

# 2024 Q1 Metrics Report

## Accreditation Visits:

As of March 31, 2024, HISA has completed accreditation visits at 24 tracks, three of which occurred during the first quarter of this year: Turfway Park in Kentucky, Laurel Park in Maryland and Sunland Park in New Mexico.<sup>1</sup> The accreditation visits afford HISA staff the ability to conduct an in-depth and in-person review of a racetrack's operations to determine its level of compliance with the Racetrack Safety Program and to provide training on how best to meet ongoing reporting requirements.

## Racing Participant Registration:

As of March 31, 2024, approximately 33,000 Covered Persons, 58,000 Covered Horses and 1,000 veterinarians were registered with HISA via the HISA Portal.

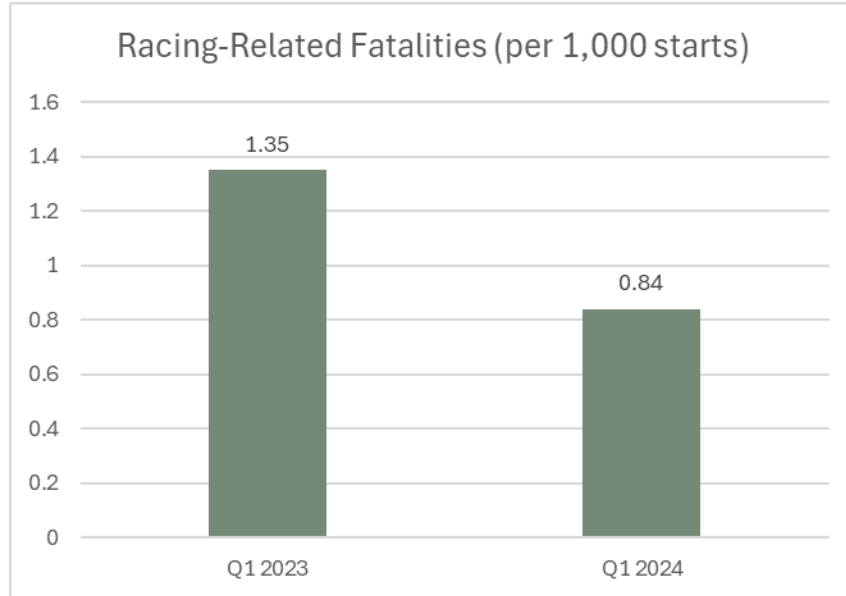
HISA's rules also require Covered Persons to ensure that "Covered Horses" for which they are responsible are registered. The Act states that a horse becomes a Covered Horse on the date of the horse's first timed and reported workout at a track participating in covered horse races or at a training facility.

## Racing-Related Equine Fatalities:

HISA's racing-related equine fatalities metric captures horses that die or are euthanized within 72 hours after a race as a direct result of injuries sustained participating in a race. This includes on-track deaths as well as horses that are injured and transported to a barn or referral hospital but are subsequently euthanized. This metric also includes any fatality attributable to "sudden death" within 72 hours after a race.

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<sup>1</sup> The 21 tracks at which HISA conducted accreditation visits in 2023 are as follows: Pleasanton CARF, Sacramento CARF and Santa Rosa (CA), Bally's at Arapahoe Park (CO) (closed for racing in 2024), Delaware Park (DE), Tampa Bay Downs (FL), Prairie Meadows (IA), Hawthorne (IL), Churchill Downs (KY), Downs at Albuquerque, Ruidoso Downs and Zia Park (NM), Finger Lakes (NY), Belterra Park and Thistledown (OH), Remington Park and Will Rogers Downs (OK), Parx Racing, Penn National and Presque Isle Downs (PA) and Emerald Downs (WA).



During the first quarter of 2024, racetracks operating under HISA’s rules that were open for racing reported 0.84 racing-related equine fatalities per 1,000 starts as compared to 1.35 racing-related equine fatalities per 1,000 starts during the first quarter of 2023, a decrease of approximately 38% year over year. The racing-related fatalities by racetrack are set forth below. Other than Rillito Park in Arizona, which is closed for racing this year, the same set of tracks conducted racing during the first quarter of each of 2024 and 2023.

Location	Fatalities	Starts	Racing-Related Fatalities Per 1,000 Starts
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36,923</b>	<b>0.84</b>
Aqueduct (NY)	0	2,693	0.00
Golden Gate Fields (CA)	1	2,053	0.49
Gulfstream Park (FL)	4	4,930	0.81
Hawthorne (IL)	0	276	0.00
Laurel Park (MD)	3	2,286	1.31
Los Alamitos Race Course (CA)	0	165	0.00
Mahoning Valley Race Course (OH)	4	2,579	1.55
Oaklawn Park (AR)	5	3,595	1.39
Parx Racing (PA)	2	2,673	0.75
Penn National (PA)	1	1,541	0.65
Santa Anita Park (CA)	1	2,346	0.43
Sunland Park (NM)	1	1,698	0.59
Tampa Bay Downs (FL)	4	3,801	1.05
Turf Paradise (AZ)	2	1,678	1.19
Turfway Park (KY)	2	4,057	0.49
Will Rogers Downs (OK)	1	552	1.81

### Fines Assessed:

HISA has assessed approximately \$1,231,304 in fines from the inception of each of the Racetrack Safety Program and Anti-Doping and Medication Control (“ADMC”) Program through March 31, 2024. The programs went into effect on July 1, 2022 and May 22, 2023, respectively. These fines reflect enforcement actions that led to admissions or rulings against the violating party or parties. During the first quarter of 2024, HISA assessed approximately \$50,856 in fines under the Racetrack Safety Program and approximately \$376,000 in fines under the ADMC Program. HISA uses amounts collected in fines, for violations of its rules, to reduce the assessments charged to racetracks and horsemen.

### Use of Riding Crop Violations:

HISA regulations provide that a rider may use the crop on a horse’s hindquarters a maximum of six times during a race in increments of two or fewer strikes and must allow at least two strides for the horse to respond before using the crop again. Notwithstanding the foregoing restrictions, a rider may use the crop for safety reasons. During the first

quarter of 2024, HISA reported 4.74 crop rule violations per 1,000 starts, compared to 4.46 crop rule violations per 1,000 starts in the first quarter of 2023.

### **Veterinary Treatment Records:**

HISA requires attending veterinarians to submit records to the HISA Portal within 24 hours of the veterinarian treating or examining a Covered Horse. On average, HISA received approximately 5,900 veterinary treatment records each day during the first quarter of 2024, and, as of March 31, 2024, approximately 2.5 million veterinary treatment records had been uploaded to the HISA Portal since the inception of the Racetrack Safety Program.