

Batavia Downs

Equine Welfare Policy

The health and safety of the equine participants at Batavia Downs is of paramount importance and all Racing Participants, especially those who are entrusted with the ownership and the ongoing care of these animals, must take all reasonable actions and care to ensure such equine participants are treated with dignity and respect.

Any Racing Participant who handles or treats any animal without regard for the well-being of the animal or causes physical injury or pain or suffering to the animal, including excessive or unnecessary training/whipping, transporting, or neglect in the care or feeding or medical attention shown to the animal, as determined in the sole discretion of Batavia Downs, may be sanctioned. Except as required by statute or regulation, it is the sole responsibility of the trainer to ensure that a licensed and competent veterinarian is available at all times to ensure the health and welfare of such trainer's horses and to attend to trainer's horses at all times such horses are on the grounds of Batavia Downs in any and all emergency situations in which a regulatory or Racetrack veterinarian is not required to be present or to respond to a trainer's horse(s).

In the event Batavia Downs receives credible and verifiable information regarding a Racing Participant who knowingly, or without conducting proper due diligence, buys or sells a horse for slaughter, directly or indirectly, such individual(s) may be sanctioned by Batavia Downs up to and including revocation of stalls and exclusion from racing at Batavia Downs. Batavia Downs highly encourages Racing Participants to obtain proper written documentation on sale or transfer of any horse that they previously raced or was stabled on the grounds of Batavia Downs and lack of such documentation shall be considered a failure in due diligence efforts. Batavia Downs reserves the right to require trainer or individuals responsible for a horse to provide such documentation as requested and failure to cooperate may result in sanctions by Batavia Downs, up to and including revocations of stalls and exclusion from racing at Batavia Downs.

In the event Batavia Downs receives credible and verifiable information regarding a Racing Participant who knowingly, or without conducting proper due diligence, ships, assists in the shipping of or participates in the sale or transfer of a horse that is transported by cargo ship, such individual(s) may be sanctioned by Batavia Downs up to and including revocation of stalls and exclusion from racing at Batavia Downs. Batavia Downs reserves the right to require trainer, owner, or any individuals responsible for a horse to provide documentation proving the shipping method being used for a horse under their care or ownership and failure to cooperate may result in sanctions by Batavia Downs, up to and including revocations of stalls and exclusion from racing at Batavia Downs.