



RMTC RACING UPDATES 2021 (4)

April 23, 2021

Dear Horsemen:

It was RMTC's intent to have our opening Live Race day on Saturday, May 1, 2021. After our HRA conference call Wednesday, April 21, 2021, due to AHS and Government restrictions still in place the decision was made to move RMTC's opening day of Live Racing to Saturday May 15, 2021. At this time as per AHS and Government restrictions, this will take place will be without fans.

All personal that is permitted on the backstretch - COVID Protocols MUST BE followed at all times

See below clarification and changes to directive 164T & 218

HRA has implemented directives #164t for 2021- This is to clarify the previous document

A. Horses must have a qualified work within 30 days prior to entering.

Clarified "B" Track workouts #164T

- A horse may only be entered in a major race meet if the race is less than 6 Furlongs the horse has to have a **4** Furlong qualified work (53 seconds or less) within 30 days for which the horse is entered.
- If the race is 6 Furlongs or more the horse has to have qualifying work of **5** Furlongs (1.07) within 30 days for which the horse is entered.
- In the case of a horse that has not started for 30 days or more but has had a race of 5 Furlongs or more during the current calendar year, the horse must have, in the presence of an official clocker, one qualified workout of at least **4 furlongs** within 30 days of the day of the race for which it is entered and the results have been filed with the racing secretary.
- In the case of a horse that has never started the horse will need **2** official works within 30 days of the race of which they are to be entered. One work must be from the **gate**.
- The day you are requesting the timed work you must let the starter/clocker know the horses correct name that you want the timed work for. Advise the distance (4F or 5F) and if it is a gate work or just a timed work.

Note: Horse papers MUST be in the race office to receive the qualified work or gate approval.

Gate Approvals and Works (weather permitting)

- o **Gate Approvals:** Mon – May 3, Fri – May 7 -- from 8:30am to 10:00am
 - o **Time Works:** Sat. May 1, Thurs. May 6,-- from 7:30 to 9:30am
- Going forward in May RMTC will advise the days of the week for works and gate approvals



DIGITAL Horse Papers

- For Digital horse papers, when submitting to the race office, the ownership **MUST** be correct and must identify the trainer.
- The digital horse papers need have the MICRO CHIP # on it as well as the MICRO CHIP VERIFIED stamp on the papers; done by the MICRO CHIP VERIFICATION Technician.

B. Vet Checks for horses on race day

Change to Time of Arrival on Rule 218 Races horses Shipped in

- Horses must arrive as follows: A Thoroughbred or Quarter Horse entered for a “race at any racetrack in Alberta must arrive at the “race track no later than **10:00am** on the day of the race **for a Vet check.**

C. Horses 13 years old must receive approval from stewards to race

- **Horses 14 years old and older will not be permitted to race.**

D. Alberta Track’s Race Day

- **Dress code for paddock:** All clothing is to be neat and clean. No exposure of the chest, back, stomach or backside. Prohibited are sweatpants, shorts shorter than knee height, halter tops, sandals, Uggs and Crocs.

See additional Directives on HRA website <https://thehorses.com> and all RMTC policies at the race office.

Additional Policies

- Lights must be turned off in the barn at night. If stalls on the outside of barns are not occupied do not leave those lights on.
- Park horse trailers in the jockey quarter’s parking lot. Park your trailer next to the last trailer leaving approximately 5 feet between trailers.
- The north yellow gate by barn 1 will be closed. To access the backstretch you must use the south gate.
- Put only manure in the manure bins **NO** garbage. Put garbage in the blue dumpsters. With Lethbridge wind, we ask horsemen to pick up any bags or garbage and put it in the dumpsters. This is for the safety of the horses and jockeys.
- Presently the blue garbage dumpsters will be scheduled to be dumped on Tuesdays 2:00pm (This is subject to weather and if it is a holiday)
- **All horsemen; Trainers, Grooms, Jockeys - MUST be licenced to be on the backstretch. Personel that are not licence or are not in the care of the horses will not be permitted on the backstretch.**

