

FINGER LAKES GAMING & RACE TRACK MANURE C.A.F.O. POLICY

Waste Manure Compliance

Rules for Manure Containers at FLRT

- **All containers used to temporarily store horse manure (sawdust/shavings/straw) for transport must be covered with a waterproof material to prevent rain or snow from entering these containers and creating a potential for harmful nitrate runoff.**
- All manure containers must be **waterproof** (any drain holes plugged) and have a fixed or closeable top. Any closeable top must remain closed when not being directly loaded.
- During periods of rain/snow/sleet/hail/mist, containers must be covered during the time it takes to retrieve subsequent manure loads.
- On days when it is not raining, containers can remain uncovered when stalls are being cleaned and manure is being loaded into the container.

CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation) Violations - FINES

1st Offense

- When a CAFO violation is observed the Security Department will issue a warning.
- A Security Officer will request that the violation be corrected immediately and will return later in the day to verify.

2nd Offense

- The offender will be issued a citation and fined \$100.00.
- Security will check to ensure that the area in violation has been properly taken care of.

3rd Offense

- The offender will be issued a citation and fined \$250.00..
- The offender will be instructed by the Associate Steward that they can no longer use shavings and must convert to straw.
- Security will validate that they went to straw and inform the Associate Steward. CAFO tracking report will be updated to identify the outcome.

4th Offense

- The offender will be issued a citation and fined \$250.00. The offender will have 100% of their stall privileges removed and must vacate the property within 72 hours.
- Security will validate that the offender has in fact removed horses and left the property.

Failure to pay fines within 14 days will be reported to the Racing Secretary. The Racing Secretary will not accept entries from the offending trainer until all fines are paid.

Manure Containers

The Security Department will conduct random inspections of the manure containers.

- Manure containers that do not meet CAFO standards will be brought to the attention of the respective owner/trainer who is using the container. The owner/trainer will be instructed to make the necessary repairs.

- Security will identify on CAFO tracking report and forward it to the Director of Security for follow up.
- A \$200.00 fine will be imposed if the containers are not fixed within one week of the issue date of the original citation.
- Any faulty containers belonging to FLRA will be reported to the Facilities department.

Finger Lakes Racing Association – Manure Handling Policy:

It is recommended that Trainers bed their horses on straw. If a trainer beds his horse on straw, the FLRA shall provide containers for its disposal and shall remove said straw on a regular basis (at least every 96 hours).

If a trainer wishes to be granted the privilege of bedding on shavings, such trainer must meet the following requirements:

- Anyone wishing to use shavings must make a request to the Racing Secretary and sign a copy of this policy and agree to comply with all directives and policy of the association concerning manure handling.
- Trainer shall, at his own expense, provide suitable containers for the shavings and pay for timely removal and disposal of such shavings. The FLRA reserves the right to have a bin emptied at the trainer's expense
- Submit a contract between the trainer and an APPROVED vendor who will remove the shavings/manure to an approved location.
- Owners, Trainers and Vendors must meet certain conditions and sign a contract with FLRA in order to be approved to remove shavings/manure from the backside.
- Containers are not to be overfilled. Trainer is responsible for the proper cleaning around the containers on a continual basis. ALL residual manure must be cleaned off the ground.
- Manure can never be emptied/offloaded onto the ground for any reason.
- Manure containers must be properly covered at all times.
 - During periods of rain, containers must be covered during the time it takes to retrieve subsequent manure loads.
- On days when it is not raining, containers can remain uncovered when stalls are being cleaned and manure is being loaded into the container. All containers must be placed on existing concrete pads. No containers will be allowed on grass or asphalt unless authorized directly by the track superintendent. The FLRA is not responsible to provide a suitable concrete pad.
- No trainer shall place shavings in a straw bin.
- Storage of loose bulk bedding will only be allowed in areas assigned for such use.
- At its option, the FLRA will permit the storage of loose bulk bedding outside in some locations on a case-by-case basis. The Trainer must contract with an approved contractor from an approved list to have a standardized containment area built at their own expense.
- If a trainer fails to follow this policy, the FLRA shall have the exclusive right to require said trainer to use straw for bedding immediately. The FLRA may fine or evict any trainer for any violation of this policy.

I have received a copy of this policy and agree to fully comply with its contents.

By: _____

Barn Number: _____

Date: _____