

INDUSTRY TERMS

Allowance or Allowance Race: A non-claiming event in which the racing secretary conditions weight allowances based on previous purse earnings and/or types of victories.

Also Eligible or “AE”: Horses entered into the field that will not run unless other horses are scratched.

Backstretch: The straight part of the track opposite the finish line or the stable area.

Break Maiden: When a horse or rider wins for the first time.

Breeze: A term generally used to describe a workout in which a horse is easily running under a hold without encouragement from the rider.

Broodmare: A female thoroughbred that is used for breeding.

Broodmare Sire: A male horse that produces female progeny that are used for breeding.

Claiming Race: A race where each horse in the field has a price and can be purchased by any person that makes a valid claim prior to the running of the race.

Clocker: A person that times and/or rates workouts.

Clubhouse Turn: The first turn of races that begin on the frontstretch/homestretch.

Conditions: The circumstances under which a race will be run, such as surface, distance, purse and eligibilities.

Dam: The mother of a horse.

Filly: A female horse.

Fractions: Clocking at quarter-mile increments in either a race or a workout.

Furlong: One eighth of a mile.

Gelding: A castrated male horse.

Inquiry: An official investigation by the stewards of the running of the race to determine whether a foul was committed by a horse or jockey.

In the Money: To finish in the top four—this generally entitles the owner to a share of the purse. In betting terms, “in the money” means to finish in the top three.

Juvenile: A two-year-old horse.

Maiden: A horse that has never won a race, or a race for horses that have never won a race.

Mare: A female horse five years or older.

Morning Line Odds: The odds set by the track prior to the opening of the pools.

Objections: A claim of foul by a jockey following the race.

Odds: The chances of a horse to win a particular race based on the pari-mutuel wagering of the general public.

Off the Pace: A horse that is lagging back in the early stages of the race.

Optional Claimer: A race where the horses in the field may or may not be entered for a claiming price.

Quarter Pole: Post on the infield rail that indicates two furlongs to the finish line.

Route: Generally a race that is run around two turns.

School: To train a horse, generally in the starting gate or the paddock.

Scratch: To withdraw a horse from a race.

Sprint: A short race, seven furlongs or less.

Stewards: Three-person panel that determines whether or not any rule violations occurred during the race.

Tag: Claiming price. A horse entered for a “tag” is entered in a claiming race.

Trip: The course followed by a horse and rider during the running of a race and describes the “trouble” encountered. A horse that has a “good trip” did not encounter an unusual difficulty. A “bad trip” might involve racing wide or being boxed in by other horses.