

April 25, 2008

Welcome Contestants!

It's that time again! Enclosed are the draw lists and a schedule of events for 2008. There are 132 horses paid up in the Derby and 433 paid up in the Futurity. Based on 20 places the **unofficial** first place in the Derby will be \$24,216 and the **unofficial** Futurity first place will be \$55,956 paying 40 places. Total combined payout will be \$360,502.

VERY IMPORTANT ITEMS TO REMEMBER:

PLEASE make sure your horse papers match your horse. **IF they DO NOT MATCH, your horse will be disqualified.** Checks will **ONLY** be issued to owners of record as shown on registration papers and **ONLY** if the tax forms, which will be provided to finalists after their run, have been completed and are on file in the office. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

If you purchase a horse between now and the event, you will need to make arrangements with the seller regarding any prize money won. Checks will **NOT** be issued to you if the papers have not been changed to your name by the breed association prior to the trials. Transfers and bills of sale will not suffice.

If the horse you have purchased is **NOT** in your name **ON THIS LIST** please fax a copy of the original papers showing you as the new owner and we will make the ownership change. This will not be done without a copy of the registration papers in your name. If you have already done this and it has not been changed please call us to verify and correct information. Anyone, who has not submitted CORRECT OWNERSHIP PAPERS (since the original nomination), PLEASE FAX ASAP. Fax # 479-782-9944.

NO HORSE WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER GROUNDS WITHOUT HEALTH PAPERS INSPECTED. INSPECTION WILL BE AT MAIN GATE ON MIDLAND BLVD FROM 8:00 am to 10:00 pm SATURDAY the 17th thru TUESDAY the 20th and on WEDNESDAY the 21st from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm.

OFFICIAL CHECK-IN IS ONLY ON WEDNESDAY FROM 8:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM DEADLINE.

Enclosed also is a copy of the Arkansas Regulations to Transport. You will need the following for check-in: **Negative Coggins dated within the past twelve months; Original horse registration papers in your name; Health certificate dated within thirty (30) days of event.**

NOTE: Camper fees will be collected from day of arrival through Friday the 23rd. If you leave before then take your receipt to the camper office and you will be refunded for the unused portion.

All updated Rules & Draw list will be posted on our web-site www.kayroddgerspark.com then click on the Futurity link.

REMINDER: the "Host Hotel" is the Holiday Inn with a special room rate for contestants of \$72.00 per day. Their reservation number is 479-783-1000. You can now book online through our web-site.

If you have any questions, please call our offices at 479-783-6176, ext. 212 Beverly Sharp.

Sincerely,
Jason Martin
Old Fort Days Barrel Futurity Chairman

January 31, 2008

NOTICE: ARKANSAS STATE LAW NOW REQUIRES THAT ALL HORSE HEALTH PAPERS BE INSPECTED PRIOR TO ENTERING THE GROUNDS.

OUT-OF-STATE HORSES:

1. Valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection dated within 30 days with identification and a rectal temperature reading on each horse.

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is defined as a certificate issued by a licensed graduate, accredited veterinarian after a physical examination has been conducted certifying that the livestock described are free from symptoms of contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases and shall include a statement certifying the origin of the livestock. The Certificate shall include the name and address of the caretaker of such livestock if the owner's residence is other than the premises where the livestock are to be maintained.*****SEE NOTE BELOW**

2. A negative Coggins must have been conducted on all equidae over six months of age within twelve (12) months prior to the exhibition, and the Coggins test papers must accompany the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Photocopies of the test papers will not be acceptable; legible carbon copies will be acceptable.

ARKANSAS HORSES:

Negative Coggins test required within the past twelve months for all equidae over six months old. Photocopies will not be acceptable; legible carbon copies are acceptable.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Livestock moving into Arkansas found to be non-compliant with Arkansas laws and Regulations shall be quarantined to the nearest facility until all requirements are met on said animals to meet specifications. Expenses for all costs involved including feed, haul, rent, death loss, etc. shall be borne by the owner, shipper, or responsible party before animals will be released.

Regulations furnished by the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission.

Charles E. Starkey, DVM
State Veterinarian

*****ALL HORSES ENTERING THE GROUNDS MUST MEET THIS REQUIREMENT.**

EARLY ARRIVALS

Attn: All Contestants and Owners,

Anyone planning to arrive at Kay Rodgers Park on Friday night or early Saturday May 17th will not be allowed to park on the side of the street as they have done in the past. The city police have notified us that this has created a problem in the past, and it will no longer be allowed.

Those of you arriving early and wanting to get in-line to enter the park, which opens at 8:00 am, Saturday May 17th, must go to the Sky View Parking Lot to get in-line. This lot is ¼ mile East of the park just past the Pic-N-Tote Convenience Store. An attendant will be there to line everyone up in the order that they arrive. When we open the park on Saturday morning the people already in-line will be given a ticket, which will be required, to enter the park. After everyone in-line with a ticket has entered the park, then we will allow people to enter the park as they arrive.

WE WILL HAVE SOMEONE AT THE SKY VIEW PARKING LOT INSPECTING HORSE HEALTH PAPERS FOR EARLY ARRIVALS.

PLEASE, do not try to get in front of people waiting at the Sky View, because you will not be admitted without the ticket given to those that have waited at the parking area. Fort Smith City Police will be patrolling the area if you have any problems or questions they will be glad to assist you.

Thank you,
Futurity Committee