

**THE JOCKEY CLUB
THOROUGHBRED SAFETY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION
AUGUST 13, 2017**

Recommendation: Self-Reporting Statistics from the Equine Injury Database (EID)

Based upon data from the Participating Racetracks or Associations section of the Equine Injury Database (jockeyclub.com/default.asp?section=Advocacy&area=11), racetracks that make their EID statistics available for public review have consistently reported lower incidences of racing fatalities per 1,000 starts than the national average.

The EID, which traces its roots to the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation's inaugural Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit, was launched in July 2008 as the first national database for recording racing and training injuries occurring at North American racetracks. In March 2012, The Jockey Club created a website enabling racetracks to voluntarily disclose their EID statistics to the public at jockeyclub.com/default.asp?section=Advocacy&area=11.

Today, 25 of the 87 racetracks that participate in the EID voluntarily publish their EID statistics.

<i>(see footnote)</i>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Average of tracks that publish EID stats	1.82	1.59	1.62	1.72	1.58	1.77	1.44	1.40
National Average	2.00	1.88	1.88	1.92	1.90	1.89	1.62	1.54
No. tracks that publish	27	27	27	27	27	26	26	25

Footnote: Averages are calculated as the number of racing fatalities per 1,000 starts.

Tracks that publish their stats had racing fatalities per 1,000 starts that were consistently lower than the national average (starting in 2009 when annual statistical summaries from the EID were first made available to the public).

The Thoroughbred Safety Committee strongly believes that enhanced transparency into racing's safety record helps foster a culture of accountability and results in fewer injuries.

The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Safety Committee calls for:

“All racetracks to provide greater transparency of EID statistics by publishing their annual summaries (at jockeyclub.com/default.asp?section=Advocacy&area=11).”