

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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## **RACE DATES** **COMMITTEE MEETING**

of the **California Horse Racing Board** will be held on **Wednesday, October 16, 2019**, commencing at **10:30 a.m.**, in the **Clubhouse at the California Exposition and State Fair Grandstand, 1600 Exposition Boulevard, Sacramento, California**. Non-committee Board members attending the committee meeting may not participate in the public discussion, official committee vote, or committee closed session.

The agenda for the Committee meeting will consist of the following matters:

### **AGENDA**

#### **Agenda Items**

1. Discussion regarding **2020 Southern California Quarter Horse race dates**.
2. Discussion regarding **2020 race dates for Northern California**.
3. **General Business:** Communications, reports, requests for future actions of the Committee.

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### **RACE DATES COMMITTEE**

Vice Chairman Madeline Auerbach, Chairman  
Frederic Maas, Member  
Rick Baedeker, Executive Director  
Jacqueline Wagner, Assistant Executive Director

STAFF ANALYSIS  
DISCUSSION REGARDING  
2020 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
QUARTER HORSE RACE DATES

Race Dates Committee Meeting  
October 16, 2019

ISSUE:

The Board at its September 19, 2019 regular meeting approved the calendar for 2020 Southern California daytime racing as follows:

Santa Anita - December 18, 2019 through June 23, 2020\*  
Los Alamitos - June 24 through July 7, 2020  
Del Mar - July 8 through September 8, 2020  
Santa Anita - September 9 through October 27, 2020  
Del Mar - October 28 through December 1, 2020  
Los Angeles County Fair at Los Alamitos - December 2 through December 22, 2020

(Note: Each date segment begins on the Wednesday prior to opening and ends on the Tuesday following closing).

\*Santa Anita will be required to take off 12 days of racing during its Winter/Spring race meeting. The actual days will be determined by Santa Anita based upon then-current circumstances.

At that meeting, Los Alamitos management represented that it was not prepared to request 2020 Quarter horse race dates at the time, and requested that the allocation of 2020 Quarter Horse race dates be tabled for discussion at a later date.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented for discussion.  
Staff recommends the Committee hear from the industry representatives.

STAFF ANALYSIS  
DISCUSSION REGARDING  
2020 RACE DATES FOR NORTHERN  
CALIFORNIA

Race Dates Committee Meeting  
October 16, 2019

ISSUE:

The Board at its September 19, 2019 regular meeting approved the calendar for 2020 Southern California daytime racing as follows:

Santa Anita - December 18, 2019 through June 23, 2020\*  
Los Alamitos - June 24 through July 7, 2020  
Del Mar - July 8 through September 8, 2020  
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Los Angeles County Fair at Los Alamitos - December 2 through December 22, 2020

(Note: Each date segment begins on the Wednesday prior to opening and ends on the Tuesday following closing).

\*Santa Anita will be required to take off 12 days of racing during its Winter/Spring race meeting. The actual days will be determined by Santa Anita based upon then-current circumstances.

The Board also approved the following 2020 Northern California calendar for Watch and Wager LLC harness racing at Cal Expo:

December 25, 2019 through May 5, 2020 (Winter/Spring meeting).  
October 28, 2020 through December 22, 2020 (Fall meeting).

At that meeting the Board voted to delay discussion of the remainder of the 2020 Northern California calendar for discussion at a later date.

Northern California Stakeholder Proposals:

The California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) proposes the following 2020 Northern California race dates:

Alameda County Fair/Pleasanton - June 19, 2020 through July 12, 2020  
State Fair/ Cal Expo - July 17, 2020 through August 2, 2020  
Humboldt County Fair/ Ferndale - August 20, 2020 through August 30, 2020  
Note: August 20 - August 23 (un-overlapped)  
August 28 - 30 (overlapped)  
Big Fresno Fair/Fresno - October 8 2020 through October 18, 2020

The Sonoma County Fair strongly opposes CARF's proposed 2020 calendar and requests three weeks of racing for 2020:

The first two weeks would be with the Sonoma County Fair and the last week would be without a Fair. Dates of racing with the Fair would be from July 29 - August 11 and then August 12 -18 for the non-Fair racing dates. Live racing would run on July 30, 31, August 1 and 2, August 6-9 and then August 14 -16.

Golden Gate Fields proposed the following 2020 Northern California race dates:

Golden Gate Fields – December 18, 2019 through June 9, 2020

Alameda County Fair/Pleasanton – June 10, 2020 through July 7, 2020

State Fair/Cal Expo – July 8, 2020 through July 28, 2020

Sonoma County Fair – July 29, 2020 through August 11, 2020

Golden Gate Fields - August 12, 2020 through September 29, 2020

(Humboldt – Overlap August 12, 2020 through August 25, 2020)

Big Fresno Fair/Fresno – September 30, 2020 through October 13, 2020

Golden Gate Fields – October 14, 2020 through December 15, 2020

## RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented for discussion.

Staff recommends the Committee hear from the industry representatives.

**Proposed Northern California Race Dates DRAFT**

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Updated 6-28-19

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Race days subject to change

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Ferndale (Unoverlapped)
Ferndale (Overlapped)
Fresno

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July 31, 2019

Mr. Rick Baedeker, Executive Director  
California Horse Racing Board  
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Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Mr. Baedeker,

As tomorrow is opening day of our race meet and Fair I am unable to attend the meeting in Del Mar. However I would like to officially present our dates request for 2020.

We are requesting three weeks of racing for 2020. The first two weeks would be with the Sonoma County Fair and the last week would be without a Fair. Dates of racing with the Fair would be from July 29-August 11 and then August 12 – 18 for the non-Fair racing dates. Live racing would run on July 30 , 31, August 1 and 2 , August 6-9 and then August 14- 16.

I understand there is a proposal from CARF to push Fairs farther into the summer which would push the Sonoma County Fair into the school year. This would be devastating for our Fair, our FFA and 4-H programs and our Fair guests. As such we do not support the moving of the race dates for the Fair racing circuit. Our school year in 2020 is scheduled to start on August 12.

I appreciate your presenting this at the meeting tomorrow and look forward to the Dates Committee meeting to have an opportunity to discuss our concerns.

Best Regards,

Rebecca Bartling  
Chief Executive Officer  
Sonoma County Fair/ Wine County Racing

At the Fairgrounds:  
Golf Course  
RV Park  
Jockey Club  
Wine Country Racing  
Fair Foundation

# 2020 Northern California Race Dates

GGF - December 18, 2019 through June 9, 2020  
 Pleasanton - June 10 through July 7, 2020  
 Cal Expo - July 8 through July 28, 2020  
 Sonoma - July 29 through August 11, 2020  
 GGF - August 12 through September 29, 2020  
 Humboldt - Overlap August 12 through August 25, 2020  
 Fresno - September 30 through October 13, 2020  
 GGF - October 14 through December 15, 2020

Golden Gate	158
Pleasanton	16
Cal Expo	11
Sonoma	8
Humboldt	6
Fresno	8

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