

1055 S. WASHINGTON ST.
VAN WERT, OH 45891



PHONE: (419)238-9270

7/24/23

To Owners, Trainers and Jockeys;

First off, we would like to welcome you back to the Van Wert County Fair and our Thoroughbred race program. It was back in 2019 the last time we were able to host Thoroughbred races and while it may not be as many races as we would have liked, we wanted to get back into the saddle, so to speak. We thank you for your participation in our racing program in past years.

We are looking forward to another great year of racing at the Van Wert County Fair on Labor Day, September 4th, 2023. Make sure to look over the enclosed conditions and the racing rules. We are grateful for the financial support we have received from OHBPA and from our sponsors who want to see our racing program continue to grow.

As you know, for us to be successful we need three main components: horses and jockeys; spectators; and a good day at the mutuel windows. Today, we are asking you to help us get the word out for horses and jockeys. Feel free to make copies of the condition sheet and hand them out to those you think might be interested in coming out to the Van Wert County Fair Labor Day races. Please note that we are limited to a 5 Furlong, a 6 ½ Furlong and the 1 1/8 Mile Derby. So again, please look over the condition sheet and the rules and if you have any questions, give us a call.

We do have a couple of reminders / changes we want to make you aware of:

- Please note the **post time is 3:00 p.m., EST. on September 4th, 2023.**
- **Entries are being called into 614-984-9515.** If you have any questions you may call the Fair Office at 419-238-9270 or you can reach me at 419-233-1067.
- **You can mail your entries to the Van Wert County Fair at 1055 South Washington Street, Van Wert, OH 45891. Mailed entries must be received by no later than August 28th, 2023.**
- **Entries close Thursday 8/31/2023, at 9:00 p.m.**

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- Please note that on Thursday, August 31, 2023, from Noon until 5 p.m., we have harness racing in session. It will be hit and miss to take your call during that time period. Feel free to call your entries in any time prior to that or after 5:00 p.m.
- As we have done in the past, any jockey who rides in one race will receive a \$50 travel allowance, if they ride in two or more they will receive a \$100 travel allowance from the Van Wert County Fair.

All Jockeys, Headers, Outriders, Starting Gate Personal or any persons that are directly engaged with a horse inside the Draw Gate / Paddock area are required to have on a safety vest and helmet as per Ohio Racing Commission Safety Requirements. **We Will Not Be Furnishing This Equipment, it is the responsibility of the Jockey, Trainer and or Owner to provide this equipment.**

The Van Wert County Fair has Harness Racing scheduled prior to the afternoon session of Thoroughbred Horse racing. Demo Derby is scheduled for 6:00 pm after the conclusion of the races. We invite you to stay and enjoy the Demo Derby. Tickets are \$6.00 - \$8.00 and \$20.00 for pit access. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time online at www.vanwertcountyfair.com or ahead of the event on location.

If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call at 419-233-1067. Thanks again for your support of our racing program and we look forward to seeing you at the 127th running of the Labor Day races at the Van Wert County Fair.

Thank You,

Van Wert County Agricultural Society
Roger Wilkin, Speed Superintendent
419-233-1067

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RUNNING RACES - In Front of The Grandstand

Monday, September 4, 2023 (Labor Day)
Start time: 3 P.M. - Rain or Shine

Directors in Charge: Roger Wilkin & Aaron Knittle

Thoroughbred Racing

- Phone Entries to (614) 984-9515
- Entries Close on August 31, @ 9:00 P.M.

Featuring Pari-Mutuel Wagering

5 Furlong Thoroughbred - (8 Horses Only) - 3 Years Old & Up
Purse - \$5000 / \$50 Entry Fee

6 1/2 Furlong Thoroughbred - (8 Horses Only) - 3 Years Old & Up
Purse – \$5000 / \$50 Entry Fee

Derby - 1 1/8 Mile Thoroughbred - Open (8 Horses Only)
Purse - \$11,000 / \$50 Entry Fee

Free Grandstand



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Thoroughbred
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Horse Owners are encouraged to bring their own jockey.

Running Race Declaration

Name of Horse:	Registration #:	Thoroughbred:	
	Owner's Name:		
Dam's Name:	Social Security #:		
Color & Sex:	Age:	Address:	Phone #:
Race to Be Entered:	City:	State & Zip:	

Please Note: All Information is Required in Declaration Before Entry will be Valid

Visit www.vanwertcountyfair.com for more information.

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RUNNING RACE RULES

**We will be taking entries after the races on Thursday, August 31, 2023
from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Entries will close on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 9:00 P.M.**

The Van Wert County Fair reserves the right to reject any entry or declare off any event that receives fewer than four (4) entries at time of closing. **We may combine events to fill races.**

1. Pari-Mutuel wagering will be under the supervision of the Ohio State Racing Commission on all Thoroughbred Race events. All winners & other selected
2. Registration papers must be presented at the speed office before 1:00 p.m. on the day of the race. (Copies are accepted)
3. All Jockeys, Headers, Outriders, Starting Gate Personal or any persons that are directly engaged with a horse inside the Draw Gate / Paddock area are required to have on a safety vest and helmet as per Ohio Racing Commission Safety Requirements. **We Will Not Be Furnishing This Equipment, it is the responsibility of the Jockey, Trainer and or Owner to provide this equipment.**
4. The first eight (8) horses entered in the 1 1/8 Mile Derby with entry fee paid shall be the entries for this race. Race will not be split.
5. The first eight (8) horses entered in the 5 and the 6 1/2 Furlong with entry fee paid shall be the entries for this race. Race will not be split.
6. Only 1 entry per owner or stable for the 1 1/8 Mile Derby. If the gate is not filled by August 17th, 2023 then more than 1 entry per owner / stable will be allowed.
7. No owner or stable may enter more than two (2) horses in either the 5 Furlong or the 6 1/2 Furlong.
8. All Running races are dash events. Purses divided 50-25-15-5-2-1-1-1. The Van Wert County Fair reserves the right to reject any entry or declare off any event that receives fewer than four (4) entries at time of closing. We may combine events to fill races.

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9. All Jockeys must be 16 years of age or older, wear colors, and weigh at least 100 pounds or carry weight to equal same.
10. No horse may be entered in more than one (1) race.
11. Any objections must be filed with the presiding judge before the race is made official.
12. A trophy will be awarded to the owner of the winning horse.
13. Any person **13 years of age & over must pay gate admission** to enter fairgrounds.
14. All owners, his jockeys, his trainers, or his agents, shall hold harmless the Van Wert County Agricultural Society, its directors, or agents, for any accident, injury, or personal property damage that may occur to them either during the races or between or before or after the races. Person agrees to this rule by signing Declaration to Start.
15. Mail entries with entry fee to:
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Fair Office Phone: 419-238-9270

Mailed Entries Must Be Received No Later Than August 28, 2023

2023 Speed Office Hours:

Tuesday, August 29	11:00 A.M. to After Races
Thursday, August 31	8:00 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Monday, September 4	7:00 A.M. to After Races
Race Day Phone Number	(614) 984-9515

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