



## **Standard Operating Procedure**

### **1. Purpose**

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Grand River Agricultural Society (GRAS) has identified increased risks for our Racing Paddock at Grand River Raceway (GRR) as it relates to COVID-19 and precautions it needs to take to ensure the safety of our employees, stakeholders, horses and to reduce the risk a COVID-19 virus outbreak in the Racing Paddock. GRAS must implement measures to protect racing operations and the livelihood for key stakeholders.

### **2. Scope**

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The protocols and procedures herein, will apply to ALL persons who require access or who work/race in the Paddock at GRR.

### **3. Procedures, Guidelines and Directives**

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#### **Access to Restricted Area**

All access to the GRR Paddock will only be accessible from the Stable Gate Entry. All persons will require mandatory pre-screening. Security team members who are stationed at the Stable Gate will ask a list of five (5) simple questions to determine of COVID-19 symptoms, potential exposure to the virus or to confirm any recent travel from anywhere outside of Canada as per current recommendations from the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health.

Upon stopping at the security stable gate, all persons will show their applicable Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) credentials to the Security Team Member. At this time, contracted EMS personnel will use a No Touch Thermometer to obtain a temperature from the person. All persons will be required to answer the following questions before access will be granted:

1. *Have you or someone you have come in contact with travelled or returned from any country outside of Canada within the last 14 days?*
2. *Are you experiencing, or have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 7 days:*
  - a. *Fever*
  - b. *Cough*
  - c. *Muscle Aches and Tiredness*
  - d. *Difficulty Breathing*



3. *Have you been in contact with anyone who is or has experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 7 days:*
  - a. *Fever*
  - b. *Cough*
  - c. *Muscle Aches and Tiredness*
  - d. *Difficulty Breathing*
4. *Have you or someone you have come in contact with travelled or returned from any United States Racetrack or Racing Association in the past 21 days?*
5. *Are you aware that washing your hands multiple times per day and before eating is the most important way to stop the spread of the Coronavirus? Please use our hand washing stations upon entering the paddock.*

Any person who is provided clearance by the Security Team Member through answering “NO” to the first 3 questions and have a temperature of less than 100.5F will be cleared for access to the Paddock.

Any person answering “YES” to any of the first 3 questions, or who is showing visible signs of illness consistent with COVID-19 exposure, will be denied access to the paddock. Persons with a temperature of 100.5F or more will be denied access to the paddock.

In the event that GRR becomes aware that a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 has been in attendance at GRR, GRR will notify all employees and participants who may have been exposed. GRR will ensure that the infected person does not re-enter the premises until either (i) at least two (2) weeks after the positive test, or (ii) the person is able to provide evidence of a negative test and clearance from a doctor to return to work. GRR will encourage any person who may have come into contact with the infected person to be tested for the virus and will follow any guidance provided by public health authorities.

### **Racing Paddock Setup**

A revised paddock layout is attached as Schedule 1. Arrival times for horses, along with corresponding post times, will be staggered such that no more than 6 races will be staged within the paddock at one time. Only horses scheduled to race will be permitted to ship into the paddock on a race night. The order of stalls in the paddock has changed from previous years to create physical distancing between races within the paddock. Horses should leave the paddock quickly and efficiently after racing.



As per the Rules of Racing, retention time for the paddock is 1 hour. To achieve proper physical distancing within the paddock, no horse should enter the paddock earlier than 1 ½ hours before scheduled post time for the race. For trainers shipping multiple horses in for a card, the horses should not arrive earlier than 1 ½ hours before the first horse is scheduled to race.

The race office and the AGCO licensing agent are within the restricted area. No one can enter the restricted area unless they are essential for that race card. There will be no claiming races offered initially at GRR. Separate protocols for those wishing to claim a horse will be released once claiming races begin.

The EIPH program will be suspended at GRR during the time these restrictions are in place.

Drivers' rooms will be closed. Food service will not be offered. Please bring your own supply of food and drink (or drink containers).

Qualifying race dates will be restricted to 50 horses, including horses wanting to school and train. All horses for these activities will need to be entered through the Clinton Race Office.

The Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency (CPMA) has designated protocols for all persons accessing the test area, and are posted. GRR will control the entrance to the test area. All persons entering the test area must be wearing mask. Gloves or hand sanitizer is also to be applied before entering the test area. All persons must follow the detailed protocols while in the test area.

### **Cleaning Protocols**

GRR will develop additional cleaning protocols which will include increased frequency cleaning of high-risk surfaces. Additional hand washing stations have been added to the paddock. All GRR Housekeeping Team Members will be trained and informed of additional cleaning requirements and personal/public protection guidelines. Details of the cleaning protocols are attached in the Paddock Cleaning and Preparation Standard Operating Procedure.

### **Security Training**

GRR will develop and brief all Security Team Members on all new access control procedures, monitoring and reporting requirements. The Security Lead will develop procedures to ensure that all suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection are properly communicated and documented.



Included will be protocols requiring appropriate physical distancing. Persons will be required to maintain a physical distance between them of not less than 2 meters.

### **Essential Personnel Only**

- Only AGCO Licensed Employees will be allowed into the Paddock. No unlicensed person or guest will be allowed access into the Paddock at this time.
- No person(s) under the age of 16 with or without license will be admitted.
- No Unlicensed Children will be allowed to enter the Paddock at anytime.
- Only licensed persons with direct work requirement for horses listed to qualify or race as entered will be allowed entrance post screening.
- Horsepersons are required to vacate the Paddock within a half hour of their last race.

### **Face Masks**

All persons must wear a face mask at all times when accessing the stable gate and while in the paddock. No person without a face mask will be permitted entry. Any person found in the paddock without wearing a face mask will be ejected from the property. Persons driving or warming up a horse on the racing surface can remove the face mask during this activity, if they choose.

### **Travel Restrictions**

- Traveling within Canada
  - Anyone traveling from within Canada will have to go through the screening process
- Traveling from the US
  - Security will record the name of person, date of return, contact info and State they are coming from.
  - Anyone traveling from the United States will have to go through the screening process. They will be closely monitored, and additional questions will be required before entry is permitted into the Paddock.
  - Additional screening questions may be used, specific to recent visits to US racetracks that have been affected by COVID-19 infections/exposure.
  - Anyone travelling from the United States must self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days before access into the paddock.
- Traveling from overseas



- Security will record the name of person, date of return, contact info and country they are coming from.
- Anyone returning from overseas will not be permitted into the paddock and must self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days before access into the paddock.

### **No Touch & Forehead Thermometer**

The No Touch and Forehead Thermometer will be an advanced screening process at the Security gate. This process will be required daily before anyone can enter the paddock. A contracted EMS personnel will check each person trying to access the paddock and anyone with a temperature of 100.5 F will be denied access until further screening by a security management member.

### **Violations**

Any person who refuses to follow proper safety procedures, and or acts in a manner that may increase the risk of COVID-19 exposure or infection will be trespassed from the property. Any decision to trespass a visitor will be at the sole discretion of GRR.

### **Best Practices**

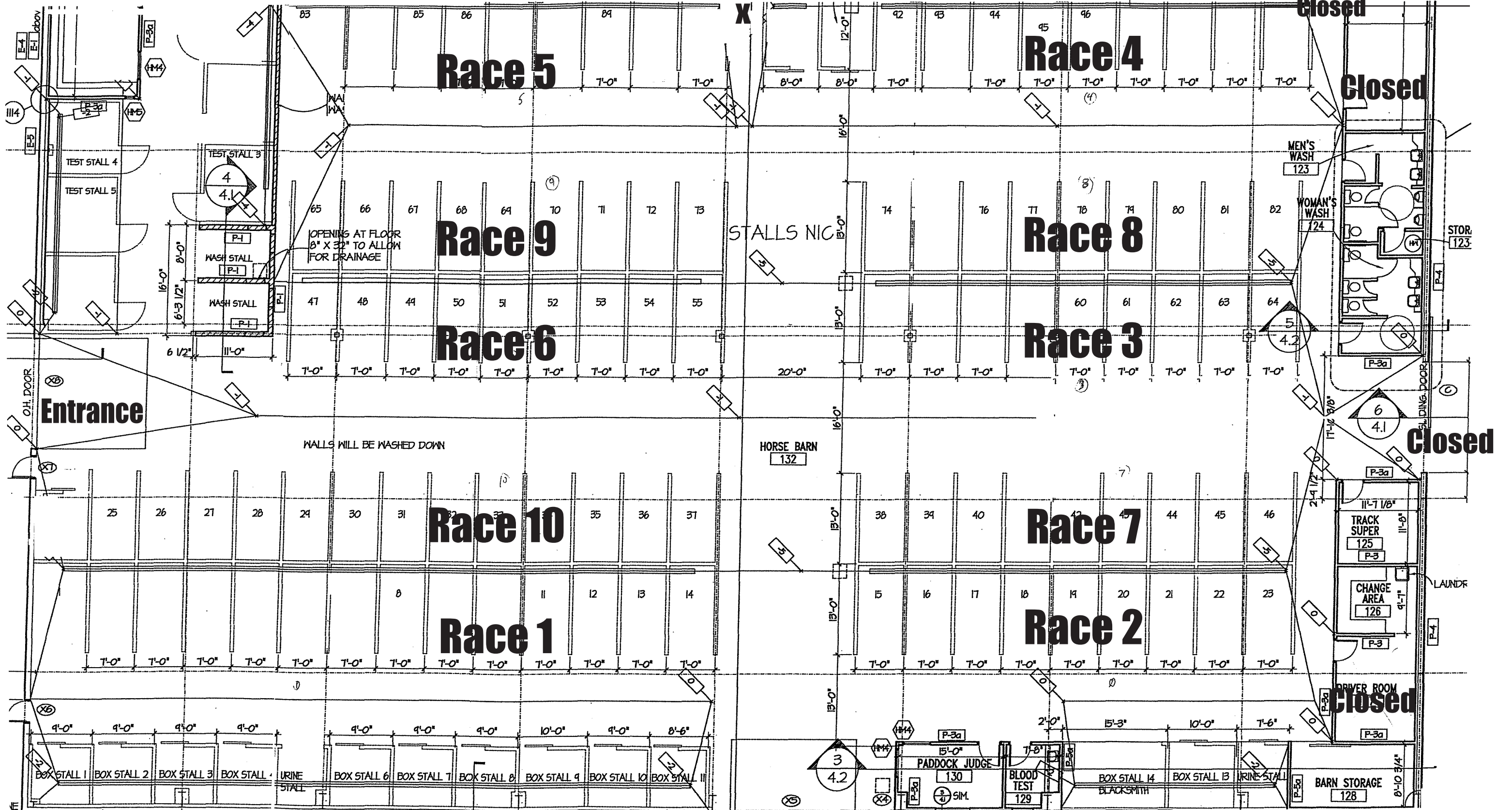
- Best Practices will be followed daily
  - Screening
  - Masks must be worn
  - Approved Access
  - Physical Distancing
  - Washing Hands Multiple times throughout the day
  - Closed common areas
  - Cleaning Wipes for the paddock



# Main Gate Entrance X Control & Health Check

## Drivers Exit

Entrance  
Closed



## Exit to Track