

# CLAIMING A HORSE

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**Beginning July 22, 2019, claims will be processed at the Racing Secretary's office. Money must be on account or a certified check must be presented. Transfers between accounts are limited to claiming. Additionally, a separate check must be written out to USTA for the processing fee of \$35.00 and submitted with the claim form.**

**If claim is not selected, check to Pocono and to USTA can be returned to horsemen. If checks are not picked up, the check to Pocono will be deposited and placed on account. Checks to USTA will be destroyed.**

## Requirements

- Each prospective owner of a horse in a claiming race and any authorized agent must be a current or associate member of the United States Trotting Association (USTA) or a current licensee of this or another harness racing jurisdiction
- The amount of the listed claim must be in the form of an official bank check, or certified check; or claimant must have proper proceeds already deposited into his or her Claiming Account. Checks are to be made payable to **DOWNNS RACING LP.**
- The USTA fee for transfer is \$35.00 – A SEPARATE personal check for \$35.00 to the USTA for each claim submitted.

## Procedures

- Claims are made in the RACE OFFICE.
- The prospective owner or his or her authorized agent must complete a PA State authorized Claiming Form.
- After the claim form has been completed and signed, the claiming form is placed into an envelope, sealed, stamped with the time, and placed into the claim box to be delivered to the Judges. Everything must be completed, as well as monies verified, **AT LEAST** 30 minutes before the scheduled post time of the race from (posted on tote board) which the claim is being made. Please arrive as early as possible in case there are others in front of you.

## Basic Rules:

- A prospective owner can only claim one horse per race, but one trainer may claim for separate owners.
- Should there be more than one claim filed for the same horse, the new owner shall be determined by lot by the Judges
- Inaccurate or incomplete information may void the claim.
- A post-race urine and blood test shall be taken from each claimed horse. The claim shall be void at the claimant's discretion if the laboratory analysis results in a positive test for a prohibited substance.
- If a horse programmed to start in a claiming race is scratched, the horse, on its next start in Pennsylvania, regardless of the conditions of that race, shall be subject to be claimed at the claiming price to which it was subject in the race from which it was scratched. This provision applies for 30 days immediately following the date of the race from which the horse was scratched. The removal of the horse from this jurisdiction shall toll the 30-day period. The 30-day period shall resume when the horse is returned to this jurisdiction.
- Proceeds to the previous owner are not released until the laboratory testing has been completed.
- The claimed horse may not race at any track other than a Pennsylvania track for 60 days or the balance of the current race meeting, whichever comes first, unless first released by the Racing Secretary.