



Dear Governor Carney and racing fans:

*It is an honor to report the activities of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission for 2021.*

*Delaware Park entered its 84th season of live racing in 2021. The live racing schedule included 77 days of live racing, a reduction of the planned 85 days. Delaware Park is still recovering from the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. I am pleased to report that due to the success of the meet additional days were added at the end of the meet for a grand total of 84 days scheduled. However due to weather related incidents, extreme heat and flooding, Delaware Park was forced to cancel 5 days of racing and 1 day of a partial card, these cancelations are necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of both horse and rider. An additional day of racing was lost due to a lack of entries.*

*The \$400,000 Delaware Handicap, the signature event of the summer meet, was held on July 10, 2021. "MISS MARISSA" was crowned winner in an impressive gate-to-wire victory ridden by Daniel Centeno who concluded the meet third in the leading jockey standings at Delaware Park. Total handle for DelCap day was \$3,967,506 a significant increase from 2020 (\$2,205,899.)*

*The Delaware Handicap continues to be a major summer focus for fillies and mares on their way to national championships such as the efforts of "BLIND LUCK", "HAVRE De GRACE", "ROYAL DELTA" and "SONGBIRD".*

*The \$300,000 Delaware Oaks drew an impressive group of fillies a total of 9 runners competed for the title. "CRAZY BEAUTIFUL" ridden by hall of famer jockey Mike Smith conquered the field by a commanding 6 lengths. Total handle for the Delaware Oaks day also saw an increase for 2021 totaling \$2,783,118 from (\$2,581,751) in 2020.*

*Delaware Park management announced in November 2021 that Delaware Racing Association been acquired by Clairvest Group Inc. & Rubico Gaming LLC from longtime owner William Rickman Jr. Clairvest & Rubico Gaming LLC will be the Owner and Operator of Delaware Park Racetrack and Casino for the upcoming 2022 season. The DTRC looks forward to working with the new ownership and wishes the best for the Rickman family.*

*The Commission continued to strive for regulative uniformity within the Mid-Atlantic region as well as nationally. DTRC Chairman, W. Duncan Patterson and past Chairman of the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) continued to advocate for medication uniformity. The Commission continues to adopt new rules and regulations in the hopes to eliminate those who do not race their horses honestly and do not have the welfare of the horse as their utmost priority. The Commission recognizes the importance to adopt those stringent polices that are garnered to support the Delaware Horsemen's Association and Delaware Park Racetrack.*

*The information in this report will give you an overview of the various activities and programs that the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission oversees. As always, the ultimate goal is to provide the best efforts in regulating this great industry.*

Sincerely,

*Sarah Crane*

Sarah Crane  
Executive Director

## THOROUGHBRED RACING COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT

The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission regulates and oversees the sport of Thoroughbred and Arabian racing in the state.

The Commission's main objectives are to eliminate fraudulent activity that would undermine the public trust, bringing violators of commission rules, regulations, and Delaware law to justice; to protect, preserve and promote agriculture and horse racing by preventing and eliminating corrupt practices; ensure fairness in licensing and patron decisions; and ensure that the state and betting public receive fair percentages of the wagering dollar by overseeing audits.

## 2021 DELAWARE THOROUGHBRED RACING COMMISSION

W. Duncan Patterson, **Chairman**  
Edward J. Stegemeier, **Secretary-Commissioner**  
Henry J. Decker, **Commissioner**  
Debra M. Killeen, **Commissioner**  
Richard A. Levine, Esquire, **Commissioner**

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Sarah A. Crane, **Executive Director**  
Andrew G. Kerber, Esquire, **Commission Counsel**  
Adria Martinelli, **Commission Counsel**

## **SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE**

Michael T. Scuse

## 2021 COMMISSION COMMITTEES

W. Duncan Patterson  
    ARCI Drug Testing Standards and Practices Committee, Chairman  
    Ex-Officio Chair, ARCI  
    Mid Atlantic Best Practices Committee

Edward J. Stegemeier  
    Delaware Jockeys Health and Welfare Benefit Board, Chair  
    Delaware Commissions Equine Forensics Drug Testing Committee, Chair  
    ARCI Jockey Health and Safety Committee Member

Harry J. Decker

ARCI Equine Health & Safety Committee, Member

Sarah A. Crane

Mid Atlantic Best Practices Committee, Member

Safety Committee, Member

Organization of Racing Investigators, Member

National Racing Compact Board, Member

### 2021 THOROUGHBRED RACING COMMISSION STAFF

\* William Troilo – **Chief State Steward**

\* Robert Colton – **Association State Steward**

\* Eric Coatrieux – **Association State Steward / Safety Steward**

Abel Castellano – **Investigator**

*\* Denotes certification through Racing Officials Accreditation Program (ROAP)*

Susan J. Botts VMD, **Chief Commission Veterinarian**

Robert Calley DVM, **Associate Commission Veterinarian**

Virginia Gillam DVM, **Associate Commission Veterinarian**

#### **Alternate Associate Comm. Veterinarians:**

Sarah Jay DVM

Karen Lopez DVM

Richard Brown VMD



## DELAWARE THOROUGHBRED RACING COMMISSION ONLINE

In accordance with an initiative on the part of the Delaware Department of Agriculture, the Commission's transparency was increased to improve data available to the public.

Those initiatives included the posting of the Stewards' Daily Reports, Veterinarian Scratch Reports, and all Administrative Rulings on disciplinary actions. Also, the navigation pane titled "Trainer's Shed Row" displays important industry updates and worthwhile links.

A full array of racing related information and links can be accessed by visiting URL:

<http://dda.delaware.gov/thoroughbred/index.shtml>

## DTRC BUDGET FY 2021

Personnel	\$ 1,073,200.00
Travel	\$ 25,000.00
Contractual	\$ 200,400.00
Supplies	\$ 20,100.00
Capital	\$ 86,800.00
Fingerprinting	\$ 110,000.00
Equine Drug Testing	\$ 275,000.00
Research and Development	\$75,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,865,500.00</b>

All funding for the DTRC comes from the Appropriated Special Fund (ASF) derived from licensing fees and fines.

Cost of regulation (Administration, Stewards, and Veterinarians Salaries, benefits, plus 100% costs of equine drug testing are borne by the Delaware Racing Association – Delaware Park)

No general fund money is used in the operation of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission.

## 2021 DELAWARE PARK SEASON OVERVIEW

Due to the Covid – 19 Pandemic there were fewer days of racing in 2021, 77 race days were scheduled a slight decrease from the originally scheduled 85. Delaware Park was forced to cancel seven (7) days of racing, six (6) due to weather related incidents, and one (1) for a lack of entries. Delaware Park extended the meet until October 30<sup>th</sup> in an effort to make up lost days. I am pleased to report that a total of 77 race days were completed in 2021.

Delaware Park paid out a total \$ 17,576,000.00 in purse money for the 77-day meet for Thoroughbred and Arabian Racing. Due to the declining Arabian population, Arabian racing at Delaware Park was concluded July 2, 2021. The three Graded Stakes for Arabians regrettably were canceled.

In 2021 a total of 167 horses were claimed at Delaware Park. A total of \$2,055,500.00 was spent on horses purchased via claiming races. The Average claiming price, \$12,305, up from the \$9,253 average price in 2020.

There were 647 total races run with a total of 4,452 starters, giving Delaware Park an average field size of 6.88 starters per race. This is down from the 2020 meet which averaged a field size of 7.52



## 2021 DTRC REVENUE

*\*Reported as of November 2021, pending late payments, applications.*

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Licenses Issued</b>	<b>Licensing Fees</b>	<b>Fines Collected</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>
2021*	4245	\$190,854.00	\$ 47,428.01	\$ 238,282.01
2020	3961	\$ 174,215.00	\$ 27,800.00	\$ 202,015.00
2019	3955	\$ 155,460.00	\$ 21,027.67	\$ 176,487.67
2018	4135	\$ 157,515.00	\$ 27,263.99	\$ 184,778.99

## 2021 EQUINE FORENSIC DRUG TESTING

Number of Urine Tests Post Race	856
Number of Blood Tests Post Race	883
*Special Tests	168
Out of competition tests	125
Pre-race Blood Gas	448
State Veterinarian Required Testing	54

\*Special Tests are those tests requested by the stewards due to investigative reasons, random selection post-race, or based off race performance.

For the 2021 live racing meet, a total of 4,452 horses competed in 647 races. Of those races, the DTRC was alerted to eight (8) positive post-race samples. They are as follows:

June 2 – Positive: Methocarbamol  
Disposition: Loss of Purse & \$1,000 fine.

June 9– Positive: Aminocaproic  
Acid Disposition: Loss of Purse

June 14 – Positive: Aminocaproic Acid  
Disposition: Loss of Purse

July 8 – Positive: Clenbuterol  
Disposition: Loss of Purse, \$500 fine, 15-day suspension

July 21 – Omeprazole  
Disposition: Warning Letter, Claim Voided

August 9 - Aminocaproic Acid  
Disposition: Loss of Purse.

August 21 - Phenylbutazone  
Disposition: Loss of Purse & \$1,000 fine.

August 26 - Triamcinolone Acetonide  
Disposition: Loss of Purse & \$1,000 fine.



## 2021 DELAWARE RACING HANDLE INFORMATION

Information provided by Delaware Park Race Track and Slots, Simulcast

	2018 81 Days of live Racing	2019 81 Days of live Racing	2020 65 Days of Live Racing	2021 77 Days of Live Racing
Live (On Track)	\$ 4,348,777.50	\$ 3,892,140.00	\$ 2,874,221.50	\$ 3,648,090.00
Simulcast Export	\$ 107,692,279.43	\$ 100,308,150.01	\$ 90,084,474.52	\$ 114,430,200.28
Simulcast Import	\$ 27,519,662.70	\$ 25,280,103.30	\$ 14,960,980.00	\$18,109,100.20
<b>Total Wagering</b>	<b>\$139,560,719.63</b>	<b>\$ 129,480,393.31</b>	<b>\$ 107,919,676.02</b>	<b>\$ 118,078,290.48</b>

2021 Average Handle Per Race \$182,501.00. Per race handle was up 9.2% from 2020



2021 DELAWARE CERTIFIED THOROUGHBRED PROGRAM (DCTP)

Information provided by the Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (DTHA)

Year	# Of Starters	# Of Starts	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	25% Certifier Bonus	25% Owner Bonus	Total Bonus Paid for Year
2021	318	947	116	154	127	----	----	\$ 791,886.25	\$ 675,368.25	\$ 1,467,272.50
2020	297	800	105	93	114	105	111	\$ 704,127.50	\$ 604,127.50	\$ 1,308,255.00
2019	258	757	103	100	104	107	114	\$ 607,970.00	\$ 508,720.00	\$ 1,116,690.00
2018	292	694	104	100	119	N/A	N/A	\$ 591,342.50	\$ 491,342.50	\$ 1,082,685.00

DELAWARE CERTIFIED APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR WEANLINGS AND YEARLINGS

2021 DCTP Applications – 242 \* *Pending Late Mail*

2020 DCTP Applications – 335

2019 DCTP Applications – 272

2018 DCTP Applications – 301





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Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program (DCTP)

Delaware Horsemen's Association (DTHA)

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The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission Looks Forward to Continued Success In 2022

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