THE FACILITY.

THE TRACK RULES OUTLINED IN THIS BOOKLET HAVE BEEN PUT INTO PLACE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE HORSES, PERSONS, AND PROPERTY. PLEASE ASSIST US AS WE STRIVE TO MAKE FORT ERIE RACE TRACK A SAFER PLACE FOR ALL.

GOOD LUCK DURING THE RACE SEASON!

1.1 POLICY

In consideration of Fort Erie Racetrack agreeing to permit any horse owner, Trainer and their respective directors, Officers, Employees, Principals, Agents and Guests, access to the premises and property of Fort Erie Racetrack, the party executing the stall applications and any entry form on behalf of itself, its directors, officers, employees and guests and its principals and agents and their directors, officers, employees, and guests (herein collectively 'Persons') releases Fort Erie Racetrack, its directors, officers, employees, and agents from any direct or consequential claims, demands, actions, suits, losses, costs, charges, expenses, damages and liabilities whatsoever (Loss), which any person may pay, sustain, or incur including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any loss by reason of personal injury, damage to horses, or other property, including losses related to racing purses and awards, whether such loss results from or is caused by the negligence of the Fort Erie Racetrack, its directors, officers, employees, and agents.

The Trainer, Owner and their respective servants, agents and employees hereby agree that all horse and property as aforesaid on the premises of Fort Erie Race Track shall be deemed for the purposes of this subparagraph, to be within the sole and singular care, custody and control of the owner, trainer and their respective agents, servants and employees and, further, that Fort Erie Race Track shall not be responsible for the safety and the well- being of the horses, horse owners, their trainers, their principals, agents and directors, officers, employees and guests while on Fort Erie Race Track premises.

1.2 BREACH OF RULES

A breach of any of the Track Rules or policies of FELRC may result in loss of privileges, loss of any or all fees (other than entry fees) and/or eviction from the premises.

Any person having knowledge that a breach of any of the track rules or policies of FELRC has been committed must immediately report such breach to the Security Department.

It is a privilege, not a right, to use the premises and Race at the Fort Erie Racetrack. Any conduct, determined by the Fort Erie Racetrack, in its sole and absolute discretion, to be injurious to the sport of horse racing or not to be in the best interests of the sport of horse racing, may result in the imposition of a penalty in accordance with the Race Track Rules of the Fort Erie Race Track.

The FELRC reserves the right to refuse any entry in any Race. As per AGCO rule #6.31- see the AGCO Rules of Thoroughbred Racing guideline booklet for reference or refer to the online version. Website agco.ca Horse Racing icon.

1.3 EQUINE WELFARE

The Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium requires all horses shipping into Fort Erie to have up to date vaccinations, including **EHV-1, FLU / RHINO** in addition to the mandatory Coggins. Owner and or Trainers must produce these documents to the race office at least 24 hours **before** the horses, arrival on the grounds. Owners and Trainer will be refused entry for those not in compliance with this request.

An Owner or Trainer, who is found to have caused a horse(s) previously stabled in Ontario to be sent to slaughter will be denied stabling privileges at Fort Erie Racetrack.

Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium requires its horsemen to conduct due diligence on those buying horses and encourages them to support rescue and adoption efforts by finding humane ways of dealing with horses unable to continue racing.

SECTION 2 EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

IN THE EVENT OF AN **EMERGENCY** EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Fort Erie Racetrack Main # 1-800-295-3770 or (905) 871-3200

Contact: **SECURITY** (905)-871-3200 EXT. 3219 (24 HOURS) 2396 / 2397

IF YOU CALL **911 FOR AN EMERGENCY
YOU MUST NOTIFY SECURITY IMMEDIATELY**

2.1 IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

SECURITY:

Security Office 3219 (24 HOURS) West Gate 3303 (Seasonal) East Gate 3250 (Seasonal)

RACING:

Race Office	3294	Stewards	3312/ 3237
Racing Secretary	3609	Jocks Room	3362/ 3363
Bookkeeper	3605	Mutuels	3313/ 3253

HEALTH AND SAFETY

H & S Manager 3380

MAINTENANCE

Manager 3225
Department 3229

- 3.1 The Fort Erie Race Track, RESERVES THE RIGHT UNDER THE *TRESPASS TO PROPERTY ACT* (ONTARIO) AT ANY TIME TO DENY ADMISSION TO ANY PART OR PARTS OF THE PREMISES TO AN APPLICANT OR ANY OF HIS/HER AGENTS, SERVANTS, EMPLOYEES, INVITEES OR ANY PERSONS UNDER HIS/HER CONTROL, IN THE SOLE AND ABSOLUTE DISCRETION OF THE FORT ERIE RACE TRACK, without any reason or cause existing or being stated or given. Nothing in the Racetrack Rules shall in any way limit any other rights, which the Fort Erie Racetrack may have, whether at common law or in statute, including without limitation under the *Occupiers' Liability Act* (Ontario) or the *Trespass to Property Act* (Ontario).
- 3.2 The Fort Erie Racetrack reserves the right to reject any stabling or other Application, without any reason or cause existing or being stated or given.
- 3.3. All persons using the Premises will abide by the lawful direction of all Security Officers for the purpose of protecting all patrons on the premises.
- 3.4 The Licensee shall always abide and comply with all applicable federal, provincial, and local laws, regulations, by-laws, codes, and other regulatory requirements in force from time to time, including laws and regulations relating to health and safety and the environment.
- 3.5 No person in the Stable Area shall have in his/ her possession or under his/her control, any narcotics, hallucinogenic drug, or derivative thereof, or any drug listed in the dangerous drug laws of Canada unless a medical practitioner has specifically prescribed any of the above-mentioned items, he/she shall make such information known to the security department. Any person found in possession of such items not meeting the specified requirements shall be ejected from the Stable Area and turned over to the local police department.
- 3.6 No person shall use profane or indecent language or exhibit improper conduct towards any Fort Erie Racetrack Official, employee, AGCO, Security Officer or other person in authority while acting in the performance of his/her duties in the Stable Area. All Commission Licensed personnel will abide by the lawful direction of all Security Officials and/or Management of Fort Erie Racetrack for the purpose of protecting the persons and property of patrons and licensees.
- 3.7 Violence of any kind will not be tolerated. Any person(s), who acts in a violent manner, inflicts, or attempts to inflict pain on another person or animal will be subject to disciplinary actions, up to and including being trespassed from Fort Erie Racetrack premises.
- 3.8 Should violation to the Racetrack RULES occur at a time, other than during the race meet, the matter will be dealt with by the Security Manager or his/her designate in consultation with the Director of Racing.

SECTION 4 STABLE AREA FIRE SAFETY

4.0 BARN FIRE SAFETY RULES

Responsible for ensuring the Fire Prevention Procedures are followed and that Employees, Contractors and Agents are familiar with the **BARN FIRE SAFETY RULES** in the Rules and Regulations book.

4.1 EQUIPEMENT

All electrical equipment must be CSA or ULC approved and inspected by Security (Track electrician, if questionable) before being permitted to be used in the Stable Area. All equipment/appliances must be tagged and deemed safe. Trainers must list all appliances / equipment used in the Stable Area with the Security Department. All equipment/appliances not tagged or recorded as approved by Security, will be confiscated, and removed from our property.

- a) Temporary electrical wiring will not be used as it presents a fire hazard. Trainers must ensure that all extension cords used for fans and other devices are unplugged when not in use.
- b) All electrical cords used in the Stable Area must meet safety requirements / standards. (CSA / ULC). All electrical appliances and cords must be in good working order (no frays or breakage), All electrical cords that are used outside must be heavy-duty weather resistant, CSA APPROVED cords.
- c) One extension cord for one appliance, **NO** multi outlet devices, or receptacles are to be used. **NO** Power Bars are to be used.
- d) All circulation fans for use in the Barns and Stalls must be CSA approved for hazardous atmosphere with fan motors totally sealed at the back and the fans must have a stand to ensure it is elevated off the ground.
- e) All appliances/equipment must be unplugged and properly put away when not in use.
- f) Must receive HOT WORKS permit from, Security prior to any welding being done in the barns.
- g) ***No Storage of Hay, Straw and/or Shavings in any of the Stable Area other than designated by Fort Erie for storage. No storage in Stalls/or shed rows.***
- h) ***SMOKING*** is strictly prohibited in accordance with AGCO/ TB RULE #14.03 in the proximity of All Barns, stalls, Tack/storage rooms, living quarters and shed rows or areas not designated. Smoking is also prohibited while on horseback. Smoking is prohibited while taking horses from the stable area to the paddock, also in the paddock and walking ring. ***SMOKING WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED ON THE PERIMETER ROADWAYS.***
- i) All Safety regulations to be adhered to as written in the Fort Erie Race Track Thoroughbred Rule Book.
 - A fine of **\$50.00** for violations will be issued and unsatisfactory equipment will be confiscated.

4.2 OWNER / TRAINER FIRE KNOWLEDGE

Storage of flammables/combustibles must be stored in fire rated cabinets, (i.e. cleaning supplies, bug spray, horse ointments, etc).

- A fine of **\$50.00** for violators will be issued and will be strictly enforced for any Section 4 violations.
 - a) Straw, hay, shavings, bedding, feed, and any other material deemed combustible **MUST** be stored in the large metal storage containers, or wooden sheds absolutely ***no storage of combustible and/or flammable material anywhere in the shed row or stall area, per Fire Code. NO POWER WILL BE RUN TO WOODSHEDS. NO FRIDGES, T.VS, OR MIRCOWAVES.***
 - b) Propane tanks and barbecues are not allowed in the backstretch area. Barbecues or propane tanks will be confiscated by Security. Special permission will not be granted.
 - c) Any Trainer wishing to remove or install any electrical equipment including lights shall submit to the Property Manager a copy of the electrical specifications along with a description of what is proposed. The Trainer must obtain approval from Fort Erie Racetrack for any electrical modifications Heat lamps are **NOT** permitted in stalls. All lighting fixtures must be vapouring proof and protected from accidental damage. Any electrical problems should be reported to Maintenance immediately. (Ext. 3229 or 3225)
 - d) Every person permitted to reside in living quarters will be responsible to keep it clean. The use or possession of heating and cooking equipment are prohibited. Such rooms will be subject to inspections at any time by authorized personnel.
 - e) Trainers shall familiarize themselves with the official procedure in case of any fire or emergency and thoroughly instruct their employees. The location of the fire alarms, telephones, and fire fighting equipment must be stressed. The Security Department will make information concerning these procedures and equipment available. It is mandatory that all trainers receive a copy of these procedures and are aware of all locations.
 - f) No person(s) shall move, interfere with, damage, or hinder the use of any fire fighting equipment, or fire prevention signs. Any persons doing so will be liable for damages and/or will be evicted from the Stable Area. All persons shall obey Fort Erie Racetrack requirements as set down in the fire prevention procedures. (See Security for a copy.)
 - g) All Trainers are responsible to ensure that hay and straw is not stored in improper areas and that the barn entrances and exits are not blocked. Straw and other flammable material shall not be spread or left in any shed row to create an additional fire hazard. Electrical/boiler rooms are not to be used for storage of feed or other materials. This will be strictly enforced, and a fine will be issued to violators. No materials will be stored in any empty stalls.

4.3 FIRE HYDRANTS

The following locations were identified as being equipped with fire hydrants. A total of 21 fire hydrants were located. All fire hydrants are inspected on a yearly basis.

1. Stable Security Office, on the other side of the fence, on Thompson Rd. (Municipal)
2. Race Office parking lot, near stop sign

3. Loading ramp near Barn 4
4. Between Barns 5 and 5A, both East and West ends
5. Between Barns 7 and 7A, both East and West ends
6. Barn 8 at West end only
7. Barn 6 at West end only
8. Barn 2 at West end only
9. Between Barns 1 and 1A, both East and West ends
10. Barn 3 at West end only
11. Barn 4 at West end only, against Thompson Rd. fence
12. Barn 9A both East and West ends
13. Test Barn, across from Barn 3A
14. Barn 9A, on the other side of the fence, on Thompson Rd. (Municipal)

Note: The following Barns are the only Barns equipped with two hydrants, Barns 1, 5, 7, and 9A.

GRANDSTAND / CLUBHOUSE

1. Administration building, in front of the windows near the fence
2. To the right of the Pump House
3. Pedestrian access gates, near the Jockey's Room
4. In front of the Grandstand, behind the old Tote board

Outside of the Clubhouse Security Office is a shut off valve for the Grandstand sprinkler system.

- Each "H" shaped Barn 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 3, 3A, 4, 4A, 5, 5A, 6, 6A, 7, 7A, 8, and 8A: All Barns are equipped with (2) ABC extinguishers in each shed row, -one ABC extinguisher on the Eastside -one ABC on the Westside of the washroom -one ABC extinguishers on both East and West exteriors end walls.
- Each "H" shaped Barn (i.e. 6 & 6A) is equipped with six (6) pull stations. One (1) on the East end of the Barn in the end Breezeway, one (1) on the West end of the Barn in the end Breezeway and one (1) located in the centre Breezeway on the exterior wall of the tack rooms.
- Barns 9, 9A, and 10: are equipped with: two (2) ABC extinguishers in each shed row -one (1) ABC extinguisher on the East and West ends of the building.
- Barns 9, 9A, and 10 are equipped with two (2) pull stations. One (1) located on the West end of the building in the West Breezeway and one (1) in the East end of the building located in the East Breezeway near the tack rooms.

4.4 PULL STATIONS

All persons living and working in the Backstretch should be knowledgeable and familiar with all pull stations and fire extinguisher locations. All barns in the Backstretch area equipped with **FIRE ALARM PULL STATIONS**, heat and smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. A map of each Barn has been provided in the Security Office in the Stable Area. It is essential that every person in the Stable Area know where all fire alarms/ equipment is located.

1. Upon detection of a fire, the person, persons in attendance will immediately pull the nearest alarm. All fire alarms are connected to the Westgate Security Office. Also, the Stable Area Security Guards carry a Radio, which Security Dispatch can notify that the fire alarm panel has/ or is receiving a fire indication.
2. Upon indication of a fire alarm the pull station automatically trips a strobe light that is located at the end of every Barn, and a signal is automatically transmitted to Protel monitoring company to send out the Fire Department.
3. The first Security Guard on scene will immediately check the tack rooms to ensure that no one is in any of the rooms.
4. Additionally, all people nearby will be alerted to the problem as quickly as possible by means of the P.A. system. Depending on the hour of the day, the magnitude of the fire and the amount of help available, an attempt to remove as many horses as possible from the area of concern will be a challenge.
5. Experience gained by others at previous fires indicated that it is extremely unwise to just turn the horses loose as, on occasion, they attempt to return to the stalls while the fire is still burning. It is also very important to shut all stall doors when removing a horse.
6. All horses shall be led to a safe area, and if possible, to the closest corral yard. Remember to never jeopardize your safety when attempting to carry out this procedure.

If you see smoke or fire, pull down on the handle of the nearest.

RED FIRE PULL STATION



Pull down the handle activates the **FIRE ALARM**.

All **BARNS** owned by Fort Erie Racetrack are equipped with Fire Pull stations. All fire alarms are connected to the West Gate Security Office alarm panel. All personnel living and working in the backstretch should be totally familiar with alarm and fire extinguisher locations.

1. Upon observance of a fire, the person in attendance should immediately pull the nearest alarm.
2. If the fire is small and you are confident in the use of a fire extinguisher, you may attempt to put out the fire (see how to use an extinguisher). The Fire Department and Security must also be notified.
3. Upon indication of an alarm, Security will be dispatched to the location and the Fire Department will be notified to respond.
4. All persons nearby should be alerted to the problem as quickly as possible. Depending on the size and the magnitude of the fire an attempt should be made to remove as many horses as possible from the danger area. When removing a horse from its stall, the door should be shut, as a loose horse that is frightened will attempt to get back to its stall in the event of danger.

4.5 CORRAL LOCATIONS

- In the event of an evacuation, the Stable Area is equipped with one corral yards, which are completely enclosed and are capable of being secured. Should such a situation occur where the only option is evacuation, the following is a list of corral locations.

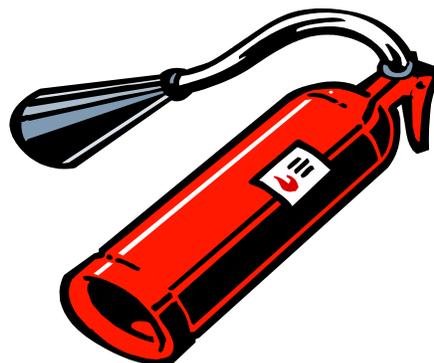
MAIN TRACK CORRAL YARD

- Located on the main racing surface. Horses stabled in Barns 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 3, 3A, 4, 4A, 9, 9A, 10, 16 and 17 will be evacuated to this location via the center road or numbers gap.

SOUTHWEST CORRAL YARD

- Located on the Southwest roadway adjacent to Barn 8. This Corral is no longer used, and Horses stabled in barns 5, 5A, 6, 6A, 7, 7A, 8, and 8A will be evacuated to the main track corral.

4.6 HOW TO USE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER



PULL, AIM, SQUEEZE AND SWEEP

- P-** PULL THE PIN (LOCATED ON THE HANDLE)
- A-** AIM THE EXTINGUISHER HOSE AT THE BASE OF THE FLAMES
- S-** SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER WHILE HOLDING THE EXTINGUISHER UPRIGHT
- S-** SWEEP THE EXTINGUISHER FROM SIDE TO SIDE, AND SLOWLY MOVING TOWARDS THE FIRE

REMEMBER TO **STAY AS LOW AS POSSIBLE** WHEN APPROACHING THE FIRE WHILE SWEEPING THE EXTINGUISHER SIDE TO SIDE AT THE BASE OF THE FIRE.

YOUR SAFETY IS FIRST. IF YOU DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE AND EVACUATE THE AREA.

CLASSES OF FIRE

CLASS A

Ordinary Combustibles such as wood, paper, cloth, rubber, or certain types of plastic



CLASS B

Flammable or combustible gases and liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, paint, paint thinners, propane.



CLASS C

Energized electrical equipment such as appliances, switches, or power tools.



CLASS D

Certain combustible metals like magnesium, titanium, potassium, or sodium.



SECTION 5 STABLE AREA RACE TRACK RULES

5.1 GENERAL

“Stable Area” means those places within the property of Fort Erie Race Track where the stables, track kitchen, racing office, training areas, saddling areas, including the paddock, walking ring, winners enclosure, living quarters and tack/feed rooms.

The following Race Track rules shall apply to all persons entering the Stable Area or properties owned by Fort Erie Race Track and operating for the purpose of thoroughbred racing.

Using any stalls, the Trainer agrees:

1. To be responsible for compliance with and enforcement of all Race Track Rules by the Trainer and all his/her employees, invitees, and agents.
 - a) Acknowledge that all equipment is in good working order when, he/she takes possession. If any items are deficient, the Trainer must report them to the Director of Racing, Security, or the Track Superintendent.
 - b). Trainers shall list their employees with the Security Department. Upon any changes in employment, both Trainer and the employee concerned shall notify the AGCO and the Security Department.
 - c). Trainers agree to have all allocated Stalls Cleaned of all soiled materials when vacating the FELRC property-\$50.00 fee will be applied for any stalls that are left unsatisfactory conditions.
2. No alterations to any barn will be permitted without the written consent of the Fort Erie Race Track. Trainers wishing to make alterations to their barns must submit a written plan to the Property Manager who will obtain proper authorization. Any equipment installed by the Trainer shall remain the responsibility of the Trainer. No screens may be removed, or blocks removed from the stalls at any time.
 - a) The Trainer shall also be responsible for any damage and for the cleanliness of such rooms and washrooms in their barns. Any infestations shall be reported immediately to the Maintenance and Security Department.

5.2 IDENTIFICATION

All persons within the Stable Area shall be in possession of their AGCO License, valid for the current year, or guest sticker as applicable, subject to random spot checks by the Security Department. See AGCO rule-#4.01.08.1 (a) (b).

- a) All Stable Area traffic shall enter the Stable Gates designated for that purpose and shall stop before entering for identification purposes. This includes pedestrian traffic.
- b) Persons wishing to enter the Stable Area shall produce a valid AGCO License or current day's guest badge. In addition, persons permitted to drive a motor vehicle into the Stable Area shall be responsible to ensure that any passengers in such vehicle are likewise properly authorized to enter. See AGCO rule #4.01.08.3

- c) All vehicles must have the current applicable Fort Erie Race Track vehicle identification tag, in a visible location in order, to enter. Vehicle identification tags are available at Front side Security or Stable Security offices.
- d) Drivers of motor vehicles entering the Stable Area shall have in their possession a valid operator's license and shall produce it upon request by a Security guard. Vehicles neglecting to stop when requested by Security will be documented and disciplinary action will be taken.

5.3 GUESTS

Guests may be signed into the Stable Area by Owner, Trainers, Authorized Racing Officials, and AGCO Members, Veterinarians licensed by the AGCO and Jockeys with the proper documentation credentials, unless such guests are deemed unacceptable to the AGCO or Fort Erie Race Track.

- 1. Guests may be permitted entrance to the Stable Area only through gates designated by Fort Erie Race Track and shall be recorded in the Security guest log by those authorized to do so. Persons who are permitted to sign, guests into the Stable Area shall be responsible for their Guests. No guest shall be on horseback at any time.
 - a) Such guest(s) have not been prohibited from entering the Stable Area either by the Security Dept. or the AGCO.
 - b) Such guest(s) must obey the conditions, rules and regulations set out for all persons entering the Stable Area. Guest passes entitle the bearer to access the Stable Area only. All guests must vacate the area via the access gate through which they entered and inform Security of their departure.
 - c) Such guest when entering the Stable Area must produce Identification. Security Guard will log all the person information while on the property. Each person will receive a guest pass sticker.

5.4 VEHICLE / TRAFFIC

Every vehicle entering the Stable Area must use the Security gates designated for that purpose. All vehicles must stop for identification purposes. The driver of any vehicle circumventing Security or not stopping upon entering may be disciplined up to and including refusal of vehicle access. Posted traffic signs must be always obeyed.

- a) Horses shall always have the right of way in the Stable Area. Drivers shall obey the posted speed limits (10 kms) and all other parking related signs while in such areas. Persons failing to comply with the Race Track rules will be subject to fines and/or loss of driving privileges.
- b) Bicycle riding is prohibited during Training and Racing hours.
- c) No vehicle traffic on the East Road or Centre roadway will be permitted during Training and Racing hours. Persons found to be in violation of this Race Track rule will be subject to fines and/or loss of driving privileges. This includes Golf Carts.

- d) No Owners will be permitted vehicle access into the Stable Area during Training and Racing hours. Owners will be permitted vehicle access immediately following the last race post time. Owners will be permitted vehicle access after the completion of Training hours on "*Dark Days*".
- e) All persons shipping horses ***MUST STOP*** at the designated gates and inform Security of all pertinent information before entering or exiting the Stable Area and they must produce either an *IN* or *OUT* slip. ***There will be no exceptions.***
- f) No trailers, except for those who ship in for the current day's race card are to be parked in the loading area. All Trailers must be parked in the designated horse trailers parking area, located at east gate.
- g) Trailers shall not be left parked beside barns or on roadways. Violators will be subject to fines implemented by Security. Trailers may also be parked in the designated area of the main parking lot-need the east access gate.
- h) No persons will be permitted to load or unload horses at their barns, unless written permission has been, provided by the Racing Secretary or COO. A copy is also provided to the Security Department. All persons are to utilize the loading area for shipping purposes. Violators will be subject to fines.
- i) Horses have the right of way, at all times. Any driver operating a vehicle in such a manner that is deemed unsafe will result in a loss of driving privileges.
- j) The posted speed limit is 10 km/ph. Any driver found exceeding the limit excessively will be subject to a fine, and/or loss of driving privileges.
- k) Please refrain from making loud noises (horns, mufflers, etc)
- l) Please stop or turn off diesel or loud engines when horses are crossing or passing.
- m) Do not park or leave standing a vehicle in a designated fire route, or parking at any barn ends, East or West.
- n) ***NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE STABLE AREA, AT ANY TIME.***
- o) ***NO person can be jogging a horse in the shed row or on the roadways with or without rider, unless under the supervision of a Veterinarian.***

5.5 CHILDREN

- a) Children under the age of Twelve (12) will not be permitted access into the Stable Area during Training and Racing hours.
- b) Children will be permitted access into the Stable Area on "Dark Days" and "Race days", upon the completion of Training hours, only if they are under the direct supervision of their parents or legal guardians. Should this racetrack rule become misused, this privilege will be revoked regarding those individuals.
- c) Children must be over the age of 16, to paddock a horse on Race Days and/or paddock school a horse.

SECTION 6 LIVING QUARTERS

- 6.1 When allotted living quarters at the commencement of the racing season, occupants will forward \$100.00 to the Security Department as required by the Fort Erie Race Track as an occupancy fee. Occupants will also be required to pay a \$25.00 key deposit, which shall be returned when the key is returned at the end of the season.
- a) When the key is returned at the end of the season, the Security Department will inspect the living quarter. If the room is not cleaned or is damaged the key deposit will not be returned. The living quarter will not be altered in any way without permission from Security.
 - b) The Security Department will inspect the living quarters at anytime. If the room is unacceptable the Security Department may revoke any person's privilege to have a living quarter's room.
 - c) Every person permitted to reside in the living quarters shall not move to another room without permission from the Security Supervisor. Upon vacating the living quarters, the person allocated that room must notify the security department so that the condition of the room may be inspected.
 - d) No person shall be allowed to reside in a room other than the one, which they are issued, unless permission has been obtained from the Security Supervisor. No locks on the rooms shall be changed or tampered with.

6.2 EQUIPMENT

Every person permitted to reside in living quarters will be responsible to keep it clean. The use or possession of heating and cooking equipment is prohibited. Such rooms will be subject to an inspection at any time by authorized personnel.

SECTION 7 STABLE AREA FEES AND FINES

7.1 The Liquor Control Act and the Liquor License Act

The provisions of The Liquor Control Act and the Liquor License Act will be strictly enforced. Intoxicated persons found in the Stable Area will be ejected from the property and or turned over to the local police department. No person residing in a room shall permit drunkenness in the living quarters to which, they are assigned. Persons found to be illegally selling alcoholic beverages will be evicted from the Stable Area.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

The consumption of alcohol is not permitted during training hours, see AGCO rules.

- a) **NO DRINKING** within the shed rows or in a stall.
- b) Signs are posted in all barns. A fine of **\$50.00** will be issued by Security for violation of the rule.

7.2 PARKING

No persons shall park or leave standing a vehicle on a designated fire route or other Prohibited area. Vehicles parked in such manner will be tagged and/or towed away and the owner will be subject to fines and/or loss of driving privileges. Failure to comply with all vehicular traffic Track rule will result in the following penalties:

- *First Offence* Warning
- *Second Offence* \$25.00
- *Third Offence* \$50.00
- *Fourth Offence* Loss of driving privileges in Stable Area for a minimum of 14 days, to a maximum of the remainder of the racing season.

To be determined by the Security Supervisor and/ or Manager of the Fort Erie Racetrack Security.

7.3 STALL SCREENS

Stall Screens must be closed during Training hours. The Trainer, for allocated stalls, must provide the stall screens.

- a) All horses must be **HALTERED** No later than 8:00 pm through 5:00 am. Failure to comply with this rule may jeopardize your Horse's safety, in the event of an emergency. All Trainers who do not halter their horses as outlined above will be subject to fines.
- b) Trainers found to be in violation of Stall Screen and/or Halter Regulations will be subject to the penalties listed below:
 - *First Offence* \$25.00 per infraction
 - *Second Offence* \$50.00 per infraction
 - *Third Offence* \$100.00 per infraction

Any individual discovered to be in violation will receive written notification of their infraction and will be granted Seven (7) days from the date of notification to make payment of their fine to the Security Department.

Please note: If payment is not received by due date, further actions will be taken.

7.4 SMOKING

Smoking is strictly prohibited in accordance with AGCO/ TB RULE #14.03, in the proximity of All Barns, stalls, Tack/storage rooms, living quarters and shed rows or areas not designated. Smoking is also prohibited while on horseback.

- a) **SMOKING WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED ON THE PERIMETER ROADWAYS.** Persons discovered to be in violation of the Fire Regulations (smoking) will be subject to the penalties as listed below:
 - *First Offence* \$50.00
 - *Second Offence* Within 1 year: \$300.00 fine or a 5-day suspension

- *Third Offence* Within 1 year: minimum of \$500- and 7-day suspension
- *Forth Offence* Within 1 year: Suspension Indefinitely.

All smoking violations will be reported to the AGCO Stewards with a submitted report.

- b) Smoking, ashtrays or makeshift ashtrays, ashes or cigarette butts will not be permitted within the living quarters or other designated non-smoking areas as set out by Fort Erie Racetrack Security. Any person caught smoking in a living quarters room will be evicted immediately and key deposit will be withheld.
- c) Smoking is prohibited while taking horses from the Stable Area to the paddock also in the paddock and winners' circle.

7.5 MANURE BINS

Trainers are responsible for any items of garbage that is thrown into the manure Bins. If any garbage is found in the manure bins the Trainer will be advised and is ultimately responsible for the article. Any Persons discovered to be in violation of the Rule and Regulation will be subjected to the penalized listed below:

- *First Offence* \$100.00
- *Second Offence* \$200.00 fine and one week Trespass from the premises.
- *Third Offence* Indefinitely Trespassed from the premises.

7.6 FANS

Fans for use in the backstretch ***must have enclosed*** motor housings and must be plugged directly into a permanent outlet with no extension cords or power bars. Fans must be turned off when you vacate the property, for the night. All fans must be mounted or hung so as not to create a hazard to horses or horsemen. No fans are permitted in the Shed row on the ground. If you are unsure whether your fan is acceptable, please contact Security. No extension cords or power bars permitted all power cords must be CSA/ULC approved. Fans must have a three-prong cord, to ensure fan is properly grounded. If no outlet is available, Race Office will make arrangements to have one installed.

- a) *RECEIVING BARN FANS* will be evaluated by the Security Supervisor or Manager and will be deemed at the time to be safe or unsafe, due to the day-to-day workings in this area. No horse/Trainers are in this barn on a permanent basis.
- b) Trainers found to be in violation of the ***FANS*** will be subject to a **\$50.00 fine** implemented by Security for each fan.

It is the responsibility of the Licensee to remove any personal materials and equipment from each Assigned room within five (5) days of the last scheduled race day. In the event the Licensee fails to remove material prior to vacating the room, the Fort Erie Racetrack will have the material removed and the Licensee will be charged the full fee for such removal (\$100.00).

7.7 HORSE IN TODAY SIGNS

Horses that are into race, including also Eligibles, must have a sign (Horse in Today) posted on each stall door by 8:00 am on the day of the race. There are no exceptions to this policy. The sign must remain attached to the stall until the horse leaves the stall to race. When a Scratch has been approved by the Stewards, the sign may be removed. Trainers that are not in compliance with this policy will be subject to a monetary fine. – up to \$50.00.

SECTION 8 CONDITIONS OF RACING

8.1 AGCO RULES OF RACING

The *Rules of Racing* are in effect at the time any Race is raced shall govern the Race and any/and all Entries will be received only with the understanding and on the agreement of the Application that the *Rules of Racing* govern.

8.2 CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS

- a) Subjected to the Rules of Racing, FELRC reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to:
 - i. *Cancel any race, upon repayment of all subscription fees, if any, paid on such cancelled race:*
 - ii. *Change the time and/or place of any Race; and or*
 - iii. *Change the course and/or distance of a Race without the refund of nomination or entry fees.*
- b) Where a race is drawn and subsequently cancelled, all horses in the body of the race and on the Also Eligible List retain their original Entry or running dates and if applicable the current Entry date.
- c) Subject to the Rules of Racing, a Race may, if FELRC so determines in its sole and absolute discretion conducted by a racing association other than FELRC, and FELRC shall have the right to assign and transfer every entry in respect of such race and all monies paid to FELRC to such other racing association and in such event all obligations, if any, of FELRC in respect to such Race shall terminate.

8.3 CLOSING OF ENTRIES

Please refer to the current Condition Book regarding the closing of entries.

8.4 NAMING OF RIDERS

- a) A rider who is named on both halves of an Entry is viewed as having two calls in the race.
- b) A rider cannot be named on more than two horse in a race.
- c) In all overnight races, when drawing post positions, if the riders named at the time of entry is not available at the time of the draw, an apprentice rider is then named by either the owner, Applicant, or Steward, and the apprentice rider named will be allowed his/her apprentice weight allowance. PER AGCO RULE TB 30.19.

- d) In the event an Applicant has two horses of different ownership in a stakes Race, he/ she will be allowed to name the same rider on both horses, provided the Applicant follows the provision of section E.
- e) If an Applicant wants to name the same rider on two horses in a Stakes Race, the rider must be declared by the Applicant before the betting on the days racing program.
- f) When a Race is carded with an Also Eligible List, and/or Main Track Only List, a rider may be named on his first and second call if one is in the body of the Race and the other call is one of the horses carried on the program as an Also Eligible or Main Track Only List.
- g) A rider may continue to be named on horses coupled as an Entry in Races regardless of whether they are in the body of the Race or on the Also Eligible List and, /or Main Track Only List.
- h) An Applicant may name any replacement rider he/she wishes when his/her original rider is not able to fulfill his/her riding engagements.
- i) There is no obligation to ride the backup rider named on the original Entry.

8.5 SAME OWNER ENTRIES

When a same owner Entry of equal status is entered in an overnight Race that overfills, the following method will determine which half of the Entry will have an opportunity to draw into the Race:

- i. If neither is preferred, both Entries are placed in the Entry box;*
- ii. The first one drawn will have an opportunity to draw into the Race; and*
- iii. The second will be excluded unless there is room on the also eligible list.*

8.6 SCRATCH POLICY

Scratches are allowed down to a minimum of 10 betting interests.

Programmed are also Eligibles in Overnight Races.

- a) Horses on also eligible lists will be programmed until race day provided that, they have a Pari-Mutuel betting number. The fields will be reduced on Race Day to the permitted number of starters. The programmed also eligible horses will draw in, as scratches permit, by post position order.
- b) The maximum number of Also Eligibles shall be listed in the program.

8.7 PAYMENT OF PURSES

Fort Erie Racetrack will distribute purses, for all races, *except stakes race with purses over \$50,000* in the following manner:

First	60%
Second	20%
Third	10%
Fourth	6%
Fifth	4%

Fifth place money with a minimum of \$400. 00.

All positions past Fifth place will receive a minimum of \$400.00.

Fort Erie Racetrack will distribute purses for Stakes Races with Purses over \$ 50,000, in the following manner:

<u>Number of Starters</u>	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
First	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%
Second	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
Third	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Fourth	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%
Fifth	4%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sixth		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Seventh			1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Eighth				1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Ninth					1%	1%	1%	.5%
Tenth						1%	.5%	.5%
Eleventh							.5%	.5%
Twelfth								.5%

- Any races UNDER five horses, the extra monies revert to the Association. Does not include Stakes Races or Walkovers.
- AGCO Rule 11.32- In all Stakes races or walkovers in which there are less than five finishers, the winner shall be entitled to the winner's percentage of the purse plus all unearned portions of that purse.

8.8 TRAINING REGULATIONS:

1. No galloping on the rail.
2. No more than three gallopers or workers abreast, except when working from the gate.
3. No galloping the wrong way.
4. Jogging the wrong way allowed only to within ¼ of a mile from the starting gate.
5. Jogging the wrong way must be done in single file.
6. No working or galloping out of the 6 ½ F. chute. After exercising in the 6 ½ F. chute, horses must walk onto the main track until past the gap.
7. Ponying is restricted to the outside half of the track.
8. Boots with heels must be worn by exercise riders.
9. Helmets with chin straps done up must be worn.
10. Safety vests must be worn.
11. If the SIREN is activated, pull up and ease to the outside, look for danger. Do not continue, to gallop.
12. Concussion / Accident- When Riders are injured during Training, or during Live Racing. The rider must refer to Chapter 40: Concussion Protocol in the AGCO Rule book.
13. No person shall be on horseback without EMS on Site.

8.9 PREFERENCE DATES

AGCO Rule 6.20 states that all trainers must claim Preference Dates and Preference Status at time of entry.

8.10 WEIGHTS

AGCO Rule 8.02 states that the owner, trainer, shall claim all weight allowances at the time of entry and the claimant shall be held responsible should a horse be started carrying an incorrect weight. If, as a result of carrying too little weight, a horse is disqualified, the owner, trainer or claiming such weight shall be held responsible.

8.11 SHOES

- a) Shoes for Fort Erie Race Track Turf Course;

NO CAULKS, TRAILERS, STICKERS, INSERTS, BLOCKS OR TURNDOWNS WILL BE ALLOWED ON FRONT OR HIND SHOES NO RIM SHOES ONLY FLAT, QUEEN'S PLATE XT OR EQUIVALENT MAY BE USED ON FRONT AND HIND. THESE RULES WILL BE **STRICTLY ENFORCED**.

- b) Shoes for Fort Erie Racetrack Dirt Course;
- c) No Turn Downs, Trailers, or Toe Grabs past ¼ inch.

8.12 SILKS

Owners must ensure their colours are submitted to the Race Office. The FELRC may reject colours for any reason, including being offensive, a real or potential copywrite infringement, or for being too close in description to another owner's existing colours. If an owner is entered to race and does not have his/her colours, house colours will be provided.

8.13 Thoroughbred Improvement Program Ontario Bred Bonus Program

The component of the Ontario Horse Improvement Program is the Ontario Bred Bonus Program for Thoroughbred racing, which provides a percentage bonus to eligible Registered Ontario Bred horses earning 1st thru 5th purse money in open racing in Ontario.

A horse is eligible to the Ontario Bred Bonus Program and will receive the Bonus if:

- a) The horse is a Registered Ontario Bred horse, registered as such by the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society (Ontario Division).
- b) The dam was recognized by the Program as a resident mare in the year of Foaling out; and
- c) The horse has not been claimed in any prior race.

To grandfather existing horses into the new Program, any foal on the ground 2007 or earlier will be considered eligible for the Bonus if it had foaled out in Ontario. An eligible horse will lose its eligibility to receive the bonus when it is claimed after January 1, 2008.

In 2012 a Bonus of 20 % will be paid to eligible horses finishing 1 thru 5 as part of the purse. For more information on the Program, please contact the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society at (416)-675-3602 or the Race Secretary.

*In all winners' races (except Stakes and Cup Races) for Three-Year-Olds and Upward, Three-Year-Olds will carry 118 lbs. and will NOT be eligible for any allowance lines or to buy weight by claiming price.

In all Races, with the exception of stakes, winners will have preference.

SECTION 9 APPLICATIONS OF ACCESS RIGHTS

All Access rights forms must be signed by all persons entering the Stable Area at the Fort Erie Racetrack. All Access rights will be signed by all Horsemen, Guests, and Trades person. Access will be denied to any person who did not sign the Access sheets.

Fort Erie Racetrack reserves the right to deny access to any parts of the property.

FORT ERIE LIVE RACING CONSORTIUM **APPLICATION FOR ACCESS RIGHTS**

THOROUGHBRED

To: Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium ("FELRC")

I hereby apply, either (a) in my personal capacity or (b) as an employee, agent, or representative (an "Agent") of an individual, corporation or other legal entity (the "Principal"), for a limited, non-transferable, revocable license (the "access rights") to enter upon land and premises operated by the FELRC and the improvements located thereon (the FELRC premises') together with the property (including horses and equipment) in my possession, care, custody or control from time to time during the proposed access.

I undertake and agree to use the access rights, if granted, for the limited purpose of such activities on FELRC premises as may be permitted by FELRC and, in the case of equine and related activities, to abide by the Rules and Regulations of FELRC as amended from time to time.

I acknowledge and agree that FELRC reserves the right to revoke the access rights, if granted, at any time in its sole and absolute discretion without notice, reason or compensation.

I acknowledge and agree that the term "property", whenever used, includes horses and the term "damage to property" includes injury to or death of horses.

Authority to sign this Application

Where this is an Application for Access Rights made in my personal capacity. I represent and warrant that I am 18 years of age or older. Where this is an Application for Access Rights made as Agent of a Principal, I represent and warrant that the Principal, if an individual, is 18 years or older and I am authorized by the Principal to sign this Application for Access Rights and thereby bind the principal to its terms in the same manner as if this Application were signed by the Principal.

Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk

I acknowledge that working with and riding horses, handling equine equipment and otherwise engaging in equine activities is dangerous and involves inherent risk of injury and death and loss of damage to property, and I hereby agree to assume that risk.

Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, I acknowledge that:

- a) Horses have the propensity to behave in unpredictable ways that may result in injury or death or loss of or damage to property;
- b) The use of equine equipment, including safety equipment, may not reduce the risk of injury or death or loss of or damage to property;
- c) The condition of FELRC premises, including without limitations the racetracks and practice tracks and stables, are imperfect and may contain hidden or unknown hazards that increase the risk of injury or death or loss of or damage to property;
- d) Engaging in competitive activities, including racing, involves unpredictable and unknown hazards and dangers; and
- e) The use of FELRC premises by others or the engaging by others in competitive activities, including racing, may result in unexpected or unknown danger that increases the risk of injury or death, or loss of or damage to property.

I acknowledge and agree that FELRC makes no representations or warranties, whether written or oral, express, or implied, respecting:

- a) FELRC premises or their suitability or fitness for any particular purpose, including without limitation that portion of FELRC premises on which any equine events or related activities take place;
- b) The competence or qualifications of others having access right to FELRC premises, including without limitations their competence or qualifications to engage in racing or training;
- c) The state of health or safety of horses on FELRC premises from time to times.
- d) The supervision, control or raining of horses on FELRC premises from time to time, including without limitations their suitability for training and racing.

I acknowledge having been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of Fort Erie Racetrack and acknowledge that compliance with those Rules and Regulations, as amended from time to time, is a condition of my continued access to FELRC premises.

Conditions of Access - Waiver, Release of Claims and Indemnity

In consideration of the grant or proposed grant to me by the FELRC premises, I hereby waive the forever release FELRC and its current and former officers, directors, employees and agents (collectively referred to as the "Releasees") from any and all claims of any sort (excepting any claim for want of ordinary care or negligence on the part of FELRC or its officers, servants, agents or employees) which I may otherwise now have or may have or acquired in the future, whether or not such claims are within my current knowledge or contemplation, including without limitations all claims arising out of injury, death, loss of or any damage to

person or property, which directly or indirectly arise out of, relate to are a consequence of or follow the granting or proposed granting, or the use or proposed use of access rights by me as contemplated in this application.

For the same consideration, I undertake and agree in indemnify and hold harmless FELRC and the other Releasees in respect of all claims as against them (excepting any claim for want of ordinary care or negligence on the part of FELRC or its officers, servants, agents or employee), including without limitations all claims arising out of injury, death, loss of or damage to person or property as well as the actual legal costs incurred by FELRC in responding to such claims, which directly or indirectly arise out of, relate to, are a consequence of or follow the granting or proposed granting, or the use of proposed use, of the access rights by me as contemplated in this Application.

READ THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE SIGNING

Date Signed _____ Location Signed: _____

1. SIGN HERE if you are an individual applying in your PERSONAL CAPACITY:

(Please make sure that your address details are fully completed. You are responsible for notifying Security should your address change during the terms of this agreement.)

Witness Signature: _____ Your Signature: _____

Witness Name(print) _____ Your Name: _____

Witness Address: _____ Your Address: _____

Witness Phone Number: _____ Your Phone Number: _____

Guests will not be provided with a Copy of the Rules and Regulations of Fort Erie Racetrack. It is the Responsibility of the person who has invited such guest to make such guest aware of such Rules and Regulations and to ensure the guest complies with those Rules and Regulations.

2. SIGN HERE if you are an employee, agent or representative (an “Agent”) of a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity (a “Principal”):

Name of Corporation, partnership or other legal entity (“Principal”); _____

I am an employee, agent or representative (an “Agent”) of the ‘Principal’ I HAVE AUTHORITY TO BIND THE PRINCIPAL TO THIS DOCUMENT BY MY SIGNATURE.

Your Signature (‘Agent’): _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

SECTION 10 CLOSING STATEMENTS

This race meeting is being conducted with the approval of the AGCO, and the Rules of Racing of the by the AGCO apply to the conduct of all races and the racing association conducting this meeting has been licensed by the AGCO.

- Videotaping or recording morning training or any activity on the backstretch will only be allowed under circumstances and with informed consent. If you are filming your own horse (or horses) being trained or prepped for a race day, no permission or consent is required. You must ask permission from the Trainer before filming horses that you do not own or train. Riders need to give their consent to being filmed while riding or working on the backstretch. Additionally, every horseperson that works in and outside your barn must give consent before being filmed.

While every effort is made to provide accurate information in this condition book, FELRC assumes no liability to anyone for errors or omissions.

Fort Erie Racetrack wishes everyone a great race season.



