

Equine Medical Advisory - Belmont Main Track Opening

To: All New York Licensed Thoroughbred Trainers and Veterinarians
From: Dr. Scott E. Palmer, Equine Medical Director
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Major renovations to install tunnels beneath the Main Track, Inner Turf Course and Outer Turf Course at Belmont Park has been completed. To accomplish this work, a portion of the backstretch of all three racing surfaces was completely removed, then replaced. Additionally, the entire dirt surface of the Main Track has been reconditioned.

The Main Track will be opened beginning April 11, 2023 for jogging and galloping exercise.

For the safety of horses and riders, no high-speed workouts (breezes) will be permitted on the Main Track until April 18, 2023. This extra time will allow for additional routine track maintenance to be performed to ensure the best possible surface conditions for safe high-speed exercise.

Should there be any questions about this advisory, please contact me directly at (518) 441-7916 or email me at scott.palmer@gaming.ny.gov.