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**To:** Horsemen participating in State-Funded Harness Horse Racing at County Fairs

**From:** Pollyanne McKillop, Horse Racing Program Manager

**Subject:** Notification To Horsemen

To assist the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) in assuring compliance with Michigan's requirements for State-funded harness horse racing at County Fairs, horsemen are hereby notified that:

- All drivers must report to the MDARD Sampling Area for breathalyzer tests before today's races begin. Drivers must show valid photo id to the MDARD staff, such as their driver's license or Gaming Control Board license.
- Pursuant to Regulation 812, Rule 7, any driver, trainer, and/or owner sanctioned from racing in the State of Michigan shall not be allowed in any area on the fair grounds that is part of the racing program.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner(s) and any other selected horses from every race must report immediately to MDARD Sampling Area. As the horses leave the track, the State Vet(s) will be trackside to notify the horse representatives of additional horses that they are selecting for sampling.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place winner(s), selected horses and their representatives must proceed immediately to the MDARD Sampling Area. Horse representatives must show valid photo id to the MDARD staff, such as their driver's license or Gaming Control Board license.
- As a reminder, horse representatives must remain with their horse during the entire collection process and sign MDARD paperwork where witness signatures are required.