Results of 2008 TRA Gap Attendant Survey

December 2008

Track	Do you use Gap Attendants?	If so, who employs GA? Assoc. Employee	Comm. Employee	Workout Process?	Who Identifies Horses? Gap Attdnt	Trainer	Clocker	Other	If discrepancy, what actions have been taken? Hearing	Fine Amt.	Susp.	Other	Who initiated actions? Assoc.	Comm.	Other
A	Yes	X		Yes			X	X[1]	X				X		
B	Yes	X		Yes			X					X[2]	Stewards		
C	No			No			X		X	$500	15 days			Stewards	
D	Yes	X		Yes	X							X[3]	X		
E	No			Yes				X[4]	X					Stewards	
F	No			Yes		X	X		X	TBD	TBD	X[5]	X	X	
G	No			Yes		X	X						N/A		
H	No			Yes		X			X					X	
I	Yes	X		Yes		X			X	$2,500			X		
J	No			Yes		X			X						
K	No			Yes		X									
L	No			No					X				Stewards		
M	Yes[6]	X		No[7]	X	X	X	X[8]				X[9]			
N	n/a			n/a											
O	No			No								X		X	
P	Yes	X		Yes	X				X				X[11]		
Q	No			Yes		X	X		X	$100 1st off.			X		
R	No			Yes		X	X		X				X		
S	Yes	X		Yes	X	X	X			$100				X	
T	Yes	X		No		X									
U	Yes	X		No											
V	No			Yes		X	X					X[12]	X		
W	Yes	X		Yes	X				X				X		
X	Yes	X		Yes		X	X					X[13]	X		
Y	No			No		X	X								
Z	Yes	X		Yes		X						X	X		
AA	Yes	X		Yes	X		X		X					X	
Responses = 27	**13 yes 13 no, 1 n/a**	**13**	**0**	**19 yes 7 no, 1 n/a**	**6**	**15**	**13**	**3**	**13**	**4**	**1**	**8**	**13**	**7**	**0**

Legend

[1] trainer tells gap attendant, who calls clocker
[2] stewards and clocker meet with trainer to determine why there was a discrepancy
[3] clocker will drive to trainer's barn to get correct information. Next step is steward's hearing if not resolved
[4] a member of clocking crew works at the gap to communicate with clockers on roof by identifying horses and distances to work
[5] handled case by case
[6] employ gap attendant to assist the clockers in the identification of horses who have timed workouts
[7] no formal process exists to identify horses entering track. The clockers, with assistance of trainers and gap attendant, identify the horses (clockers and trainers communicate via telephone).
[8] all of the above
[9] clocker and trainer resolve the difference
[10] no workouts at facility
[11] association initiates actions, hearing is then held by commission
[12] informal process to correct mistake
[13] disqualification of work; submission to stewards for repeat violations

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