

## **ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR GROOMS HEALTH INSURANCE**

Groom must certify that at least 75% of their earned income is derived from grooming harness horses for an Ohio licensed and stabled trainer and must stand to prove such with IRS tax filings or a W-2 form in the event of a challenged eligibility. The groom must not appear as a programmed trainer unless as the sole owner of one horse, and must not exceed 75 driving starts per year. The groom must also be a current member of the OHHA, hold a current OSRC groom license and reside in the State of Ohio.

For grooms to be eligible and remain eligible to the insurance plan, their employing trainer must also meet the following guidelines:

The Trainer must be a current member of the OHHA, must be a licensed Trainer who is a resident of Ohio, and must earn at least 75% of his or her earned income training and racing horses, with at least 40% of his or her programmed starts or a minimum of 30 programmed starts per year at Ohio commercial race tracks and/or county fairs. Out-of-state stake races, early closers and late closers are excluded from the calculation.

The Trainer must have a current signed trainer responsibility letter on file at the OHHA office. All groom signups are done, in person, with the OHHA Track Representative or Track Director at either Hollywood at Dayton Raceway, Miami Valley Gaming & Racing, Northfield Park or Scioto Downs.

The Groom must sign the monthly eligibility letter to remain on the OHHHIT Insurance program.

The Grooms Insurance premium is funded from the purse pool accounts at each racetrack. There is no premium charge to the groom or trainer as long as they meet the above requirements.