



**MEDIA PROTOCOLS
COVID-19 PREVENTION
October 8, 2020**

Woodbine Entertainment welcomes back a limited number of approved media to cover live Thoroughbred racing at Woodbine Racetrack, with the following additional COVID-19 prevention protocols in place as of October 8, 2020:

- Media access to cover live racing will be available to a limited number of representatives from designated racing industry trade publications and representatives from local media outlets that are on assignment and approved in advance by Woodbine's Media Department. All media must apply for credentials at least 24 hours prior to the race day they are seeking to attend. Media are asked to limit their time spent on the premises for coverage requirements only.
- Media are required to park in the employee lot accessible through Gate 9 then check in upon arrival at the security booth located at Gate 10 for a temperature check and completion of the COVID-19 screening questionnaire. Media must adhere to physical distancing guidelines, follow directional signage, and wear face masks covering their nose and mouth at all times while on the premises.
- Media access will be restricted to the press box and designated areas on the track apron. Media will not be permitted in the following areas at this time: paddock, walking ring, winner's circle, jockey's room or backstretch.
- A limited number of approved photographers will be allowed on the racing surfaces for stakes races and will be restricted to the outside rail on the right side of the finish line and track photographer. Media must wear provided media vests while on the racing surfaces and must remain at the rail for the duration of the race and until all racing participants have cleared the unsaddling area post-race before crossing the track to return to the apron.
- A limited number of approved media will be assigned a press box workstation upon request, with a minimum of two empty desks between individuals.
- No more than two individuals will be permitted in the press box elevator at one time.
- Post-race interviews will be presented on the live racing broadcast with the winning connections of stakes races when possible and made available on the Woodbine Replays Youtube channel following the races.
- Woodbine's Media Department will assist with accommodating additional interview requests when possible by arranging accommodations following physical distancing guidelines, providing remote access or telephone contact information. For major races such as The Queen's Plate and Woodbine Mile, media in the press box will be provided access to the on-track winning connections for a remote scrum via a closed-circuit video or audio stream.
- Woodbine's official track photographer will provide, at minimum, finish line photos of all races. Please contact the Media Department for additional photography requests. Video footage will be available upon request courtesy of Woodbine's Broadcast Department.
- No food or beverage services will be available in the press box or on the premises. Media are asked to plan accordingly.
- Washrooms are available for use in the press box.
- Media access and guidelines are subject to change without notice. Media must follow the directions of Woodbine officials and security at all times.
- Media will not be provided access to the press box outside of live racing cards.