



State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

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Indiana Bred Purses Substantially Increased

Beginning with the opening of Hoosier Park on July 30, 2010, purses for most Indiana bred restricted races will rise substantially.

At its July 13, 2010 public meeting, the racing commission approved a quality of racing initiative which will result in Indiana bred thoroughbred purses being equal to their open race counterpart. For example, an Indiana bred maiden special weight that was originally scheduled for \$24,000 will now be contested at \$35,000, an increase of over 45%. Many other race categories will receive similar increases.

The increase is due, in part, to a request by the Indiana HBPA to begin early implementation of the new quality initiative. In a letter to the Commission, the Indiana HBPA President, Randy Klopp, sought to put money into the pockets of those horsemen who have invested large sums of money in the Indiana equine industry.

Joe Gorajec, Executive Director of the Indiana Horse Racing Commission noted that, "This is a win-win situation for the Indiana program participants and the quality of racing."

"I am really excited that the Commission has approved offering larger purses to all those horsemen participating in the Indiana bred program," said Jeff Smith, Hoosier Park's General Manager of Racing.

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