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To whom it may concern:

Please see the 2021 entry requirements listed below.

**2021 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL HORSES ENTERING ARAPAHOE PARK RACETRACK**

The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) reported four cases of Equine Infection Anemia (EIA) in 2018 and six cases in 2017.[1] There were no reported cases in 2019 and no statistics have been released for 2020 at this time. In 2018, 2019 and 2020, the Commission modified the rule requiring a negative Coggins within one (1) year of entry and instead required a negative Coggins within 10 days of every entry into Arapahoe Park for all breeds. In 2021, we will continue the practice for Quarter Horses only, as Quarter Horses are the most at-risk breed population.

While there has not been a reported Piroplasmiasis outbreak close to Colorado since the September 2016 case in Wyoming,[2] the Division of Racing Events will **require a negative test result for Equine Piroplasmiasis at the upcoming race meet at Arapahoe Park for racing Quarter Horses.** More information regarding Equine Piroplasmiasis is available at the Division office should you have questions or concerns.

All **racing Quarter Horses** coming to Arapahoe Park for the meet are required to **obtain negative test results for Equine Piroplasmiasis within thirty (30) days** prior to arrival onto the grounds of Arapahoe Park. The administered tests must include **both types of protozoa, Theileria equi and Babesia caballi.** Negative test results are to be attached to the CVI, along with the Coggins test, and et.al. Additionally, your **veterinarian must include this statement** on the CVI:

**“I have personally inspected this animal and it does not display clinical signs of Equine Piroplasmiasis, and I inspected and treated this animal for ticks with an approved synthetic Pyrethroid Spray Product.”**

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**An Equine Piroplasmosis negative test result within thirty (30) days and a negative Coggins test result within ten (10) days is also REQUIRED FOR RE-ENTRY onto Arapahoe Park grounds.** If the required testing timeline has expired, new testing must be completed upon re-entry. Additionally, approval must be obtained from the General Manager and Director of Racing of Arapahoe Park before horses will be permitted re-entry onto the racetrack premises. Please note that this requirement is not specific to quarter horses; this requirement will be for all horses entering the grounds.

Ensure that the necessary tests are performed prior to arriving at Arapahoe Park. No Quarter Horses will enter the grounds without the above testing having been performed and without proper documentation. **Should anyone bring Quarter Horses to the racetrack without proper test results, that person and his/her horses would be turned away and not allowed to access the grounds.**

Some items of note:

- Both diseases can be transmitted from blood-feeding insects such as biting flies and mosquitoes. Arapahoe Park management will be taking steps to manage and spray for ticks. Management requests you ensure appropriate steps are taken to control the fly population in your area including cleaning/removing manure, spraying horses individually, etc. This may mean that horse trailers may be parked in one spot and sprayed for any type of ticks and parasites.
- Horses being imported into the United States from other countries, unsanitary animal husbandry, and veterinary practices involving sharing of needles or syringes may also contribute to the spread of these as well as other diseases. To that end, all veterinarians shall use sterile, disposable needles and syringes for all treatments to horses. Such materials should be considered potentially hazardous waste and properly disposed after each single use.
- **Blood samples for testing may be submitted to Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (CSUVDL). Please call (970)-297-1281 with any submission questions. Each horse that is tested must also have an official individual identification which can be a tattoo, electronic microchip, or a unique brand.**

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[1] <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/equine/eia/equine-infectious-anemia>, accessed June 17, 2021.

[2] <http://www.equinediseasecc.org/alerts/outbreaks?maxReportDays=all>, accessed December 18, 2018.

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Thank you.

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