

Penn National Race Course

Alternates and Main Track Only Entries

Effective with Entries for July 29, 2020

In an effort to maximize field size and provide as many racing opportunities the following policies have been updated.

All races will be drawn to the maximum capacity of the Tote Board, with the body of the race consisting of a number of starters equal to the limitations determined by the capacity of the starting gate, turf rail position, starting position and any other safety factors that may limit the number of starters. Horses not drawn into the body of the race shall be listed as alternates, in an order based on their Date and any other Preferences listed for the race, hereafter referred to as Preference. If the race receives entries in excess of the number of positions on the Tote Board, horse with the least preference shall be excluded. The current capacity of the Tote Board is twelve (12) and expected to be updated to sixteen (16) upon installation of the video infield board.

Alternates - Horses listed as alternates in a race shall be assigned the remaining post positions by order of Preference (except main track only entries, see below). Upon receipt of a scratch(s) by the Stewards prior to 11:00am on race day, an equal number of alternate horses will be drawn into the body of the race, in order of Preference and considered a starter. If an owner or trainer of a horse listed as an alternate does NOT want his or her horse to draw into the body of the race, the owner or trainer must contact the stewards by 10:30am on day of the race. If an owner or trainer of a horse listed as an alternate, wishes for his or her horse to remain eligible after 11:00am, the owner or trainer must contact the Stewards prior to 10:30am to declare their intentions. If an additional scratch(es) from the body of the race should be received by the stewards after 11:00am and prior to 30 minutes prior to post for the first race, alternate horses which have remained eligible will be drawn into the race by their order of preference. Any alternate horse that has been declared eligible to start in the case of a late scratch, that fails to start when provided the opportunity will lose their preference and assigned an R Date corresponding to the date of the scratch.

Main Track Only Entries (MTO's) – In all Turf races, except stakes races, MTO entries will be accepted. When a race draws a number of horses that exceeds the number of starting positions available, MTO entries will be carded as alternates in their order of preference for the race. Any alternate positions not filled by MTO entries, will be filled by the remaining turf entries by their order of preference. If a turf race fails to draw a number of turf entries equal too or greater than the number of starting positions available, the remaining positions including alternates shall be filled by MTO entries by their order of preference. All MTO entries shall remain carded until a time designated by the Stewards, but not sooner that 30 minutes prior to post of the

first race on the card. MTO entries are expected to run in a race that has been taken off the turf regardless of track condition, where a starting position is available. Failure of a MTO entry to start in a race where the opportunity to race has been provided will result in loss of Preference date and will be assigned an R date corresponding to the date of the scratch.