

**RESULTS OF TRA SURVEY RE: RUN BACK RULES**

**APRIL - MAY, 2019**

Racetrack	Do you have a Run Back Policy based on # of days from a horse's recent start? If yes, what date structure are you using?		What criteria was used to calculate # of days between starts?	Are there any other terms involved with your policy?	Are there any rules that would affect a Run Back Policy other than medication, late scratches, eligibility?
	Yes	No			
Racetrack A		X	N/A	N/A	The Vet's List is an automatic minimum of 7 days off.
Racetrack B		X	N/A	N/A	Just the normal Vet's List, Starter's List, etc.
Racetrack C		X See #1	N/A	No	Horse cannot be double entered (can't race at another track until it races at this track). Only exception would be a Stakes race.
Racetrack D		X	N/A	N/A	No
Racetrack E		X	N/A	N/A	The Vet checks any horse that wants to run back in less than a week. The Vet has the final say.
Racetrack F		X	N/A	N/A	N/A
Racetrack G		X	N/A	N/A	See #2
Racetrack H		X	N/A	N/A	N/A
Racetrack I		X See #3	N/A	N/A	No
Racetrack J	X – 9 days (can run on the 9 <sup>th</sup> day)		See #4	See #4	See #4
Racetrack K		X	N/A	N/A	N/A
Racetrack L		X	N/A	N/A	No
Racetrack M		X	N/A	N/A	N/A
Racetrack N		X See #5	N/A	N/A	See #5

- 1) The horse is not allowed to re-enter prior to running its race without permission from the Racing Secretary. Track has a 3-5 day draw schedule so the horse would not be running back within that time frame after the running.
- 2) The track and Commission don't have Run Back Rules; however, the track has a house rule that at the discretion of the Track Vet, Stewards, or Racing Secretary, a horse may require pre-race inspection if it drops 2 or more levels in claiming price, last start >90 days, DNF or eased, different riders last 3 starts, beaten 25+ lengths last start, etc.
- 3) Examining veterinarians afford horses added scrutiny and express concern when there are quick run backs.
- 4) Criteria was based on the Run Back Policy of another TRA-member racetrack as well as discussion with the horsemen and Commission. Horse can run back inside the 9 days only with permission from the Director of Racing (DOR), Racing Secretary (RS), and all 3 Stewards. The caliber of race is taken into consideration as well (only Stakes races have been allowed) unless the horse did not get an opportunity to race, i.e. jockey fell off, saddle slipped, starting gate mishap or any other mitigating circumstances that caused the horse to have no opportunity to run. If entering back into a Stakes race, the DOR, RS, and Stewards must be in total agreement.
- 5) Racetrack has no policy re: Run Back Rules but is bound by the Commission Rule which states: "Any horse that is in the entries may be re-entered only after it has been officially scratched or the race in question has been run, except in the situation when entries are taken more than 72 hours in advance, when permission has been granted by the Stewards for a horse to be re-entered. Entry in a combination of stakes races shall be excluded from this rule." Another Commission Rule re: restrictions placed upon the next start after an observed EIPH bleed states for the 1<sup>st</sup>, the suspension is 14 days from the date of the race in which it bled. For a 2<sup>nd</sup> bleed within 365 days of the 1<sup>st</sup> time it bled in a race, the suspension is 90 days. For a 3<sup>rd</sup> bleed within 365 days of the 1<sup>st</sup> bleed, the suspension is 365 days.