2024 Oak Grove Kentucky Preference Policy

KRS 810 5:060 (Section 24) governs all Preferences in Kentucky for overnight harness racing. This section governs over any track or association preference and provides that preference will be given according to a horse’s last previous purse race during the current year.

The governing Oak Grove Preference policy provides for the following preferences:

1. Kentucky Bred as defined by 810 KAR 7:040 (1st Preference), then;
2. Kentucky Owned (in whole or part by a Kentucky resident) (2nd Preference), then;
3. Trained by a trainer that made 20 starts or more at Oak Grove in 2023 (3rd Preference).

If any of the above 3 conditions apply, the horse entered will be considered Kentucky Preferred (“KY PREF”) and preference will be given in the order above, with date preference pursuant to KRS 810 5:060 governing as a priority.

*Even if a horse meets the KY PREF condition, in certain classes where races are open to both KY PREF horses and non-KY PREF horses, the date preference regulation governs as a priority.*

In an attempt to get as many KY PREF horses raced as possible during the 2024 meet, races are being written with the same conditions for both KY PREF horses and non-KY PREF horses where possible and based upon demand. KY PREF horses may be moved to a non-KY PREF event where an insufficient number of horses are entered in a KY PREF event. In such case, Date Preference (as described above) will govern. It is recommended that you place a second choice on all entered horses to enhance the likelihood of getting to race.

*THIS OAK GROVE KENTUCKY PREFERENCE POLICY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE RACING SECRETARY.*