

## 2012 Purse Agreement

The NEHBPA Board of Directors is pleased to inform horsemen that the Board has unanimously accepted the recommendation of the NEHBPA Contract Committee and has approved the terms and conditions of the 2012 Purse Agreement, as negotiated with Suffolk Downs management, subject to review of the draft contract.

The 80 day racemeet will commence with opening day tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2012. The barn area is scheduled to open for occupancy and training approximately six weeks prior to opening day, contingent on completion of the backstretch drainage project construction (which is currently on schedule).

The parties have reached agreement on following modifications to the 2011 Purse Agreement:

- Recognition Agreement Extension  
Extended Recognition Agreement through at least May 31, 2013
- Guaranteed Purse Adjustment  
Suffolk Downs shall provide a purse supplement of \$400,000 in addition to the guaranteed \$8.25M purse funding provided in the 2011 agreement.  
Said purse supplement shall be paid to the horsemen's purse account and shall be used for purses paid during the 2012 race meet with a minor portion of the supplemental funds used for backstretch improvements, etc at the discretion of the NEHBPA Board of Directors.
- Jockey & Exercise Rider Insurance  
All races run at Suffolk Downs shall pay 2% of program purse into the Jockey & Exercise Rider Insurance fund. This will include races run for purses not funded by the horsemen's purse account.
- Define Annual Live Race Requirement  
The number of races specified in Massachusetts law for each race meet shall mean overnight and certain stake races (as per the purse agreement) and shall not include races restricted to MA bred horses or races run for purses that are paid from funds other than the horsemen's purse account.
- Stall Occupancy & Racetrack Availability for Training  
In concert with the 2011-2012 drainage construction project, SSR shall open the barn area (or most of the barn area) for occupancy and training (including availability of the "equine-a-sizer") six weeks prior to the scheduled first day of live racing.

### **Other Items discussed and agreed by both parties:**

- 5 furlong races restricted to non-starters in 2012 will be written and scheduled in the first few weeks of the racemeet.
- Each week of the first two weeks in the 2012 racemeet will have three live race days scheduled and thereafter four live races will be run each week until the fall schedule begins.
- The first Condition Book will be issued by the end of February 2012.
- Sterling Suffolk Racecourse (SSR) and the NEHPBA agree to work together in a conscientious manner to support and promote the success of a casino application for SSR at the Suffolk Downs location.