

Statement from Hawthorne Race Course
Regarding Standardbred Yearling Sales & 2023 Racing



As yearling sales for Standardbreds approach, we hope that Illinois horsemen are as optimistic about the future of harness racing as we are. The IHHA and Hawthorne have been working together for over 20 years to fundamentally change the economic model of Illinois racing. While the transition to developing casino-supported racing has been slower than anticipated, we continue to make vital progress in establishing a new and enduring foundation on which to rebuild our industry, together. Hawthorne remains fully committed to harness racing and we are developing a schedule for 2023 that we believe will provide lucrative opportunities for IHHA members with maximized purses, particularly for 2-year olds.