



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

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Illinois Racing Board Receives Three Applications for Race Dates in 2025

Chicago, IL – Wednesday July 31, 2024, marked the deadline for racetracks in Illinois to submit their applications for 2025 race dates. The Illinois Racing Board received three applications for race dates, two for Thoroughbred racing and one for Standardbred racing. The following applications were filed with the Illinois Racing Board.

THOROUGHBRED

HAWTHORNE RACE COURSE, INC
January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

FAIRMOUNT PARK, INC
March 7, 2025 through November 22, 2025

STANDARD BRED

SUBURBAN DOWNS, INC
January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

IRB staff will review the applications for any deficiencies. Applicants will be able to amend their applications to address any deficiencies and provide clarification on requested live race dates, if needed, in accordance with the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. The Racing Board will consider the applications at its meeting on September 19, 2024.

The mission of the Illinois Racing Board is to regulate pari-mutuel horse racing and support the development of the equine industry. The goal of the Board is to advance a regulatory environment that benefits the equine industry and to ensure that the public has confidence in the integrity of pari-mutuel horse racing.

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