



## **ILLINOIS RACING BOARD**

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### **Illinois Racing Board Announces Applications for Race Dates in 2027**

**Chicago, IL** – Friday July 31, 2026, marked the deadline for racetracks in Illinois to submit their applications for 2027 race dates. The Illinois Racing Board received three applications for Race Dates in 2027. The following applications were filed with the Illinois Racing Board.

#### **THOROUGHBRED**

##### **FAIRMOUNT PARK, INC**

April 6, 2027, through November 24, 2027

##### **HAWTHORNE RACE COURSE, INC**

March 27, 2027 through October 31, 2027

#### **STANDARD BRED**

##### **SUBURBAN DOWNS, INC**

January 2, 2027 through December 26, 2027

IRB staff will review the application for any deficiencies. Applicants will be able to amend their application 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 16, 2026.

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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