

2016 PREFERENCE DATE POLICY

Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races ("HCCTR") utilizes a preference date system to determine a horse's preference in overnight races which overfill.

Ten horses make up the body of each race with up to four alternates per race. All remaining horses are excluded. Alternates given the opportunity to run shall draw into the body of a race in order of preference.

Preference dates shall not supersede the conditions of a race (i.e. preference to high weight, preference to highest earnings, etc.).

ESTABLISHING A DATE

There are three possible dates a horse may receive, an Entry (E-Date), Run (R-Date), or a Z-Date. The number(s) following the E, R, or Z correspond with the date in which the E, R, or Z date was established.

A horse without a date may establish an E-Date by:

- Signing in a horse's foal papers with the Racing Office.
- Entering a horse in any overnight race (including extras) where the horse is excluded from the body of the race or the race is not used. The E-Date is awarded after the overnight is final.
- A horse with an expired date or no preference date who is transferred (via a trainer transfer form) to a new trainer while papers are on file in the Racing Office.

An R-Date is established when a horse starts in an overnight race. An R-Date replaces an established E-Date or Z-Date.

A Z-Date may be awarded by the Racing Secretary when there are extenuating circumstances including, but not limited to, cancellations of live racing and clerical errors that adversely impact the horse in question.

LOSS OF DATE

A horse's date will be lost if one of the following occurs:

- The horse is scratched from the body of the race. Horses on the alternate list will not lose their date unless they agree to run and then scratch after scratch time.
- The horse's foal papers are signed out of the Racing Office. If a horse's foal papers are signed out of the Racing Office with just cause (i.e. tattoo, corrections, etc.), as determined by the Racing Secretary, the horse will keep their established date.
- The horse starts at a racetrack other than HCCTR after the established date at HCCTR.
- The most recent date established is older than 180 days.

The Racing Secretary reserves the right to allow a horse to keep a previous date, or establish an E-Date if no previous date was established, which may have otherwise been lost under extenuating circumstances (i.e. No rider available leading to a scratch, etc.).

DETERMINING PREFERENCE BY DATE

The following determines a horse's preference based on their established date.

In months where HCCTR has scheduled and subsequently conducts live racing three (3) days per week, first preference will be given to horses whose foal papers are signed into the Racing Office at the closing of entries, with second preference to all other horses. Individual horses within each preference category will be preferred based on the steps below. In all other months, the following steps will apply to all horses as a single grouping regardless of whether foal papers are in the racing office at the closing of entries.

- Preference is given to those horses with the oldest date at the time of closing of entries.
- Z-Dates have preference over all E-Dates and R-Dates.
- E-Dates have preference over R-Dates of the same day.
- If two or more horses have identical dates they will be chosen by lot.
- Horses with no date but with papers on file in the Racing Office will receive preference over horses with no date and no papers on file.
- Second choice horses in a coupled entry have no preference over uncoupled horses.
- In-Today horses receive no preference except over a second choice horse in a coupled entry.

STAKE RACES

Dates will not be affected or altered for horses entered into stakes (this does not include overnight stakes or overnight handicaps).