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SUFFOLK DOWNS 2008 LIVE RACING SEASON FACT SHEET

WHAT:	Suffolk Downs 2008 live racing season	
WHEN:	May 3 through November 8 (103 racing days)	
WHERE:	Suffolk Downs, East Boston, MA	
OPENING DAY:	Saturday, May 3 First post time – 12:55 p.m.	
LIVE RACING SCHEDULE:	May June-August September-November	Wednesdays and Saturdays, plus Memorial Day Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays
POST TIME:	12:45 p.m. (12:55 p.m. on Triple Crown race days: May 3, May 17 and June 7) 3:00 p.m. on Fridays, June through August (excluding July 4 th , 12:45 p.m.)	

FRIDAY TWILIGHT RACING: For the months of June, July and August, first post time on Friday will be 3 p.m. (excluding July 4th). A special outdoor tent and patio bar area will feature live music each Friday during the twilight racing series.

PURSE INCREASE AND EXPANDED STAKES PROGRAM: Suffolk Downs will open its 2008 racing season with a five percent increase in purses and an expanded stakes program. Five stakes were added to the schedule, which consists of a total of nine, headlined by the \$500,000 Massachusetts Handicap.

MASSCAP PART OF BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE: The 66th running of the Massachusetts Handicap will take place on **Saturday, September 20**. The \$500,000 MassCap will be one of five Classic Division races in this year's Breeders' Cup Challenge, a series of automatic qualifiers for the Breeders' Cup World Championships. In the Breeders' Cup Challenge "Win and You're In" format, the winners of the MassCap and four other Classic Division races will automatically qualify for entry in the Breeders' Cup Classic, which will be run on October 25 at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, CA.

2007 IN REVIEW: Under new ownership in 2007, average daily attendance for the live racing meet was up 22 percent, while average daily handle on track for the live meet rose 14 percent. Additionally, total purses paid increased 12 percent from the previous year. 2007 also saw the return of the Massachusetts Handicap, the track's signature race, after a two-year absence.

COMMUNITY WINNER'S CIRCLE: This year, Suffolk Downs is introducing the "Community Winner's Circle" program to recognize individuals and groups who have dedicated themselves to worthy causes in the community. Suffolk Downs will have special race-day presentations in the winner's circle in their honor and will make donations to their causes of choice.

THE 19TH ANNUAL HOT DOG SAFARI: Eddie Andelman's 19th Annual Hot Dog Safari will take place on **Sunday, June 1**. Enjoy all the hot dogs, sausages and ice cream sundaes you can eat. Gates open at 9 a.m. In addition to the food, fun and games, the day features a full racing program. Boston's Sports Station 1510 the Zone will be broadcasting live from the event throughout the day. Tickets are \$10 when purchased in advance, \$15 at the door. Children six and under are admitted free. All proceeds benefit the Joey Fund and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.hotdogsafari.com or call 800-966-0444.

WALK NOW FOR AUTISM: For the second straight year, the Greater Boston Walk Now for Autism will take place at Suffolk Downs. This year's walk is scheduled for **Sunday, October 19**. Last year, over 16,000 walkers circled the track to raise funds for autism awareness and research.

GUEST CHEF SERIES: Suffolk Downs will introduce its first-ever Guest Chef series on selected Saturdays this season. The track has enlisted chefs from prominent Boston area restaurants to participate. Each of these Saturdays, the guest chef will create the menus for our two high-end dining areas - the Turf Club and the Terrace Dining Room - in conjunction with the Boston Culinary Group's on-site staff.

FAN PHOTO EXPERIENCE: Racing fans will now have the opportunity to get their picture taken with an actual horse and jockey at the new Fan Photo Experience. The Fan Photo Experience will be located at the main Clubhouse entrance and will be available **all Saturdays, Sundays and holidays** when there is live racing (weather permitting). Normal hours will be 12:15-2:15 p.m. Expanded hours will be available on special racing days. Photos and other items that include photos on them will be available to order online at www.suffolkdowns.com.

FAMILY FUN DAYS: From **Memorial Day through Labor Day**, all Sundays and holidays will be Family Fun Days at Suffolk Downs. These fun-filled afternoons will feature a variety of entertainment and activities for families, including pony rides, face painting, magic tricks and balloon twisting. There will be three special Myachi demonstration days: July 4, August 10 and September 1 (Labor Day). To learn more about Myachi, visit www.myachi.com.

SUFFOLK DOWNS FOLDING CHAIR GIVEAWAY: On Independence Day, **Friday, July 4th**, fans will receive a green Suffolk Downs portable folding chair FREE with paid admission (while supplies last). Special first post time on July 4th is 12:45 p.m.

THE NEW SUFFOLKDOWN.COM: The Suffolk Downs website, www.suffolkdowns.com, underwent a complete redesign during the off-season. The new site has gone live in advance of Opening Day, Saturday, May 3.

BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL: The Boston Harbor Hotel is the host hotel of Suffolk Downs.

For additional information, visit www.suffolkdowns.com.