



## ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

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### **Governor Pritzker Appoints Eddie Arroyo to Illinois Racing Board**

**Chicago, IL** – On Monday April 17, 2023, Governor JB Pritzker announced the appointment of Eddie Arroyo to serve as a Commissioner on the Illinois Racing Board. Arroyo, who was inducted into the Chicago Sports Hall of Fame in 1986, comes to the IRB after a long and distinguished career in the racing industry.

“I am excited to welcome Eddie Arroyo to the Illinois Racing Board” said Domenic DiCera IRB Executive Director. “I have known and worked with Commissioner Arroyo for many years. His experience as a jockey and as Illinois Senior State Steward will be invaluable and a great asset to the Racing Board.”

Eddie’s career in racing began at Sportsman’s Park in 1965 working for renowned trainer Marion Van Berg as a groom, hot-walker, and exercise boy. He began his Jockey career in 1966 and had his first winner at Florida Downs in 1967. Since retiring from racing in 1978 Arroyo has built an impressive career as a track official. He has held several positions over the years including Assistant Steward, Assistant to the President at Arlington Park, General Manager of the National Jockey Club at Sportsman’s Park, and Senior State Steward in Illinois, where he served for 32 years. Most recently Mr. Arroyo was appointed to HISA’s Anti-doping and Medication Control Panel.

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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