



HARRINGTON RACEWAY & CASINO GENERAL
CONDITIONS FOR 2026

**Opening week draw schedule is different. See First
Week's Condition Sheet.**

The deadline for submitting racing applications is March 25.

An up-to-date Coggins Test (Within the last 12-months) must be turned in before scratch time. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a fine by the judges and the scratching of the horse. For qualifiers, a current Coggins must be turned in by 7 p.m. the day of the draw.

A "Release of Liability" form of the current year and proof of Worker's Compensation Insurance must be on file in the Race Office from all trainers and their employees prior to any horses being accepted. If you didn't race here in 2025, please forward a voided check and your SS# or Tax ID# to the bookkeeper. Please note closed-toe shoes only are permitted in the paddock, open-toe shoes are prohibited.

Racing Dates:

April 13 – July 8 (Monday – Wednesday), Delaware State Fair Day July 23; August 17-18, 24-25, August 31 through October 21 (Monday through Wednesday). The first qualifying date will be Tuesday April 7 and will be held on Wednesdays in the spring after that date. Please check the schedule for updates.

Post Time 4:30 p.m. nightly except for July 23 (post time 7 p.m.)

Spring Draw Schedule (See condition sheet for fall draw schedule and any updates):

Tuesday for Monday- Box Closes @ 11 AM
Wednesday for Tuesday – Box Closes @ 11 AM
Thursday for Wednesday - Box Closes @ 11 AM

**See First Condition Sheet for opening week
draw schedule**

Racing Applications:

- An application to race at Harrington Raceway, listing all horses you wish to race at the current meet, must be on file in the Race Office by March 28. Harrington Raceway reserves the right to refuse or deny any application and/or entry/entries.
- Horses that were under the care of a trainer under suspension for an equine positive test, must be transferred to a non-employee and non-family member/trainer OUTSIDE of the previous stable in order to apply.
- **A new liability release must be on file for current year for OWNERS and TRAINERS before purse checks will be released.** All forms relating to purse checks from the previous year will remain on file. Submit a new form for any changes.

- Owners and Trainers may not be permitted to have more than 20 horses racing at any one time without management's approval.
- If a horse is taken to another track to race it must have the Race Secretary's approval before racing at Harrington.
- The trainer is solely responsible for filing the necessary paperwork to withdraw from and add horses to his/her list.

Qualifying Information:

- Pace – 2:02
- Trot – 2:04
- 3- Second allowance for 2 yr. Olds
- 2- Second allowance for 3 yr. Olds
- Qualifying races will be on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM except for Tuesday April 8. Declare qualifying entries by Noon on Tuesdays, except for the 1st week.
- Horses that are in-to-go may not be permitted to qualify.
- Horses who are already qualified may not be permitted to qualify.
- Any horse that is already qualified and attempts to qualify again WILL unqualify themselves for overnights if they make a break or fail to go in qualifying time.
- Schoolers are primarily for 2 and 3 year olds and/or inexperienced horses. Aged horses who are already qualified may be removed from schoolers in order to expedite paddock cleaning on qualifying days to ensure race night readiness.

Horses will be placed on the qualifying list if:

- They are scratched two consecutive times.
- They break in their two most recent races on a fast track.
- There are poor performances as determined by the judges and/or they fail to go in qualifying time on a fast track in 2 consecutive starts.
- They fail to show a clean charted line in qualifying time within 60 days from race date to race date.
- Horses with their last start outside of North America.

Claiming Races:

- The minimum claiming price will be \$7,500.
- All horses showing lines that are for a claiming price for less than \$7,500 will be evaluated by the racing secretary.
- Per DHRC rules, any horse claimed during the meet can only be entered to race in Delaware for a period of 60 days following the claim, unless released in writing by the DHRC Administrator and Presiding Judge.
- A claimed horse that changes trainers must be approved by the racing secretary.
- All claims must be made with cash or certified check.
- Every horse entered for a claiming price must take at least one warm-up lap around the entire racetrack prior to the post parade for the race entered.

Conditioned Races:

- Horses may not drop more than one conditioned class each start without approval of the Race Secretary.
- The Race Secretary reserves the right to move a horse to a more competitive class and declare a horse non-competitive at his discretion or to rule the horse off the grounds for any reason.
- If a horse's last start was not at Harrington Raceway it may be placed in a class above its eligibility at the discretion of the Race Secretary.

General:

- **In accordance with DHRC rules 8.5 and 8.5.4.1 please have race stalls free of trash and manure before departure. Violators may be fined.**
- The 60-day rule is in effect. Horses must show a clean charted line within 60 days from race date to race date.
- All Australian & New Zealand horses will be classified at the discretion of the Race Secretary.
- Horses entered in a class that DOES NOT FILL may be moved to their listed Alternate Class receiving the same preference as horses entered in that class. Horses entered in a class that DOES FILL and are not getting in by date or preference, may be moved to their listed Alternate Class at the discretion of the Race Secretary. They will NOT have any preference over horses already entered in that class.
- A horse entered in a class to which it is not eligible may be listed as "not eligible" and left out, or may be transferred to another class at the discretion of the Race Secretary.
- A safety vest must be worn at all times while on the track, including morning jogging, training prior to the races and warming up.
- All races may be combined at the race secretary's discretion.

- Any horse that scratches from post position eight, will receive the outside in their next start, unless if scratched by the State Vet or judges after arriving in the paddock to race. All conditions of a scratched horse apply. If the horse's next start is in a paid in event, he will be assigned the outside post position in the next overnight event.
- Except for the outrider, no horses on race nights are permitted on the infield due to safety concerns.
- Horsemen are STRONGLY URGED to use online entry to ensure entries are received in a timely manner.
- Only horses racing that night are permitted in the paddock on race nights, unless given special permission.
- DSBF horses are exempt from the age requirement on NW race classes

Delaware State Fair Racing Program

- All horses entered for any overnight event on Governor's Day during the Delaware State Fair must be 100% wholly and continuously Delaware owned sixty days prior to the first Thursday of the Fair.
- Horses entered for the Delaware State fair program that have not made at least three starts at the current meet will be used if needed. Any horse that has less than 3 starts at the meet may be used and placed in the proper class. Accepted horses who may not have achieved 3 starts but entered appropriately to race and their class did not fill will not be penalized.