FORT ERIE
RACE TRACK

March 1, 2018

Dear Horsepeople,

The 2018 racing season is quickly approaching and we are eagerly preparing for another great year at Fort Erie.

As you are aware, over the last three years we have raced 40 days per year, which track management believes is a crucial minimum for our horsepeople. This year we applied for 40 days again, however the FELRC does not have the funds under our existing agreement with the government to support 40 race days again this year. There are a number of reasons for this shortfall in funding, including the restrictive shipping policy last year that resulted in decreased field sizes and reduced wagering on our product. Other factors such as legislative changes have increased our costs, while government funding remains fixed, and funding from the Horse Improvement Program has been reduced.

Without any assurance that we have the funding required to race 40 days, Ontario Racing and the AGCO have currently only approved 37 days for the upcoming season. We have been working closely with the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation and the Provincial Government to address the industry policies that have put us in this inequitable situation. While we believe we are gaining traction in this regard and will be able to race our full 40-day card, at the time of writing this letter nothing has been solidified to guarantee the funding we need. We anticipate that we will be successful, however, and intend to add days at the end of our 37-day calendar.

Racing will begin on Tuesday, May 29th and will run Tuesdays and Sundays throughout the season. Similar to last year, we will open up the backstretch on Friday, April 13, and horses may begin to ship in on Sunday April 15. The dirt track will open for training on Saturday, April 28 to prepare for the season. In advance of the track opening for training, and throughout the year, our new Odyssey Horse Exerciser will once again be available at $3 per use.

A new policy this season has been put in place, requiring all horses shipping into both Fort Erie and Woodbine to have current vaccinations for Flu and Rhino, in addition to the mandatory Coggins.

Enclosed you will find your 2018 stall application form. Please fill it out and return it to the racetrack as soon as possible, no later than March 20. If you have any questions, please contact Harry Eder at heder@forterieracetrack.ca or 289-303-7982.

All the best in racing luck for 2018.

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Fort Erie Race Track
2018 STALL APPLICATION CONTRACT

Mailing Address:	**Home Phone**	**Trainer's Name**
Street & Number	Barn Phone	
City	Cell Phone	Signature:
Province & Postal Code	E mail	Primary Veterinarian

I hereby apply for stabling accommodations at Fort Erie Race Track for the following horses:

No.	Name of Horse	Colour and Sex	Age	Class and Preferred Distance	Date of Last Start	DATE READY TO RACE	No. Wins Lifetime	Name of Owner (Must correspond with Foal Certificate)
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Important: Please read carefully the conditions on the reverse side of this form.
They may restrict your rights.

In consideration of being allowed any stabling accommodation on the premises of Fort Erie Race Track

I agree to the following terms and conditions:

1.] **THE APPLICANT** agrees to abide by and comply with all the rules and regulations of the AGCO and of Fort Erie Race Track - F.E.L.R.C..

Policy Note: In consideration of agreeing to permit any horse owner, trainer and their respective directors, officers, employees, principals, agents and guests, access to the premises and property, the party executing the stall application and any entry form, on behalf of itself, its directors, officers, employees and guests and its principals and agents and their directors, officers, employees and guests (herein collectively "Persons") releases the track owner, its directors, officers, employees and agents from any direct or consequential claims, demands, actions, suits, losses, costs, charges, expenses, damages and liabilities whatsoever ("Loss"), which any such Person may pay, sustain or incur, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any Loss by reason of personal injury, damage to horses, or other property, including Losses related to racing purses and awards, whether or not such Loss results from or is caused by the negligence of its directors, officers, employees and agents.

The trainer, owner and their respective servants, agents and employees hereby agree that all horses and property as aforesaid on the premises of Fort Erie Race Track shall be deemed, for the purposes of this subparagraph, to be within the sole and singular care, custody and control of the owner, trainer and their respective agents, servants and employees and, further, that Fort Erie Race Track shall not be responsible for the safety and well-being of the horses, horse owners, their trainers, their principals, agents, directors, officers, employees and guests while on the premises.

2.] All Owners, Trainers and their employees must be licensed by the AGCO AND ABIDE BY THEIR RULES.

3.] All **TRAINERS** at Fort Erie must have a **WSIB Clearance Certificate** covering their help & **IT MUST BE ON FILE WITH RACE OFFICE.**

4.] **FOAL PAPERS** must be presented to, & be on file with, the Race Office upon the horses' **ARRIVAL ON THE PROPERTY**. As per AGCO rule #29.08

5.] Stalls will be assigned to SPECIFIC horses on the application. NO SUBSTITUTIONS ARE ALLOWED WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE F.E.L.R.C. Trainers are not allowed to LOAN stalls assigned to them.

6.] The applicant agrees to cooperate with the Racing Secretary in order to fully utilize the stabling facilities.

7.] The only allowable bedding materials will be STRAW, and SHAVINGS. All manure and bedding materials must be placed ONLY in containers designated by F.E.L.R.C.

8.] Absolutely no garbage in manure pits. Any violations found will necessitate fines to responsible Owners and Trainers.

9.] **Trainers must leave their stalls cleaned out when vacated. Failure to do so will result in a charge of $50 'per stall'.**

10.] The applicant agrees to keep the stabling accommodations and adjacent areas,as well as any "storage" or "living quarter" rooms, allotted to them, in good and clean condition. They also consent to inspection of such facilities without notice. Any damages to said accommodations will be billed to the applicant.

11.] The applicant, for his/her self, owners of horses in his/her custody, his/her agents and his/her employees, hereby assign to F.E.L.R.C. any and all rights to motion pictures, television and radio broadcasting, in connection with races or training at F.E.L.R.C.

12.] F.E.L.R.C. may refuse admittance to and/or eject anyone whom it considers undesirable, in accordance with the regulations of the AGCO, and that party has no right to a statement of reasons thereof, or to any form of hearing thereon.

13.] **F.E.L.R.C. reserves the right to refuse any entry in any RACE. As per AGCO rule #6.31.**

14.] It is understood that F.E.L.R.C. may assign stall space for any or none of the horses listed on this application. F.E.L.R.C. reserves the right to decline stall space OR revoke the allocation of any stalls, for any reason, at any time. Any trainer and their owners, given notice to vacate the stalls and other facilities they occupy, agree to do so, and to move any and all horses, equipment and personnel from the premises, within 48 hours after receiving written notice to vacate.

15.] Trainers must obtain **"IN"** and **"OUT" SLIPS** before any horses are shipped into or out of the track.

16.] In cooperation with AGCO rule 29.15, F.E.L.R.C. requires a copy of a current negative coggins test to be turned in to the Race Office upon the horses' arrival on the property.

17.] All licensed individuals must be 16 years of age to paddock a horse (this includes paddock schooling)

18.] No emptying stalls into the shedrow at the end of the meet, stall contents must be placed in manure bins

19.] No yearlings are to be stabled on the backstretch at anytime during the 2018 season

20.] Trainers are responsible for lawn maintenance at their barn if they refuse to have it maintained by the association

21.] Absolutely NO storage of bedding or hay in stalls. **ZERO TOLERANCE**

22.] F.E.L.R.C. has the option to move horsemen to better utilize stall space if needed.

IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED, ALL APPLICATIONS MUST HAVE SIGNATURES **FRONT & BACK,** AND BE **DATED** WHEN APPLYING BY **FAX BOTH SIDE** OF THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED. ***THE APPLICANT*** UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES TO EXECUTE AN **'ACCESS RIGHT FORM'** IF REQUIRED, BEFORE ENTERING THE ASSOCIATION'S GROUNDS AND FURTHER AGREES TO ABIDE BY **F.E.L.R.C. RULES AND BACKSTRETCH POLICIES.** ***I, THE APPLICANT*** HEREIN, CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ CAREFULLY ALL OF THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION AND FULLY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

SIGNED: **DATE:**

FOR MYSELF, IF NAMED AS OWNER ON THE FRONT HEREOF, AND AS AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR EACH AND EVERY OWNER OF THE HORSES PROVIDED STABLING ACCOMMODATIONS BY F.E.L.R.C. AS A RESULT OF THE APPLICATION

Mail or fax application:

Mail: FORT ERIE RACE TRACK, P.O. Box 1130, Fort Erie, ON, L2A 5N9 Fax: 905-994-3628

Jackie Eder, Racing Secretary **1-800-295-3770 ext. 3609**

Harry Eder, Co ordinator of Horsemans Relations **Cell Number: 289-303-7982**

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DO NOT SHIP UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED STALL CONFIRMATION.