

# Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc.

**2007 Racing Dates**

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The Illinois Racing Board awarded the 2007 live racing dates on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at the dates hearing in Chicago. The following dates were awarded for the 2 Chicago area racetracks;

**Arlington Park:** 94 Live Days

**Hawthorne Race Course:** 119 Live Days

**Total:** 213 Live Days

The schedule for 2007 is fairly close to the 2006 schedule except that the first 6 weeks of the Arlington Park meet will be 4 live days per week, with a guarantee of 40 live races per week for those 6 weeks. The Illinois Racing Board was very clear in the fact that they were extremely concerned about the growing number of short fields in Illinois, and wanted to look at the 4 day live week to see if field size would increase. The ITHA was not in favor of the 4 day weeks and the Illinois Racing Board did put some guarantees into the dates order to help protect the horsemen;

- **Recapture:** If there is an increase in recapture due to the 4 day live week, Arlington Park must absorb that increase
- **Revenue:** If there is an increase in revenue to the horsemen, that revenue must be dispersed during that 6 week time frame
- **Live Races:** During the 6 weeks, Arlington Park had to guarantee 40 Live races a week, this means a net loss of only 5 live races per week
- **Illinois Racing:** Arlington Park and Hawthorne Race Course will work jointly in promoting and attracting horses to race in Chicago