

IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM YOUR HBPA



MARIJUANA OR CANNABIS

On Wednesday October 17th the Canadian government legalized the use and sale of recreational marijuana.

Although the Canadian government has legalized Cannabis, we remind all those in the industry that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario has not changed their Zero tolerance policy and rules with respect to Cannabis.

AGCO Licensees, Trainers and backstretch workers may at any time be required to undergo testing for the presences of drugs and/or prohibited substances without notice any time during the racing season. Please be diligent. Trainers, please remind your works of the AGCO policy.

HBPA WELCOMES STACIE ROBERTS

The HBPA of Ontario has contracted Stacie Roberts to assist us with communications with our owners and trainers. Stacie will also Chair our newly formed new owners committee to drive new ownership to thoroughbred racing.

Should any of our members have any concerns or suggestions, please contact our office or Stacie directly.

HOCKEY TEAM SPONSORSHIP

The HBPA Board of Directors approved sponsoring Woodbine Hockey. It started in late September and will continue until November 22nd. Every Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30pm the HBPA has booked the hour of play at the Westwood Arena (90 Woodbine Downs Blvd – Carrier and Hwy 27) Signup sheets are done weekly, so if you have missed the first couple weeks you can still join in on the fun.

Those who are interested in participating should reach out to Corinne at our Woodbine track office to sign up. You must have a current AGCO licensed to participate. Everyone with an AGCO license is welcome. This is not a specified team just random pick up hockey.

BACKSTRETCH APPRECIATION DAY

It's that time of year again Backstretch Appreciation Day is taking place on Saturday November 11th at which time the HBPA will formally recognize three Outstanding Grooms and Assistant Trainers in the winner's circle at Woodbine Racetrack.

Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Exercise Riders, Grooms and Hotwalkers may visit the Woodbine backstretch office starting Tuesday November 7th from 9:30am to 1:00pm to pick up a hoodie and \$7 food voucher redeemable at Woodbine front side only on November 11th. Hoodies and vouchers will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Workers must show a current AGCO license.

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