

To: West Virginia Racing Commission

From: Delaware North (dba Mardi Gras Casino & Resort/Wheeling Island Hotel-Casino-Racetrack) and West Virginia Kennel Association

Date: March 23, 2020

Re: COVID-19 Casino Closure Unofficial Schooling Proposal

The track management of Mardi Gras Casino & Resort and Wheeling Island Hotel-Casino-Racetrack and leadership of the West Virginia Kennel Association have mutually agreed to the following actions, in response to the casino closure caused by the COVID-19 virus.

- Live racing will not take place during the casino closure to ensure that casino properties are adhering to the guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the President of the United States and the Governor of West Virginia.
- During the casino closure, a schedule for unofficial schooling will start on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 and run three days a week at each respective casino property. Kennels will be allowed up to 6 lures per kennel and each lure can have no more than 4 dogs each. Kennels will be responsible for all costs associated with injuries during unofficial schooling sessions.
- The Track Management and Kennel Association leadership will re-assess the unofficial schooling schedule on a weekly basis as COVID-19 updates are provided by the President of the United States and the Governor of West Virginia.

In cooperation with the West Virginia Racing Commission Executive Director, the Track Management and Kennel Association leadership respectfully request the Commissions approval of the mutually agreed upon Unofficial Schooling action items outlined in this proposal during the COVID-19 casino closure.

Respectfully,

Kim Florence, General Manager, Wheeling Island Hotel-Casino-Racetrack
Eric Althaus, General Manager, Mardi Gras Casino & Resort
Steve Sarra, President, West Virginia Kennel Association