

TO: All Owners and Trainers

From: Christine Schuster  
Controller/Buffalo Raceway

Date: 4/26/2017

Re: Increased Cost of NYS Start Fees

Part LL, Chapter 15 of the Laws of 2017 (NYS Budget FY 2017-2018) is a law requiring the participants in horse racing in NYS to fund the costs of Equine Drug Testing in New York State. The Budget was signed into law on April 10, 2017.

The deficit in the cost of Drug Testing is to be made up by the 2 Thoroughbred and 7 Standardbred tracks licensed in New York. The cost is assessed based on number of starts. The cost is to be paid one half by the racetrack and one half as an additional amount for start fee.

Buffalo Raceway will pay directly \$65,000 as our 50% share of this assessment. The remaining 50% will be paid by the horsemen as an increase of \$8.80 per start. The per race start fee that has been in effect since 2009 at \$10 will increase to a total fee of **\$18.80. The new start fee will go into effect May 1, 2017.**

As has been our practice since 2009, the start fee will be charged to your purse account. In the event that your horse finishes OUT OF THE MONEY, the fee must be paid. If any unpaid start fee balance is not brought up to date when requested, you will not be permitted to submit entries.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Mango or Bruce Tubin.