

## Valley Race Park

### Greyhound Racing Meet 2016-2017

#### OVERVIEW

Valley Race Park in Harlingen, Texas will host a “Greyhound Racing Festival” meet beginning on Friday, November 25, 2016 through February 4, 2017 for a total of 36 racing dates. This meet is designed for first time starter maidens. It is projected the total purses to be distributed for this meet will be in excess of \$2.2 million. Ten races will be run during each live performance, for a total of 360 races over the course of the meet, all run at 550 yards.

#### November 2016

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Day 1	26 Day 2
27 Day 3	28	29	30			

#### December 2016

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2 Day 4	3 Day 5
4 Day 6	5	6	7	8	9 Day 7	10 Day 8
11 Day 9	12	13	14	15	16 Day 10	17 Day 11
18 Day 12	19	20	21	22	23 Day 13	24 Xmas Eve
25 Xmas	26	27	28 Day 14	29	30 Day 15	31 Day 16

**January 2017**

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
<b>1</b> Day 17	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Day 18	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Day 19	<b>7</b> Day 20
<b>8</b> Day 21	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Day 22	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Day 23	<b>14</b> Day 24
<b>15</b> Day 25	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Day 26	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Day 27	<b>21</b> Day 28
<b>22</b> Day 29	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Day 30	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Day 31	<b>28</b> Day 32
<b>29</b> Day 33	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

**February 2017**

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			<b>1</b> Day 34	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Day 35	<b>4</b> Day 36
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## RACES, CONDITIONS AND PURSES

All races carded will be stakes races and will be designated with the letter "S" to allow multiple entries from the same kennels or individual owners.

There will also be an accompanying letter applied to each grade, consistent with the Texas Grading System (M, J, D, C, B, A, AA).

Recognizing that all Greyhounds for this meet will arrive as first time starter maidens, two conditions will be required for each Greyhound to be eligible for active competition:

- 1) All Greyhounds must be within the age range of 16 months to 27 months.
- 2) All Greyhounds must have a minimum of two past performance lines with at least one fourth place finish or better, beating at least two other Greyhounds in that race.

Purses for the Maiden Stakes races will be \$4,000. As the meet progresses, Stakes Races for Grade J will be offered, with purses of \$7,000. Eventually, Stakes Races for Grade C (Purse \$10,000) and then Grade B (Purse \$20,000) will be offered. Other conditions for each type of race may be added at the discretion of the Racing Secretary.

The meet will conclude on February 4<sup>th</sup> with a Championship Race, with a purse of \$50,000. The conditions and eligibility requirements for this race will be determined as the meet progresses.

Purse values stated above are estimates and may be adjusted as necessary, whether up or down, based on total purse funds ultimately available for distribution during this meet.

It is estimated that the following number of races by type will be offered over the course of the meet:

Maiden Stakes	195 races @ \$4,000 = \$780,000
Grade J Stakes	111 races @ \$7,000 = \$777,000
Grade C Stakes	45 races @ \$10,000 = \$450,000
Grade B Stakes	8 races @ \$20,000 = \$160,000
Championship Stakes	1 race @ \$50,000 = \$50,000
Total	360 races worth \$2,217,000

Valley Race Park will offer a fixed percentage purse distribution per race, as opposed to a point system. Purses will be awarded as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place – 50%

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 25%

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 15%

4<sup>th</sup> place – 10%

## **KENNEL APPLICATIONS AND CONTRACTS**

Applications for kennels will be available by Friday, June 10, 2016. Completed applications must be submitted to Valley Race Park no later than Friday, July 15, 2016.

Kennel contracts will be awarded by Friday, August 5, 2016 and must be fully executed no later than August 31, 2016.

**Preference will be given to kennel operators who are currently Texas residents with Texas Bred first time starter maidens. Because this meet is designed to benefit the Texas Greyhound industry, our goal is that 100% of the kennel operators awarded contracts will be Texas residents with Texas Bred Greyhounds.**

## **KENNELS and SCHOOLING**

The kennel area will open on Monday, November 7, 2016. Seven kennels will be available for use, each with 66 crates, for a total capacity of 462 Greyhounds. We ask that the kennel operators bring only “active” Greyhounds to maximize racing opportunities.

Only Greyhounds permanently housed in Valley Race Park’s kennels will be permitted to enter races. No “Race and Go” Greyhounds from the farm will be considered eligible for exercising, schooling or racing.

Schooling races will begin Tuesday, November 8, 2016, allowing for seventeen (17) days of schooling prior to the first racing day. Schooling opportunities will continue after the live meet begins, likely four to five days per week, depending on the schedule of required track maintenance.

## **EXPORT WAGERING**

We continue to review the economics of exporting Valley Race Park’s signal.

## **POST TIMES**

Wednesday 1pm

Friday 7pm

Saturday 7pm

Sunday 1pm

Post time may be subject to change at the sole discretion of Valley Race Park