

TRPB DIGITAL TATTOOS

Effective January 1, 2020 Racehorse Identification transitioned from lip tattooing to the Digital Tattoos.

Thoroughbreds that have not been lip tattooed before January 1 must have a digital tattoo prior to their first lifetime start in a race.

All foals of 2018 & 2017 (3 & 2 year olds) have microchip numbers on their Jockey Club papers which the TRPB Technician will validate prior to confirming the markings & documenting through digital photos. Some older horses may also have a microchip listed on their papers.

All older horses (4-year olds & up) who are making their first lifetime start and who currently do not have a microchip will need to contact The Jockey Club 800.444.8521 to obtain a microchip. (The Chippewa Downs Racing Office may also have a limited number of microchips available.) A Jockey Club issued microchip must be inserted by a veterinarian and the bar code sticker attached to the foal certificate before the horse is digitally tattooed.

The TRPB Technician will scan the microchip to pull up the digital copy of the foal certificate and will verify the markings and take 10 -14 photos of the horse.

All bandages, blankets must be off the horse and the horse must be named by the time the TRPB Technician is present to digitally tattoo each horse. For 3-year-olds and up, the Registration Papers must accompany the horse. (2-year-olds have electronic certificates.)

The fee is \$80.00 for the Digital Tattoo and MUST be paid for prior to the TRPB Tattoo Technician doing the work.

Sign up for Tattooing at the Chippewa Downs Racing Office. The Technician will be ready to tattoo on Thursdays and Fridays prior to racing. After the first week of the meet, demand will dictate the Technician's schedule, but it will not be more often than once per week. The recommended time to sign up for Digital Tattooing is one week prior to the race.

The TRPB Technician at Chippewa Downs is Race Secretary Debi Ferguson. Please make sure you are on the tattoo list well ahead of Race Day so she has time schedule Tattooing your thoroughbred.