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The Racing Officials Accreditation Program Announces Upcoming Certificate Program at Laurel Park

The Racing Officials Accreditation Program (ROAP) and Laurel Park are pleased to announce a ROAP Certificate Program will be held at the track October 1-2, 2014. The ROAP Certificate Program is a course consisting of general racing industry education and job-specific modules for each specific racing official position. Each participant will focus on the following racing official positions: clerk of scales, horse identifier, paddock judge, patrol judge, outrider or starter / assistant starter.

The program is open to the public and is geared toward those who want to become a racing official or who are interested in learning more about racing officials in general. Current officials are also encouraged to attend.

Registration is required and requested by September 26. The registration is \$25, which includes lunch, and the application is available at http://www.horseracingofficials.com/default.asp?id=2.4&story=189.

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ROAP, which receives primary funding from The Jockey Club and is based in its Kentucky office, is a 501(c)(6) organization whose board of directors is made up of representatives from 18 industry organizations and eight at-large representatives. Stewards and judges receive their accreditation and continuing education credits through this program.

The website address for ROAP is *horseracingofficials.com*.