

Woodbine Cancels Sunday Card as a Precautionary Measure to Ensure Equine Safety

TORONTO, November 10, 2024 – Woodbine Entertainment announced today that it has cancelled the scheduled race card for Sunday, November 10, as a precautionary measure to prioritize the safety and well-being of the horses and jockeys.

The decision was made after consulting with key industry partners, including the Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA), the Jockeys’ Guild, and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO). This follows the cancellation of the final two races of Saturday’s card due to safety concerns with the All-Weather Main Track. Additionally, training on the All-Weather Main Track was suspended this morning.

Woodbine is currently performing track maintenance and closely reviewing track conditions which includes meeting with its Tapeta consultants. These efforts will continue throughout the day, with racing and training activities set to resume only when it is deemed safe to do so.

“The safety of our horses and jockeys is always our highest priority,” said Bill Ford, Executive Vice President of Racing at Woodbine. “In consultation with our industry partners, we have decided to take these precautionary steps to ensure that the track conditions meet the highest safety standards. Woodbine has long been recognized as one of the safest racetracks in North America, and we are committed to maintaining that reputation by thoroughly assessing and addressing any issues.”

Woodbine will continue to provide updates as efforts progress and decisions regarding the resumption of training and racing are made.