

Texas County Fair Possibilities

Texas County Fair Possibilities			Operational	Easily Ready				Long Range	
Track	Location	County	Co Fair Date	Last Raced	Type	P/M Ref.	Local Option	County, City or Private Ownership	Physical Status
Bandera Downs	Bandera	Bandera	Jan 10 - 12	1995	T/Q	Yes	Y - 1987	Jim Dunnagan	Track, Barns, Grandstand
Gillespie County Fair	Fredericksburg	Gillespie	August	2000	T/Q	Yes	Y	County Class 3	Fully operational
Kendall County Fair	Boerne	Kendall	Aug 30 - Sept 2		T/Q	Yes	No	County	Track used for training, barns
Kimble County Fair	Junction	Kimball	January		Q	Yes	Y - 1987	Hill County Fair Assn	Track, grandstand, barns, rail
La Bahia Downs	Goliad	Goliad	Mar 13-16	1990	Q	Yes	Y - 1987	Hessee	Forfeiture, neighboring location
Pineywoods Downs	Nacogdoches	Nacogdoches	October 10-15	1989	Q	No	Y - 1992	City	1-mile track, grandstand, barns
Trinity Meadows	Willow Park	Parker	June 11-16	1996	T/Q	Yes	Y	Dunnagan	Track, barns, grandstand
Val Verde County Fair	Del Rio	Val Verde	Jan 10-12	1987	T/Q	Yes	Y - 1987	County	Track, lots of barns, grandstand

Class 4 County Fair Provisions and Steps to Get There

The Texas Racing Act makes provision for a Class 4 County Fair license that provides for no more than 5 days of racing annually. There has never been a Class 4 license issued since the Act was passed. However, there has been racing at approximately 40 county fair locations in Texas before the passage of pari-mutuel legislation in 1987.

Steps to be taken in an effort to develop a county fair racing circuit:

- * Reassess the viability of former locations and their physical facilities.
- * Assess the interest and commitment of local officials.
- * Estimate the capital expenditure necessary to bring the grandstand, racing surface and barn area to acceptable standards for the conduct of live racing.
- * Convene a meeting of interested participants in a county fair racing circuit at the Race Barn on the Gillespie County Fairgrounds.

Benefits of establishing a Class 4 county fair racing circuit:

- * Additional racing opportunities for all breeds.
- * Year-round simulcasting at each location.
- * Generation of purse revenue to support live racing with surplus revenue available to enhance purses at Class 1 tracks.

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