



News Articles Claiming PA Racing May Shut Down Are Misleading

CHESTER, PA (October 24, 2015) — On Thursday, October 23, news outlets began issuing reports with headlines like "PA Gov. Tom Wolf warns that horse racing may shut down amid budget stalemate."

It is important to note that a similar situation unfolded in 2013 and our industry worked together to avoid a shutdown. It is also important to note that purses are not the issue; rather, it is a shortfall in the funding required for the functioning of the bureaucracy (commission, drug testing, etc.).

Our government relations team and industry partners at the PA Equine Coalition are actively working with all stakeholders on both short and long-term solutions for this funding issue.

Check back for updates, which will be posted as the situation unfolds.

About the Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association

Founded in 1967, the Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association (PHHA) is a trade group that promotes the development of harness racing in Pennsylvania. The organization represents horsemen at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono and Harrah's Philadelphia Casino & Racetrack. Its mission is to provide a stable foundation for horsemen by encouraging competitive racing that increases fan participation and enhances the reputation of Pennsylvania harness racing on the national scene. The PHHA maintains branch offices at the tracks it represents.

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