Horsemen Helping Horsemen

Maximize the Impact of the KTDF





Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association

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What is the Kentucky HBPA?

 Represents more than 6,000 licensed owners and trainers in helping to promote and protect Kentucky's Thoroughbred racing industry and its participants

• Designated as the horsemen's majority representative in contract negotiations with each racetrack, including purse levels

 Provides educational and recreational programs, philanthropic efforts supporting Horsemen in need and initiatives to promote Kentucky racing.



What is the KTDF?

- Provides purse supplements for registered Kentucky bred Thoroughbreds racing at Kentucky tracks.
- Currently limited to supplementing stakes, allowance and maiden races.
- The most successful state-bred program in North America, bringing Kentucky racing to the forefront.



Can KTDF do more?

- Due to growth in the KTDF since the inception of HHR, it is time to extend supplements to all levels of races.
- Claiming and starter allowance races make up approximately 50% of races run in Kentucky annually.
- Purses for claiming and starter allowance races account for approximately 17% of total purses awarded in Kentucky.



What are the benefits of expanding KTDF?

- Further shore up Kentucky's year-round racing circuit.
- Support an increase in the number of races by making claiming purses competitive with other tracks in the region.
- More horses running in Kentucky creates more jobs.
- Increased earning potential makes Kentucky bred horses more valuable and promotes higher prices for breeders.



What are the benefits of expanding KTDF?

- Every claim sends money to the general fund, sending \$1.3 million in sales tax from 923 claims in 2021 through November 13.
- Claiming races offer a source of horses with value beyond racing as breeding stock and performance horses.
- Claiming is the simplest way for new owners to get involved in racing.

What are the costs of expanding KTDF?

- Claiming and starter allowance races represent 17% of total purses in Kentucky while accounting for about 50% of races.
- Based on the range of percentages KTDF supplements make up of current purses, the cost of including claiming and starter allowance races would be between \$5-\$10 million annually.

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- KTDF revenue from HHR has increased by over \$3 million (81.9%) during the first two months of FY 2022 over the same period of FY 2021.
- Given the planned growth in HHR, including all races would not negatively impact the purses of those races currently subsidized.

Kentucky HBPA would like to thank legislators for their strong support of Kentucky's signature industry!

