

HOLLYWOOD
Casino
AT PENN NATIONAL RACE COURSE

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Penn National Handle Up 20 Percent in 2012; Historic Year Awaits in 2013

Grantville, PA (Thursday, January 3, 2013) – Daily Average all-sources handle on races at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course was up 20.6 percent in 2012, and a historic year awaits in 2013 with the inaugural running of the \$500,000 Penn Mile set for Saturday, June 1.

Despite running two fewer live racing days in 2012 (197 v 199), total handle on Penn National's races increased 19.4 percent increase to \$199,644,098, up from the \$167,251,807 wagered in 2011. Daily average handle was \$1,013,422, a 20.6 percent increase over \$840,461 in 2011.

Live handle on Penn National races, which includes money wagered on-track at Penn National, at the Penn National Off-Track Wagering locations, through the eBet USA account wagering website (www.ebetusa.com), and via Telebet, was up 2.9 percent (\$11,333,319 v \$11,009,226).

Export wagering, comprising bets made on Penn National races from simulcast outlets, was up 20.5 percent to \$188,310,780 versus \$156,242,580 the previous year.

"2012 was a very successful year for Penn National, which is a credit to the hard work put in by all the racing employees, the strong support from our terrific horsemen, and our loyal customers who responded so enthusiastically to our product," said Dan Silver, director of racing operations at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course. "We are looking forward to even more success in 2013, with a revamped stakes schedule featuring the inaugural running of the Penn Mile on June 1 and the second running of the Fabulous Strike Handicap the night before Thanksgiving."

The brand new \$500,000 Penn Mile, for 3-year-olds on the turf, represents the biggest purse ever offered at Penn National and highlights an open stakes program split among two big days.

The Penn Mile anchors a June 1 card that will also feature the \$250,000 Mountainview Handicap for 3-year-olds & up going 1 1/8 miles on the main track and the \$150,000 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup for 3-year-olds & up going five furlongs on the turf.

2012 marked the first running of the Mountainview Handicap, which had a \$175,000 purse and was won by Grade 1 winner Toby's Corner. The Pennsylvania Governor's Cup has been run every year since 1973, the first full year of racing at Penn National.

The second running of the \$250,000 Fabulous Strike Handicap for 3-year-olds & up going six furlongs will be contested on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27. Run in 2012 for a \$200,000 purse, the race attracted a number of top sprinters and was won by Ben's Cat for legendary trainer King Leatherbury.

Also scheduled for the robust November 27 card will be the \$150,000 Swatara for 3-year-olds and up going 1 1/16 miles and the inaugural running of the \$150,000 Lady in Waiting for fillies and mares going six furlongs.

2012 Yearly Wagering on Races at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course

Year over Year	2012	2011	Change	% Change
Live Days	197	199	(2)	-1.0%
Live Handle	\$11,333,319	\$11,009,226	\$324,093	2.9%
Average	\$57,530	\$55,323	\$2,207	4.0%
Export Handle	\$188,310,780	\$156,242,580	\$32,068,200	20.5%
Average	\$955,892	\$785,139	\$170,753	21.7%
Total on Penn National Races	\$199,644,098	\$167,251,807	\$32,392,291	19.4%
Average	\$1,013,422	\$840,461	\$172,961	20.6%

Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course is a Penn National Gaming property that offers guests the most exciting and unique entertainment experience in Central Pennsylvania. The venue features more than 2,463 slot machines, 53 banked gaming tables, and a 16-table Poker room. Live thoroughbred and simulcast horse racing is offered year-round. An array of dining options are available including the award-winning Final Cut Steakhouse, winner of three consecutive Wine Spectator Awards of Excellence; Mountainview Dining, a 500-seat restaurant overlooking the one-mile racetrack; SkyBox Sports Bar, and the popular 350-seat Epic Buffet.

Penn National Race Course, located minutes from Hershey and Harrisburg, PA., opened on August 30, 1972, and has presented top-class live thoroughbred racing for more than 40 years. The original track was taken down in 2006 and the new Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, a fully-integrated gaming and racing facility, opened on February 12, 2008.

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