

## **Important Questions about the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF)**

### **What is the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF)?**

It is a 501 (c)3 charity fund recently established by the thoroughbred industry to aid the permanently disabled jockeys in the US and Canada.

### **Why was the PDJF created?**

A group of racetracks and racing organizations saw the need to put forth an industry effort to meet the needs of permanently disabled jockeys who face financial concerns for healthcare and day-to-day living. This initiative is in harmony with the nation's jockeys to draw awareness to disabled jockeys and donations to the PDJF. The fund will be dispersed under the direction of a 10-member board.

### **What organizations are involved in this effort?**

The Thoroughbred Racing Associations' (TRA) member associations have pledged more than \$250,000 in early commitment funds including Magna Entertainment (MEC), Churchill Downs Incorporated (CDI), the New York Racing Association (NYRA), Sam Houston Race Park, Beulah Park, Canterbury Park, Delaware Park, Finger Lakes Racing Association, Keeneland Association, Penn National Race Course, and Turfway Park. Non-TRA member Charles Town Races & Slots, owned by Penn National Gaming, Inc., also has committed a contribution.

The MEC thoroughbred tracks are Golden Gate Fields, Great Lakes Downs, Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park, Lone Star Park, Pimlico Race Course, Portland Meadows, Remington Park, Santa Anita Park and Thistledown.

CDI's tracks include Arlington Park, Calder Race Course, Churchill Downs, Ellis Park, Fair Grounds and Hoosier Park.

NYRA tracks are Aqueduct, Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course.

The campaign also has the support of other racing organizations, including the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.

The tracks in California – Bay Meadows, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Golden Gate Fields, Hollywood Park, Los Alamitos Race Course, Santa Anita Park, as well as the Oak Tree Racing Association – have a portion of charity-days' revenue statutorily mandated to the Disabled Jockeys' Endowment, a separate fund created by the Jockeys' Guild in 2002. The racetracks, and the Jockeys' Guild, will seek to have those mandated monies diverted into the newly created fund for permanently disabled jockeys.

### **How many permanently disabled jockeys are there in the US and Canada?**

Currently approximately 60 jockeys have suffered catastrophic racetrack related injuries, the majority spinal cord or head injuries. A task force has been set up by thoroughbred industry representatives to identify those with racing related accidents that have left them permanently disabled.

**How can you donate to the PDJF?**

All donations flow through the NTRA Charities - Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund. Donations may be made by sending a check payable to:  
Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund, P.O Box 806, Elmhurst IL, 60126