JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION: Starting Gate Driver

LOCATION: Horse Racing New Brunswick

STATUS: Event Based – Hourly

DATE TO OFFER: March 01, 2009

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Communication with MPHRC Judges and Officials, staff, horsemen and horsemen groups.
- Driving of starting gate for the purpose of starting each race.
- Understanding and delivery of live racing events.
- Supervise horses, drivers and trainers while on the race track for safety purposes and concerns.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS:

- Manage multiple tasks and programs.
- Able to communicate effectively: both written and verbally.
    - Communicate and work with staff and volunteers with attention to detail and immediate follow up.
    - Communicate and work with horsemen with attention to detail and immediate follow up.
- Understanding of horse racing, various industry branches and programs offered.

NOTE:
The following programs/events/projects identify the main responsibilities of the said employee. The identified staff person is responsible to lead the program/event/project to its predetermined goals.

As work at Horse Racing New Brunswick is primarily team based, individuals constantly support one another in all programs/events/projects beyond the employee's main area of responsibility.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Delivery of Live racing events;
- Responsible to provide a fair start for each race by navigating starting gate efficiently and effectively around racing surface;
- Be in the starting gate 10 minutes before the first qualifying race and 15 minutes prior to the first race of a program;
- Check that the wings of the starting gate, the recall light and speaker are working;
- May act as a Patrol Judge and with the permission of the Judges follow the field;
- Advise the Judges of any horse that must be schooled or re-qualified before they are permitted to race;
- Ensure that an entry has the proper driver and saddlecloth number;
- Check entries for lameness and equipment while they are scoring;
- Advise the Judges of any horse returning to the paddock and the reason if possible once they have post-paraded;
- Advise drivers of scratched horses so they may move into their proper position behind the starting gate;
- Notify the Judges if he/she should see a horse fall anytime throughout the race program;
- Advise the Judges of any breaking horses or rule violations that they may observe in a race;
- May assist the Paddock Judge with horses going to the post-race test;
- Notify the Judges of any objection a driver may enter after a race and direct the driver to go directly to the paddock phone.