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**“The health and safety of our human and equine athletes and the integrity of our sport are our industry’s top priorities”**

- 55 Racetracks pledged
- All Major horsemen’s groups



# Code of Standards

- Injury Reporting and Prevention
- Safety Equipment/Safer Racing Environment
- Medication and Testing
- Jockey Health and Welfare
- Aftercare of Retired Racehorses



# Accredited Tracks

– 18 tracks in 15 months

**Aqueduct**

**Arlington Park**

**Belmont Park**

**Calder Racecourse**

**Churchill Downs**

**Del Mar**

**Delaware Park**

**Fair Grounds**

**Golden Gate Fields**

**Hollywood Park**

**Keeneland**

**Monmouth Park**

**Oak Tree/Santa Anita**

**Pimlico**

**Saratoga**

**Turfway Park**

**Woodbine**

**Sunland Park\***

\* Provisional Accreditation





# Results

- **10 of 18 tracks added cushioned crop and rules for crop usage**
- **4 tracks pushed for out-of-competition testing**

# Results

- **At least 4 tracks added requirements for helmet and vests**
- **At least two tracks added starting gate padding**

# Results

- **At least three tracks added pre-race TCO<sub>2</sub> sampling**
- **One track corrected deficiencies in EID participation**





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## Results

- **At least two tracks began participation in Jockey Health Information System**
- **At least six tracks began Aftercare efforts**



# Results – Pimlico

- **Pre-race TCO<sub>2</sub> Sampling**
- **Out-of-competition testing protocol**
- **Frozen Sample testing**
- **Cushioned Crop use**
- **Security Assessment**

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# Results – Public Perception

- **55% of Core Fans believe racing is safer than it was last year\***

\* Social Sphere Media/August 2009





“The main object of religion is not to get a man into heaven, but to get heaven into him”

- *Thomas Hardy*