



GUIDANCE

Harness Horse Hair Sampling

Horses That Must Be Sampled

All horses that were in the custody of trainers indicted for alleged equine drug-related criminal activity as of March 9, 2020 or trainers named in a criminal complaint to have been involved in similar doping of horses were placed on the Steward's List for a minimum of 30 days. All horses claimed, sold or otherwise transferred from a suspended, indicted trainer or a trainer named in a criminal complaint were also placed on the Steward's List for a minimum of 30 days.

The present list of horses that must be sampled can be accessed at this [LINK](#). The Commission reserves its right to supplement to this list as we identify additional horses that require hair sampling.

Hair Sample Collection

Hair sampling of harness horses is scheduled to begin on or about April 29, 2020 at Buffalo Raceway, Monticello Raceway, and Saratoga Casino Hotel and Raceway. If you currently own or train a horse as described above, you must make an appointment to have a hair sample obtained for testing.

Making an Appointment

To make an appointment, the trainer or owner of shall call the Presiding Judge at the racetrack at which sampling is desired. Contact information for the three racetracks hosting sampling are listed below. The trainer or owner must provide (1) the name and tattoo number of each horse to be sampled; (2) the name of the present trainer and owner of said horse; (3) the contact information of the present trainer and owner. Contact information means Physical Address (no PO Box), Mailing Address, Telephone Number and Electronic Mail Address.

After speaking with the Presiding Judge, the trainer or owner making the appointment shall confirm the date and time of the scheduled appointment, the name and tattoo

number of each horse to be sampled by sending an email to the appropriate Presiding Judge. Please also include the name(s) of those accompanying the horse(s) to the testing.

Hair Sampling Protocol

The following conditions must be met for your horse to be sampled:

- The individual presenting a horse for sampling shall wear a face mask and keep a six (6) foot distance from all Commission employees during the sampling process.
- The individual presenting a horse for sampling must bring with them a Commission license or other State-issued license and show the license to the inspector.
- The individual presenting a horse for sampling must present a check payable to the *N.Y.S. Gaming Commission* in the amount of \$250.00 for each horse to be sampled. This amount is equivalent to the cost of each test charged by the New York Equine Drug Testing and Research Laboratory.

Removal of Horses from the Steward's List

Hair sampling is the first step in removing your horse from the Steward's List and making the horse eligible to race in New York. For your horse to be removed from the Steward's List, the following conditions must be met:

- The horse must have a negative hair sample test for prohibited and impermissible substances.
- Results of hair testing are expected to be made available within four (4) weeks of sampling. If the sample is found to contain prohibited or other impermissible substances, the horse will remain on the Steward's List.
- The horse must be successfully qualified.
- After being qualified, the horse shall be sampled for blood and urine testing. The cost of this testing will be borne by the horse owner or trainer. If the blood or urine samples contain impermissible substances, your horse will remain on the Steward's List.
- Before a horse will be removed from the Steward's List, complete copies of all veterinary billing records from December 1, 2019 to date must be received by the Commission. Such records can be e-mailed to maria.peek@gaming.ny.gov or mailed to the following address:

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Locations of Testing and Presiding Judge Contact Information

Buffalo Raceway
5600 McKinley Parkway
Hamburg, New York 14075

Donald Simmonds, Presiding Judge
Telephone Number: (716) 649-4221
Email: Don.Simmonds@gaming.ny.gov

Monticello Raceway
204 State Route 17B
Monticello, New York 12701

Lance Ditewig, Presiding Judge
Telephone Number: (845) 794-5061
Email: Lance.Ditewig@gaming.ny.gov

Saratoga Casino Hotel and Raceway
342 Jefferson Street
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

Shane Bacon, Presiding Judge
Telephone Number: (518) 581-5885
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