



# State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

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## **Indiana Commission Approves Quality of Racing Initiative**

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission voted at its July 13, 2010, public meeting to support regulations and policy changes geared to enhance the quality of thoroughbred horses being bred in the Hoosier state.

*“I am glad we have been proactive in ensuring that the substantial sums generated by slot machines will result in the best racing product possible,” said Commission chairman Sarah McNaught.*

The quality of racing initiative was recommended by Joe Gorajec, the Commission’s Executive Director and supported by Indiana Downs, Hoosier Park and the Indiana HBPA. The initiative calls for a 40% purse supplement for any Indiana bred placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in any open race with a claiming price of \$10,000 or greater. Previously, an Indiana bred could earn more money in a restricted race than when competing against superior competition in an open race. The Commission has also established four signature races for Indy bred with a \$200,000 guaranteed purse. These races will have their inaugural running in 2012.

The new program will begin immediately and be in place for the Hoosier Park race meet which begins July 30, 2010. The early implementation is strongly supported by the Indiana HBPA and will result in a substantial increase in most Indiana bred purses as racing moves to the Anderson, Indiana track.

*“We know that participating in a positive dialogue with our regulators and other stakeholders helped make a good proposal even better,” said Randy Klopp, President of the Indiana HBPA. “The HBPA board recognized that this is a great opportunity to help put a program in place that will benefit our horsemen and women and, ultimately, the economy of the state.”*

The Indiana bred quality of racing initiative follows a similar program focused on open racing at tracks in the Hoosier state implemented this spring. Tracks have been given targets by the Commission to increase high quality races (allowance and claiming races \$25,000 and up) while decreasing lower quality races (claiming \$6,250 and below).

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