

Industry Initiatives

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Industry Initiatives

- **Unwanted Horse Coalition**
- **Racing Officials Accreditation Program**
- **Welfare & Safety of the Race Horse Summit**
- **North American Racing Academy**

Unwanted Horse Coalition

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Unwanted Horse Coalition

Mission Statement:

An organization of horse industry and related leaders dedicated to reducing the number of unwanted horses by:

- 1. Providing information (options) to current horse owners who no longer want or need their horses.**
- 2. Provide horse “marketers” information on selling horses to responsible owners.**
- 3. Provide information on responsible horse ownership to prospective owners.**

Unwanted Horse Coalition

- **American Association of Equine Practitioners**
- **American Horse Council**
- **AHC State Horse Councils**
- **American Paint Horse Association**
- **American Quarter Horse Association**
- **Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association**
- **Masters of Fox Hounds**
- **National Thoroughbred Racing Association**
- **Professional Rodeo Stock Contractors**
- **The Jockey Club**
- **Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association**
- **United States Equestrian Association**
- **United States Trotting Association**

Own Responsibly



~~UN~~WANTED HORSE
COALITION

Racing Officials Accreditation Program



Mission Statement:

The racing industry in North America recognizes that the integrity of racing is our most important responsibility. In order to achieve the highest level of integrity, competent racing officials, stewards and judges are absolutely essential.

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- **AQHA**
- **HTA**
- **Keeneland Association**
- **National HBPA**
- **NTRA/Breeders' Cup**
- **Oak Tree Racing Association**
- **RCI**
- **The Jockey Club**
- **The Jockeys' Guild**
- **THA**
- **TOBA**
- **TRA**
- **USTA**
- **University of Arizona Racetrack Industry Program**
- **University of Louisville Equine Industry Program**

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- **Enhance accreditation schools and continuing education workshops***
- **Develop a uniform curriculum and examination process***
- **Produce Duties and Responsibilities of Racing Officials video**
- **Publish Racing Officials Resource Guidebook***
- **Develop recruitment campaign with internships, mentoring and placement**
- **Increase recognition of accredited racing officials***

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- **Adoption of rules requiring accreditation of stewards and judges***
- **Create a racing incidents video library***
- **Establish periodic race video analysis for accredited stewards***
- **Review state rules for uniformity on riding infractions**
- **Educate commissions on the duties and responsibilities of racing officials***
- **Provide web site with accredited racing officials directory***


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Stewards & Judges Advisory Committee

- **Encourage racing commissions to establish an annual performance evaluation for stewards & judges**
- **Recommended “Points of Emphasis” for 2007**
 - **Uniform posting of inquiry sign**
 - **Requiring jockey to ride horses out to the wire – best effort**
 - **Uniform reviewing of race video before posting official**
 - **Routine communications with all stakeholders to include owners, trainers, jockeys, track management, fans and other racing officials**

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Welcome!
Welcome to the Racing Officials Accreditation Program (ROAP) web site. Here you will find information about the accreditation process, a comprehensive listing of accredited racing officials, help wanted ads, postings of upcoming events and more. ROAP is a collaborative effort of many organizations representing all types of racing. Through this participation, they are supporting the common goal of insuring the integrity of the pari-mutuel racing industry. [Read our Mission Statement](#)

A Brief Summary of the Program
Given the rapid technological, economic and cultural changes occurring in horse racing, in the late 1980s several leading industry individuals felt that some effort must be made to increase the professionalism of stewards through testing and periodic training. [Click Here to Read More](#)

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Upcoming Events
Jan. 22 - 28, 2007
U of A 60-hour Stewards educational course
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- [Welfare & Safety of the Racehorse Summit Recommendations](#) (PDF)
- [Press Release 06/27/06](#) (PDF)

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- **Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation,
The Jockey Club and Keeneland Association**
- **Investigate declines in career starts and years raced
in Thoroughbred racehorses over last 50 years**
- **40 racing industry representatives from owners,
breeders, trainers, jockeys, veterinarians, track
management, scientists, sales, bloodstock agents**
- **Statistics from Equibase and Jockey Club
Information Systems**
- **100+ research reports and articles on injuries,
soundness, track surfaces, breeding and training**

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Format:

- **Presentations by leading veterinarians, surgeons, equine scientists and racing surface engineer**
- **Panel discussions with breeders, trainers, jockeys, bloodstock agents and track management**
- **Strategic planning sessions with six working groups**
- **Reviewed critical issues relating to fewer starts**
- **Developed recommended action plans and timelines**

Welfare & Safety of the Racehorse Summit

Results:

- **Develop statistics on the durability of blood-lines and matings**
- **Distribute scientific research to industry stakeholders**
- **Examine the use or ban of certain horseshoes**
- **Develop a uniform on-track injury reporting system**

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Results:

- **Require uniform certification and examination for first-time trainers, jockeys, exercise riders, farriers and racing officials**
- **Provide and require continuing education for license renewal of all trainers, jockeys, exercise riders, farriers and racing officials**
- **Develop a standardized method and reporting system for testing all racing surfaces at all tracks**

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Next Steps:

- **Attend “Safe & Sound” Panel – Dr. Rick Arthur**
Thursday @ 10:15AM
- **Distribution of the Strategic Plan**
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- **Participation**
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