

Details on Hawthorne Races at Springfield

1. Race dates are June 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th. Qualifiers will be held on June 17th and 24th at 11 a.m. Purse races will start at noon on all 4 days. There are no entry fees for purse races or qualifiers. No stall rent will be charged to any horsemen. Thank you to the IHHA for covering stall maintenance fees for the non-Springfield based trainers.
 2. Entries will be taken by Hawthorne on Monday for Friday and Saturday cards for both weeks. Online entries are encouraged. Phone number for entries is 708-780-3690.
Please note phone entries will be taken from 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. due to a thoroughbred draw taking place in the morning.
 3. A few updates continue to be made to the condition sheet. Please check the condition sheet on Sunday for any final changes. Two-year-old races will be offered on June 24th and 25th. We are planning on having a Juneteenth Celebration race on the June 18th race card (more details will be shared soon)
 4. EHV & coggins paperwork need to be on file before entering. You can email it to Tina Schrock at schrockstable@gmail.com or text a picture to 217-416-0006.
 5. All owners, drivers and trainers must have a current USTA membership. An IRB license is not required.
 6. Horses must show an official charted USTA line.
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7. Ship-in barns are 40, 78 and 102. For the first race day, we have decided to not assign stalls. If you are shipping in to race, you may use one of the ship-in barns or stalls in a barn of a Springfield-based trainer if space is available. We will evaluate after the June 17th races if we will continue this procedure on the remaining race days or if we will assign stalls. If you would like stalls reserved for you, please contact Tina Schrock after the draw at 217-416-0006.
 8. **Please check in to the race office to pick up saddle pads or to report any driver changes or scratches.**
 9. We will be racing out of the barns and not using the paddock. There will be no designated detention time. We would appreciate your cooperation in getting to the track in a timely manner.
 10. Random breathalyzer checks on drivers will be taken before the races.
 11. Dr. Kate McBurney will be administering lasix. Cost for lasix is \$20. A lasix schedule will be posted after the draw. There is no designated lasix area. If needing lasix, please let the race office know your barn number and Dr. McBurney will meet you there.
 12. Trainers may use either track for warm-ups.
 13. Barn 144 is the testing barn. It is the open barn near the half-mile track.
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14. Purses will be paid through the bookkeeper at Hawthorne. You can reach the bookkeeper at 708-652-3655 if you need to set up an account or to request for your purse check to be mailed to you.
 15. There will be no simulcasting but races will be shown live on the Illinois County Fair Harness Racing Facebook page. Thank you to Troy Markert for videoing the races.
 16. Cross Harness Supplies will be available for the first week-end of racing. Their availability for the second weekend is TBD.
 17. Eric Sievers will be available in Mike Brink's barn if you need a horse shoer.
 18. As you all know, Hawthorne hosting races at Springfield outside of the State Fair is new to all of us. We appreciate your patience as officials work through the best ways to handle these races. We will evaluate procedures each day and make any changes we feel are necessary. If you have any suggestions on improvements we could make after the first race day, please reach out to Tina Schrock.

