Colonial Downs Racing Safety Initiatives
A Multi-Dimensional Approach
Track Surfaces
Preparation and Maintenance Key to Safety
Controlled Burn
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Moisture Consistency Key to Safety
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Dirt Track Complete Renovation
Renovation Process and Laying New Surface
Mick Peterson Dirt Surface Testing
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Turf & Dirt Course
Pre-Race Meet
Racing Integrity
Pre-Race & Race Day Protocol
Stall Application

Entry Scrutiny

Denial of Entry

72 Hours Health Certificate for On Site Access

Additional VRC Vets on Grounds Pre-Race and Race Day – Vet Exam, Observation and Scratch Protocols

Tablets for Vets for Record Sharing & Real Time Updates Among VRC Vets

Receive Previous Exam Information From Other Jurisdictions
Medication Regulation Updates:

- Bisphosphonate Ban & NSAIDS
- Shockwave Rules
- Lasix Rule Change to Lower Maximum Dose to 6 cc
- Mid Atlantic Strategic Plan to Reduce Equine Fatalities and participate in Jockey Club Injury Database
- Vet Records to Accompany Horses When Claimed
- Necropsy Protocol and Addition of Mortality Review Committee
• Additional Safety & Integrity Initiatives

• NTRA Membership

• Jockey’s Guild Contribution Agreement

• Crop Rule Update to Mandate Padded Crops

• Increase losing jocks mount fee $125.

• TAA Partnership

• Vet Chase Vehicle & Mule

• for Immediate Emergency Care for Equine & jockeys prior to ambulance arrival
Initiating and Implementing Safety Standards

- Credibility
- Cooperation
- Collaboration
- Communication