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Trainer Bob Baffert Banned from New York State Horse Racing through at least July 2

NYS Gaming Commission honors reciprocity of Baffert's 90-day suspension by Kentucky Horse Racing Commission

Trainer Robert A. Baffert is prohibited from participating in any New York State horse racing activity through at least July 2, 2022, as his 90-day suspension by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission was recently upheld in court.

During this time, Mr. Baffert is suspended in New York and cannot enter horses to run at any New York track, including The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) tracks (Aqueduct Racetrack, Belmont Park, and Saratoga Race Course) or Finger Lakes Race Track.

On April 1, 2022, the Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled against Mr. Baffert's motion for emergency relief after being issued a 90-day suspension for medication violations. The suspension went into effect today.

New York is one of 38 racing states that honors out-of-state suspensions issued by regulators. Reciprocity is addressed specifically in N.Y. Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law Section 910:

"§ 910. Reciprocity of licenses. All license denials, suspensions and revocations imposed by the pertinent racing and gambling authorities of other jurisdictions, including states, United States territories, and Canadian provinces shall be recognized and enforced by the commission ..."

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