

2024 Oak Grove Kentucky Preference Policy

KRS 810 5:060 (Section 24) governs all Preferences in Kentucky for overnight harness racing. This section governs over any track or association preference and provides that preference will be given according to a horse's last previous purse race during the current year.

The governing Oak Grove Preference policy provides for the following preferences:

1. Kentucky Bred as defined by 810 KAR 7:040 (1st Preference), then;
2. Kentucky Owned (in whole or part by a Kentucky resident) (2nd Preference), then;
3. Trained by a trainer that made 20 starts or more starts at Oak Grove in 2023 (3rd Preference).

If any of the above 3 conditions apply, the horse entered will be considered Kentucky Preferred ("KY PREF") and preference will be given in the order above, with date preference pursuant to KRS 810 5:060 governing as a priority.

Even if a horse meets the KY PREF condition, in certain classes where races are open to both KY PREF horses and non-KY PREF horses, the date preference regulation governs as a priority.

In an attempt to get as many KY PREF horses raced as possible during the 2024 meet, races are being written with the same conditions for both KY PREF horses and non-KY PREF horses where possible and based upon demand. KY PREF horses may be moved to a non-KY PREF event where an insufficient number of horses are entered in a KY PREF event. In such case, Date Preference (as described above) will govern. It is recommended that you place a second choice on all entered horses to enhance the likelihood of getting to race.

THIS OAK GROVE KENTUCKY PREFERENCE POLICY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE RACING SECRETARY.