



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

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Illinois Racing Board Approves 2025 Race Dates

Chicago, IL – On Thursday September 19, 2024, The Illinois Racing Board met to consider the three applications for 2025 racing dates. With a 7-1 vote the board approved the following race dates for 2025:

FAIRMOUNT PARK, INC.- 55 live thoroughbred race programs with 7 races per day minimum.

- April 22nd through October 28th- Racing 2 days per week on Tuesdays with a post time of 1 PM, Saturdays with a post time of 7:30 PM, and a post time of 1 PM on Saturday, May 3rd.

HAWTHORNE RACE COURSE, INC. - 80 race programs and 365 total host programs from January 1st through December 31st.

- January 1st through March 19th – dark host time. No live racing.
- March 20th through July 31st, racing 2 days per week on Thursdays and Sundays, and Saturdays on May 3rd, May 17th, and June 7th, but not on the following Thursdays May 1st, May 15th, and June 5th.
- August 3rd through November 3rd, racing 3 days a week on Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays.
- Post Times on Thursdays and Sundays at 2:10 PM and on Mondays at 5:20 PM.

SUBURBAN DOWNS, INC. - 40 race programs and 365 total host programs from January 1 through December 31.

- January 4th through February 23rd, racing 2 nights per week on Saturdays and Sundays, with a post time of 7:10 PM.
- November 7th through December 28th, racing 3 nights per week on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Post times 7:10 PM.

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