



TO: TRA Action Officers
FROM: Tony DeMarco
RE: Race Replay Survey
DATE: May 16, 2006

A TRA member track has requested the following survey on track's policy of replaying races that involve a horse breakdown or spill. Please complete and return by fax to 410-398-1366 at your earliest convenience. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

1. In the event of a major spill or breakdown during a race, what is your track's policy on replaying the race for the viewing public? Please check those applicable:

- Always replay race in its entirety
- Alter replay to black out or otherwise edit the replay
- Do not show replays with spills or horse breakdowns
- Case by case decision to replay based on severity
- Other: _____

Additional Comments:

2. Do you grant media's request for an unedited copy of the race? YES NO

Additional Comments:

Contact: _____ **Track:** _____

RACE REPLAY SURVEY

Summary: The responses to the survey on replaying races with a major spill or breakdown produced a varying degree of answers, indicating there is no set standard within the industry on this difficult issue.

1. Of the 18 responding tracks, six always replay the race and nine others make a determination to replay based on the incident's severity. One track indicated they edit the replay and another's policy is to not rebroadcast races with accidents.
2. On the question of granting a copy to media, most tracks indicated the decision is made on a case by case basis. Three tracks grant media the tape, three do not, and four others have never had the request made.

Individual responses are below in chart form:

Track	Track Policy on Replays	Media Request for Unedited Copy & Additional Comments
Arlington Park	Alter replay to edit segments	No
Beulah Park	Case by case decision based on severity	Yes
Calder Race Course	Case by case decision based on severity	Not specified
Del Mar	Always replay race in its entirety, but stewards have final say	Case by Case
Delaware Park	Always replay race in its entirety	Case by Case decision for the Marketing Department
Finger Lakes	Case by case decision based on severity	No
Fonner Park	Case by case decision based on severity	Request has never been made.
Keeneland	Alter replay to edit segments (i.e. spill or breakdown after finish)	Case by Case
Lone Star Park	Case by case decision based on severity	One view, least graphic
Penn National	Case by case decision based on severity	Request has never been made.
Philadelphia Park	Always replay race in its entirety, though will not show clips repeatedly	Yes
Prairie Meadows	Case by case decision based on severity	Case by Case
Remington Park	Do not show replays with spills or breakdowns	No
Sam Houston	Always replay race in its entirety	Request has never been made.
Santa Anita	Always replay race in its entirety	Case by Case
Tampa Bay Downs	Case by case decision based on severity	Case by Case
Thistledown	Always replay race in its entirety	No
Woodbine	Case by case decision based on severity	Case by Case

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