

**DOVER DOWNS GENERAL CONDITIONS
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31, 2016**

1. Qualifying Standards
 - a) Time: Pace 2:00 Trot 2:02

October 31, 2016 – December 31, 2016:
2-year-olds - 2 second allowance
3-year-olds - 1 second allowance
January 1, 2017 – April 13, 2017:
2-year-olds – 2 second allowance
3-year-olds – 2 second allowance
 - b) Any horse accepted who last raced at Harrington within 60 days will be given a two-second allowance on time in its most recent start on a fast track. This allowance will also apply to horses entered in stake or early and late closing events at Dover Downs in November 2016 regardless of where the last start was raced.
 - c) Declare by 12:00p.m. Tuesday for qualifiers to be held Wednesday at 10:00a.m.
 - d) Horses will be given two chances to qualify at Dover Downs each month. Horses scratched from a qualifier twice in a row will not be allowed to enter future qualifying races without approval from the race office.
 - e) Any horse that is placed on the qualifying list at Dover Downs by the judges, or fails to qualify in a Dover Downs qualifying race, **must** re-qualify at Dover Downs.
2. Horse shall be placed on the qualifying list if:
 - a) Fails to go in qualifying time at Dover in its first start at Dover on a fast track. In subsequent consecutive starts at Dover fails to go in qualifying time on a fast track in two consecutive races or fails to go within one second of qualifying time in any start with approved age allowances
 - b) Breaks in two races in a row on a fast track
 - c) Breaks off a qualifying race
 - d) Scratched off a qualifying race
 - e) Scratched two times in a row
 - f) The judges determine poor performance, or
 - g) In violation of the 60-day rule determined from race date to race date counting the day after the race as day 1.
3. Race office requirements
 - a) Horses must have six (6) lifetime starts in the US or Canada before entering a class based on money earnings in last six (6) starts.
 - b) Foreign horses will not be eligible to classes based on money earnings in last six (6) starts or lifetime earnings unless permission is granted by the Race Secretary. Foreign horses can be entered in races with conditions that have (x) wins lifetime only if they meet the (x) wins condition.
 - c) Horses may not be entered into more than one (1) event per draw. An alternate event may be written on the entry form and the horse will be transferred to that alternate event only if the first event does not fill. The horse will be considered as having been entered into the alternate event at the time the entry box closed.
 - d) Horses in claiming races shall not be allowed to move up in claiming price, without approval of the Race Secretary, unless first or second in one of the last two starts.
 - e) Horses aged five (5) and older that have been racing in condition races must have participated in condition races equivalent to the minimum condition race offered at Dover Downs and/or have earned at least \$1,000 in their last six (6) starts to be considered for acceptance to race at Dover Downs.
4. Claiming Races
 - a) The minimum claiming race will be \$7,500 and will be exclusively for Delaware Owned or Bred horses (subject to availability). **HORSES SHOWING \$6,000 CLAIMING FROM HARRINGTON WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER FOR \$7,500.**
 - b) Horses must have been 1st or 2nd since racing in a lower priced claiming race than the minimums in 4.a). Horses that have not had 7 race lines for a purse in either condition races equivalent to the minimum condition race offered at Dover Downs or claiming races that are equal to or greater than these minimums may be refused the privilege to race at Dover Downs regardless if they have finished 1st or 2nd.

5. Paddock

- a) No one will be admitted to the paddock without a Dover Downs sticker that can be obtained at the race office.
- b) Dover Downs stickers will only be issued to DHRC licensees who are racing at Dover Downs and have signed a release of liability form.

6. Approval Policy

- In order to be fair to those horsemen and women who will have horses racing at Dover Downs and to try to give fair racing opportunities to those horses that are accepted to compete at this meet, the following procedures will apply regarding acceptance to race at Dover Downs.
- An application to race (long form) must be completed in full by every trainer or stable manager upon making initial application.
- No owner may have more than two (2) trainers for horses racing in overnight events without approval.
- A change horse form (replace roster) for adding and deleting horses after you have completed the initial application to race must be completed any week you wish to add horses to your roster. An equal number of horses should be deleted in order to add horses.

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- a) If a horse has previously been accepted to race at Dover Downs with another trainer or owner, it must be resubmitted to race at Dover Downs with the new trainer or owner.
- b) If a horse is accepted to race at Dover Downs but does not race at Dover Downs within 30 days of being accepted, the horse must be resubmitted to race here.
- c) Any horse that races other than at Dover Downs after being accepted, either in a qualifying race or a non-stake purse race, must be resubmitted to race here.
- d) Horses will not be accepted off of scratch lines.

- Horses will be considered for acceptance at Dover Downs each Monday starting Monday, October 31, 2016. Applications must be in the racing office by 4:00pm the Thursday prior to that Monday for consideration.
- Horses claimed at Dover Downs or horses that are currently racing at Dover Downs that change trainers must be resubmitted. Claimed horses may be accepted prior to each Monday.
- Approved horses that are sold to another owner currently racing at Dover Downs may be accepted prior to each Monday.
- Horses purchased at recognized public horse sales may be accepted prior to each Monday.
- Horses must be qualified and any ownership transfers completed prior to being submitted in accordance with the above procedures in order to be accepted to race.

7. Purse Checks & Driver/Trainer Checks

All purse checks and driver/trainer checks will be distributed via DIRECT DEPOSIT. You must provide the horsemen's bookkeeper with a properly filled out DIRECT DEPOSIT FORM and an attached VOIDED CHECK with routing number and account number in order for direct deposits to be processed. This information must be on file no later than October 28th for the start of the season. During the racing season, direct deposit information must be provided no later than Tuesday of the week prior to the payment of purses in order for you to receive payment.

Owner registration forms and W-9 Taxpayer Identification Forms must be completed for every owner and combination of owners as appearing on the registration papers of the horse. W-8 ECI Taxpayer Identification Forms must be completed for every individual claiming foreign status. Drivers and Trainers must also complete the proper taxpayer identification forms. Forms from previous seasons will remain valid for the entire 2016-2017 racing season. Please submit new forms for any changes.

8. Safety Vests

Any person on a jog cart or a sulky must wear a safety vest while on the racetrack at all times.