



Ontario Racing is responsible for setting an annual program of races, attracting new horse owners, implementing breed improvement programs, growing the fan base, and connecting the industry with the government and general public.

Updates from Ontario Racing's Board of Directors

[John Hayes, Independent Chair, highlights Ontario Racing's 2018 successes and the challenges ahead](#)

In a recent state-of-the-union conversation, Hayes pointed out several successes OR experienced last year, topped by the signing of an historic 19-year funding agreement with the Ontario Government in May, presenting a collective industry voice in government engagements, and acknowledging the impressive administrative work of ORM.

Keeping their eye on the future of the industry, the Board of Directors regularly discuss wagering on Ontario's three breeds, looking at ways to increase the numbers, and attracting a larger fan base.

[Read the rest of John Hayes' interview](#)

[Ontario Racing Independent Chair supports racing operations at The Raceway at Western Fair](#)

“The Raceway at Western Fair, considering its sizeable investment and longstanding charitable endeavors in the greater London area, has been a solid citizen and integral piece of the fabric of the community for decades. It is most disappointing to hear that a satisfactory arrangement with its current tenant regarding future operations could not be reached. With a broad offering that extends beyond horse racing, The Raceway, its employees, the horsepeople and community-at-large face a very uncertain future. Ontario Racing is committed to providing whatever support it can to help maintain racing in the London area.” - John Hayes; December 27, 2018

[Read more about the casino relocation](#)



Driving Force: Colin Kelly

Colin Kelly was looking to have a monster year in 2018. As it turns out, the reinsman got exactly what he was hoping for...and more. Last year, now in his seventh full season in the sulky, he posted 271 wins. [Full story.](#)

Woodbine and COSA Reach A Deal

Woodbine Entertainment and COSA have reached an agreement in principle of a new five-year deal that includes an investment in capital upgrades and an increase in purses. [Full announcement.](#)



Cross Canada: Canadian Hall of Fame

[Nominations are open](#) until March 6 for the 2019 CHRHF to honour the most deserving people and horses who have made a significant contribution to Canadian Standardbred and Thoroughbred horse racing.

Ins and Outs of Racehorse Ownership

Looking for more details on owning a racehorse? Licenses? Costs? Taxation? Check out [our ownership page](#) for these details, or read current owners' stories [here](#).



2019 Ontario Sires Stakes Race Dates

The OSS program consistently produces world class racehorses, and the program is renowned across North America. Watch these horses compete for the honour of becoming Sires Stakes Champions. [2019 Race Dates.](#)

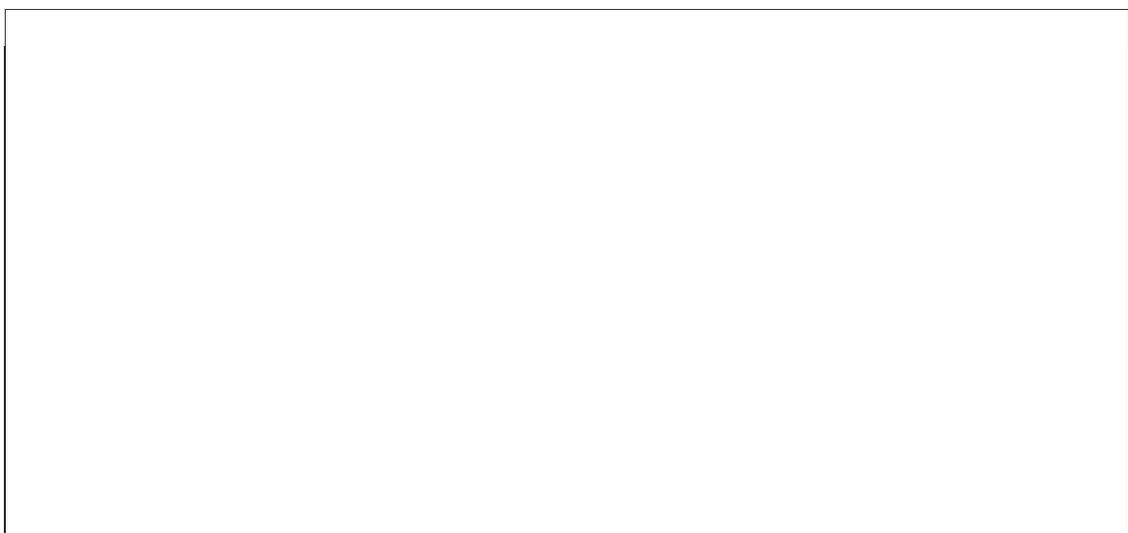


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Kyle Burton's Gold Cup & Saucer photo
Clive Cohen's racing silhouette photo





ONTARIO RESIDENT MARE PROGRAM

REQUIREMENTS AND TIMELINES

ENROLMENT

Mares must be enrolled each foaling year

Mare is bred and confirmed in foal

ORMP enrolment opens in July

The Enrolment form must be signed by the owner, leasee or agent and sent to Ontario Racing

Enrolment closes September 1

If enrolled after foaling but before the SEPTEMBER 1ST DEADLINE, there is an additional LATE FEE and third party proof of residency MUST be provided

RESIDENCY

Mares must reside in Ontario for 180 consecutive days surrounding foaling

180 day Residency starts on the date of post mark, or when both the enrolment form and payment are received

Permission must be requested for the mare to leave Ontario during her residency period

If the mare changes ownership during her residency, contact the ORMP Administrator

Residency ends 180 days after Residency Start Date or when the mare foals, whichever is longer

FOALING

Mares must foal in Ontario

After 180 days or after the expected foaling date, a Declaration of Compliance will be sent to the owner/registrant to be completed and returned to Ontario Racing

After the Declaration of Compliance is received by Ontario Racing, the mare is considered an Ontario Resident Mare for that year and the foal is eligible for Ontario Bred Rewards

Offspring of Ontario Resident Mares will be eligible to be registered as ONTARIO BRED foals, and will then be eligible for Ontario Bred Rewards.

The Ontario Resident Mare Program is administered by Ontario Racing.

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Full program rules can be found in the Standardbred Improvement Program Criteria Book available from a Race Office or www.ontarioracing.com

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O'Brien Awards—Hosted by Standardbred Canada

Feb 2, 2019

<https://standardbredcanada.ca/content/obrien-awards.html>



QROOI Banquet—Hosted by QROOI Inc.

Feb 16, 2019

<https://qrooi.com/>



Sovereign Awards—Hosted by Jockey Club of Canada

April 18, 2019

<https://jockeyclubcanada.com/>

2019 Race Seasons

| 2019 RACE SEASON | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Ajax Downs | | | | | 5 | | | | | 21 | | |
| Clinton Raceway | | | | | 19 | | | 25 | | | | |
| Dresden Raceway | | | | | 26 | | | 5 | | | | |
| Flamboro Downs | | 3 | | | 30 | | | | 3 | | | 31 |
| Fort Erie Raceway | | | | | 28 | | | | | 15 | | |
| Georgian Downs | | | | | | 1 | | 31 | | | | |
| Grand River Raceway | | | | | | 5 | | | 27 | | | |
| Hanover Raceway | | | | | | 1 | | | 14 | | | |
| Rideau Carleton Raceway | | | 10 | | | | | | | | | 29 |
| The Raceway at Western Fair District | | 1 | | | 31 | | | | | 4 | | 31 |
| Woodbine Mohawk Park | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | 26 |
| Woodbine Racetrack | | | | | 20 | | | | | | | 15 |

How to read this table: E.g. "Ajax Downs" race season runs from May 5 to Oct 21, 2019"
*Confirm dates and post times at www.ontarioracing.com. Dates current as of January 14, 2019.



Dates of Note:

- **Racetracks racing in January and February:** [Flamboro Downs](#) (Thu, Sat, Sun from January 3), [Woodbine Mohawk Park](#) (Sat, Mon, Thu, Fri from January 5), [The Raceway at Western Fair](#) (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri from Jan 1), [Rideau Carlton Raceway](#) (Sun from February 10).
- **Ontario Resident Mare Program:** Enrol your mare for Ontario Bred Rewards for \$100 before she foals, or \$300 plus proof of residency after she foals. Full program info is available on ontarioracing.com.

- **Frosty Fireworks on Family Day weekend:** February 16. Bring the whole family to Woodbine Mohawk Park and experience the thrill of live world-class harness racing along with free kid's activities and free evening fireworks. [Details](#)

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