



NM Horsemen's Association's Weekly Update September 8th, 2026

STAKES WINNER

*All American
Invitational
"Ajs Wingman"*

*All American Oaks
"Flying Joy 1"*

*All American Juvenile
"Dangerous Jess"*

*All American Gold
Cup
"Paradise Pete"*



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Leading into the Future

2026 All American Futurity Winner

"Cowboys Flying"



2026 All American Derby Winner

"Effortless Favorite"



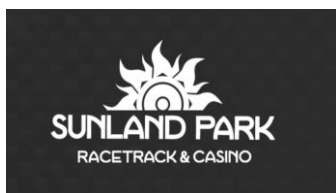
*NMRC SEPTEMBER 17,
2026 MEETING IS
CANCELED*



It's State Fair Time! Horsemen need to enter up and run at these lucrative purses. Don Cook and Tim McKernan are available for questions and ideas. Lets work together for a great fall meet!



Ruidoso Downs at Albuquerque ended its summer meet with the AA Finals weekend. Many new changes have been announced, and we will wait for the dust to settle. Look for the positive and let's all work together for a fresh reboot to NM Racing! Safe travels to horsemen leaving DAA.



Sunland Park is making huge renovations to attract new racing/casino fans. Stall applications and nomination blanks are available under the horsemen's portal on the Sunland Park website.



District Court Judge Daniel Ramczyk reversed the NMRC decision to move Farmington's license to Clovis. He cited that the NMRC does not have the statutory authority to relocate a license. Racing will continue at Sunray at least through 2027.



Kristy Cruce will notify each trainer of stall assignments when they are assigned. No need to call and ask yet! Please check the condition book for all requirements to enter barn area. Zia has added several incentives for their 2026 race meet that will benefit all the horsemen! (See Attached)

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Churchill Downs Inc. has asked the Federal Trade Commission to investigate [Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority - HISA](#). "recent events ... have raised significant questions about the governance, transparency, technology controls, and accountability of HISA." -CDI CEO Bill Carstanjen





2026 LIVE RACING SCHEDULE

RACETRACK	STARTING	ENDING	LOCATION	ADDRESS	RACING OFFICE PHONE NUMBER
SUNLAND PARK	JANUARY 2	APRIL 5	SUNLAND PARK	1200 FUTURITY DR SUNLAND PARK, NM 88063	(575) 874-5229
SUNRAY PARK	APRIL 10	MAY 17	FARMINGTON	39 ROAD 5558 FARMINGTON, NM 87401	(505) 566-1220
RUIDOSO DOWNS & DOWNS AT ALBUQUERQUE	MAY 22	SEPTEMBER 7	ALBUQUERQUE	145 LOUISIANA BLVD HW ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87108	(575) 378-7223 (505) 268-8668
DOWNS AT ALBUQUERQUE	SEPTEMBER 4	OCTOBER 25	ALBUQUERQUE	145 LOUISIANA BLVD HW ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87108	(505) 268-8668
ZIA PARK	OCTOBER 31	DECEMBER 15	HOBBS	3901 W MILLER DR HOBBS, NM 88240	(575) 492-7086

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
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2026 NM BRED STAKES RACES

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SUNLAND PARK NOMINATION SECRETARY (575) 874-5200	RED OR GREEN STAKES RG 4 YRS & UP 400 YDS	NM STATE RACING COMMISSION STAKES 4 YR OLDS & UP 5 1/4 FUR
	LOU WOOTEN-SIDNEY VALENTI STAKES RG FILLIES/MARES 4 YR OLDS & UP 400 YDS	CORRALITO STAKES HOUSE STAKES 3 YR OLDS 6 FUR
	THE STUDE FLY RG 3 YR OLDS 400 YDS	LA SENORA STAKES 3 YR OLD FILLIES 6 FUR
	LONNIE & CANDY ELAM MEMORIAL STAKES 4 YR OLDS & UP 870 YDS	LA CONCHA STAKES FILLIES/MARES 3 YR OLDS & UP 6 FUR
	PEPSI COCA STAKES 4 YR OLDS & UP 350 YDS	JAMISON MEMORIAL STAKES 4 YR OLDS & UP 6 1/4 FUR
	SUNBURST STAKES RG 3 YR OLD FILLIES 350 YDS	THE PEPPERS PRIDE STAKES 3 YR OLD FILLIES 1 MILE
	NMHBA QUARTER HORSE STAKE RG 3 YR OLDS 400 YDS	RED HEDEMAN 1 MILE 3 YR OLDS 1 MILE
	NEW MEXICAN SPRING FUTURITY RG 2 YR OLDS 300 YDS	ALBERT & HENRY DOMINGUEZ MEMORIAL STAKES 4 YR OLDS & UP 1 1/16TH MILES
	NEW MEXICAN SPRING FLYING 2 YR OLDS THAT STARTED IN NEW MEXICAN SPRING FUTURITY & FAILED TO QUALIFY	MT. CRISTO REY STAKES 3 YR OLDS & UP 5 1/4 FUR
		NEW MEXICO BREEDERS' OAKS 3 YR OLD FILLIES 1 1/16TH MILES
SUNRAY PARK NOMINATION SECRETARY (505) 566-1262	NM BREEDERS' STAKES RG 3 YR OLDS 400 YDS	RUSSELL/HELEN FOUTZ DISTAFF FILLIES/MARES 3 YR OLDS & UP 6 1/4 FUR
	JIMMY ORAKE STAKES 3 YR OLDS & UP 350 YDS	JACK COLE STAKES 3 YR OLDS & UP 6 1/4 FUR
	NM BREEDERS' FUTURITY RG 2 YR OLDS 350 YDS	THE KENDRICK STAKES 3 YR OLDS 6 1/4 FUR
RUIDOSO DOWNS NOMINATION SECRETARY (575) 378-7316	JESS BURNER 4 YR OLDS & UP 400 YDS	SIERRA STARLET FILLIES/MARES 4 YR OLDS & UP 5 1/2 FUR
	MOUNTAIN TOP QH DERBY 3 YR OLDS 350 YDS	LAND OF ENCHANTMENT STAKES 3 YEAR OLDS & UP 7 FUR
	MOUNTAIN TOP QH FUTURITY RG 2 YR OLDS 350 YDS	ROAD RUNNER STAKES 3 YEAR OLDS 5 1/2 FUR
	MOUNTAIN TOP QH JUVENILE STAKES 2 YR OLDS 350 YDS	RIO GRANDE SENORITA 2 YEAR OLD FILLIES 5 1/2 FUR
	VISTA DISTAFF STAKES FILLIES/MARES 3 YR OLDS & UP 350 YDS	RIO GRANDE SENOR 2 YEAR OLD COLTS/GELDINGS 5 1/2 FUR
	ZIA QH DERBY RG 3 YR OLDS 400 YDS	LINCOLN STAKES FILLIES/MARES 3 YEAR OLDS & UP 6 FUR
	ZIA STAKES RG 3 YR OLDS & UP 400 YDS	
	ZIA QH FUTURITY RG 2 YR OLDS 400 YDS	
	ZIA 870 CHAMPIONSHIP 3 YR OLDS & UP 870 YDS	
	ZIA QH JUVENILE 2 YR OLDS 400 YDS	
DOWNS AT ALBUQUERQUE NOMINATION SECRETARY (505) 266-5555 Ext. 7618	NMSP QH JUVENILE FOR 2 YR OLDS THAT STARTED IN THE NMSP QH FUTURITY TRIALS AND FAILED TO QUALIFY FOR THE FINAL 400 YDS	NMSP THOROUGHBRED FUTURITY 2 YR OLDS 6 FUR
	NMSP QH FUTURITY RG 2 YR OLDS 400 YDS	CASEY DARNELL HANDICAP 3 YR OLDS & UP 5 1/4 FUR
	NMSP QH DERBY RG 3 YR OLDS 400 YDS	CARLOS SALAZAR FILLIES/MARES 3 YR OLDS & UP 6 1/4 FUR
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	CHAMPAGNE LANE STAKES FILLIES/MARES 3 YR OLDS & UP 350 YDS	PETTICOAT STAKES 3 YR OLD FILLIES 6 1/4 FUR
		O.D. McDONALD HANDICAP 3 YR OLDS & UP 7 FUR
		PEPPERS PRIDE NM CUP FILLIES & MARES CLASSIC 3 YR OLDS & UP 1 MILE
ZIA PARK NOMINATION SECRETARY (575) 492-7084	NM CLASSIC DERBY RG 2 YR OLDS 400 YDS	ROCKY GULCH NM CUP CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP 3 YR OLDS & UP 1 MILE & 70 YDS
	NM CLASSIC FUTURITY RG 2 YR OLDS 350 YDS	NM CLASSIC CUP SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP 3 YR OLDS & UP 6 FUR
	NM CLASSIC QH JUVENILE STAKES 2 YR OLDS 350 YDS	NM CLASSIC CUP JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP 2 YR OLD COLTS/GELDINGS 6 FUR
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	NM QH FILLIES & MARES CHAMPIONSHIP RG 3 YR OLDS & UP 400 YDS	NM CLASSIC CUP LASSIE CHAMPIONSHIP 2 YR OLD FILLIES 6 FUR
	NAMHOBMASTREAKER NM CLASSIC CUP QH CUP RG 3 YRS & UP 440 YDS	NM CLASSIC CUP OAKS CHAMPIONSHIP 3 YR OLD FILLIES 6 FUR
	NM CLASSIC DISTAFF STAKES FILLIES/MARES 3 YR OLDS & UP 350 YDS	HOBBS FALL CLASSIC 2 YR OLDS 1 MILE 70 YDS
		SEA COUNTY STAKES 2 YR OLD FILLIES 1 MILE 70 YDS

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2026 ZIA PARK LIVE RACING CALENDAR

31 Live Race Days

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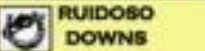
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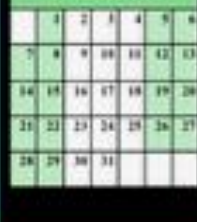
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	JANUARY 8	APRIL 4	SUNLAND PARK	1200 FUTURITY DR SUNLAND PARK, NM 88063	(575) 874-5229
	APRIL 16	MAY 23	FARMINGTON	39 ROAD 5568 FARMINGTON, NM 87401	(505) 566-1220
	MAY 28	SEPTEMBER 6	TO BE DETERMINED	TO BE DETERMINED	575) 378-7223
	AUGUST 27	OCTOBER 24	ALBUQUERQUE	145 LOUISIANA BLVD NW ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87108	(505) 268-8668
	OCTOBER 30	DECEMBER 21	HOBBS	3901 W MILLEN DR HOBBS, NM 88240	(575) 492-7086

**Race Dates subject to change by NMRC

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	THE SHUE FLY RGII 3 YR OLDS 400 YDS	LA MINORA STAKES 3 YR OLD FILLIES 6 FUR
	LONNIE & CANDY ELAM MEMORIAL STAKES 4 YR OLDS & UP 870 YDS	LA CONEJA STAKES FILLIES/MARES 3 YR OLDS & UP 6 FUR
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		ROCKY GULCH NM CLASSIC 3 YR OLDS & UP 1 1/16 MILE
		HOBBS FALL CLASSIC 2 YR OLDS 6 1/2 FUR
		LEA COUNTY 2 YR OLD FILLIES 6 1/2 FUR



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CONDITION BOOK RELEASED FOR ZIA PARK FALL MEET

\$340,000 In Overnight Purses Plus \$4.45 Million In Stakes Highlight 2026 Season

(Hobbs, NM – August 10, 2026) The 2026 horse racing meet at Zia Park Casino, Hotel and Racetrack will feature one of the largest overnight purse schedules west of the Mississippi River and several added purse and field size incentives for Thoroughbred runners. The 31-day mixed meet will commence Saturday, October 31.

Quarter Horse racing will take place every Saturday and Sunday (plus Fridays on November 6 and December 11) with Thoroughbred racing every Monday and Tuesday (plus Friday, November 27.) First race post time is 12:05 p.m. Mountain Time daily.

In addition to an eye popping \$340,000 overnight purse schedule available for both breeds, there are several other new incentives for the 2026 racing season:

- All Open Thoroughbred races with eight (8) or more starters will receive a 10% purse bonus;
- All New Mexico Bred Thoroughbred races with nine (9) or more starters will receive a 10% purse bonus;
- All Thoroughbred route races will reflect a 5% purse adjustment vs. comparable sprint categories;
- New Mexico Bred Maiden Special Weight races for Two-Year-Olds (both Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse) will go for \$60,000, versus \$55,000 in 2025, thanks to an added \$5,000 bonus from the New Mexico Horse Breeders Association.

“Zia Park has been a well-kept secret the past few years; we are looking for more horsemen and racing fans to look at and participate in, the 2026 race meet,” said Christopher McErlean, Vice President of Racing for PENN Entertainment, parent company of Zia Park.

Stall and racing applications for the 2026 Zia Park race meet are available at <https://www.ziaparkcasino.com/racing>. Horsemen are reminded that even if they intend to just ship in and race an approved racing application is required in order to make an entry.

The nearly \$4.5 million stakes schedule be highlighted by three consecutive days prior to the Thanksgiving holiday offering \$1 million or more in purses. The New Mexico Classic Quarter Horse Showcase on Sunday, November 22 features six (6) New Mexico bred Quarter Horse stake races totaling nearly \$1.2 million in purses. Monday November 23 is the New Mexico Classic Thoroughbred Showcase with eight (8) stakes worth \$1.3 million and the capstone on Tuesday, November 24 with “Land of Enchantment Day” featuring seven (7) stakes with \$1.15 million including the \$350,000 Zia Park Derby. To encourage additional entries on the November 23 and 24 race cards, Maiden Special Weight and Allowance races offered those days will be increased 50% and carry the additional 10% field size incentive.

Sunday, December 13 features seven (7) features graded Quarter Horse stakes worth \$750,000, including the Grade 1, \$125,000 Zia Park Quarter Horse Championship at 440 yards and the newly elevated Grade 1, \$100,000 King Rick Rack Stakes at 870 yards.

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To foster and promote the horse racing industry in the State of New Mexico.

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To institute or aid in any movement that will aid or protect the general welfare of the Horse Racing Industry, including the interest of Owners, Trainers and their employees.

To bring about a closer and more understanding relationship among Breeders, Owners, Trainers, Racing Management, the Racing Commission and the Public.

To take part and advise with the legislative bodies, state agencies, track management and the State Racing Commission in the establishment of statutes, directives, proper rules and conditions which affect, in any manner, the interest of the Owners, Trainers and their employees.

To keep the membership of the Association informed concerning all Association business.

To maintain accurate financial records of the receipts and expenditures of the Association.