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Prairie Meadows 2018 Racing Schedules Approved

Racing Dates Announced For Both Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse Meets In Iowa

November 21 – Altoona, IA. The Iowa Racing & Gaming Commission has approved Prairie Meadows' 29th season of live horse racing at their one-mile oval track, located just outside of Des Moines, Iowa. Prairie Meadows will continue to feature both Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse meets in 2018.

The 67-day Thoroughbred season will open Thursday, April 26, 2018. A typical race week will feature races Thursday through Sunday. This season, there are also several special race days scheduled. These races are scheduled for May 28 (Memorial Day), June 13, July 3 (fireworks display to follow), and August 8. The season will end with the Iowa Classic on Saturday, August 11 with the post time of 4 p.m. CT.

The 26-day Quarter Horse season will start Saturday, August 18 and conclude on Saturday, October 13. The Quarter Horses race Friday through Sunday with the exception of closing weekend, which will run Thursday through Saturday. Prairie Meadows will close out the 2018 racing season with the Iowa Quarter Horse Championships, with the post time of 4 p.m. CT.

Post-times will remain the same as the 2017 season, with Thursday and Friday races beginning at 6 p.m. CT and Saturday and Sunday starting at 1 p.m. CT. Special race days, holidays, and notable racing events will have varying post times throughout the season. Triple Crown Saturdays (May 5, May 19, and June 9) will have a post time of 4 p.m. CT; Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day) will begin at 1 p.m. CT; Wednesday, June 13 and August 8 will have a 6 p.m. CT post times; Thursday, October 11 will have a 6 p.m. CT post time.

Additional information on purses, stakes schedules, futurity/derby nomination forms, barn area opening, training schedule, health requirements, stall applications/condition books, promotions on-track, and more for the upcoming 2018 racing season will be posted over the next several months as the live racing season nears. To stay up to date with the latest racing news, visit our prairiemeadows.com or contact the Prairie Meadows' Racing Office at 515.967.1205.

About Prairie Meadows

Prairie Meadows began operations as a non-profit organization in 1989 with the goal of promoting economic development, jobs, agriculture, and tourism in the state of Iowa. Through taxes, grants, and charitable donations, Prairie Meadows has given more than \$1.6 billion to the state of Iowa. Prairie Meadows offers nearly 1,800 slot machines, table games, live and simulcast racing, hotel accommodations, entertainment, and more.

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