



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

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Illinois Racing Board Welcomes New Commissioner Mike Schmidt

Chicago, IL – On Monday August 14, 2023, Governor JB Pritzker announced the appointment of Mike Schmidt to serve as a Commissioner on the Illinois Racing Board. Commissioner Schmidt has long been involved with many charitable organizations including Mt. Carmel High School, Misericordia, and St. Jude. Commissioner Schmidt is the third appointment to the Illinois Racing Board made by Governor Pritzker in 2023.

“I want to thank Governor Pritzker for appointing a new commissioner that will bring years of experience to the Illinois Racing Board” said Domenic DiCera IRB Executive Director. “Mike’s dedication to his community is apparent through his commitment to his charity work. His experience in horse racing will be a real asset to our board and I look forward to working with him to support and grow the sport in Illinois.”

Since March of 2015, Mike Schmidt has served as the Vice President of Field Services for Micronics Engineered Filtration Group . Prior to his years at Micronics, Mike served for 35 years as the Vice President of C.P. Environmental and the Vice President of Field Services. Commissioner Schmidt earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science with Honors from John Carroll University and a JD Degree from the John Marshall Law School. An avid fan of horse racing, Schmidt has a strong interest in racing and the future of the sport in Illinois. He also has partial ownership in horses that race out of state.

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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