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## Place your bets on the fastest sport at the Fair: Horse Racing!

*Five days of Indian Relays; four days of horse races!*

BLACKFOOT, ID (August 25, 2011) – And they're off! Once again, "the Fastest Sport at the Fair" returns to the Grandstand -- **Pari-Mutuel Racing** and the **Indian Relay National Championships** presented by Fort Hall Casino.

Pari-Mutuel Racing – a betting system in which all bets are placed together in a pool and shared among all winning bets – will kick-off on Sunday, September 4 and will continue on Monday, September 5; as well as Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10. Each day, post time is 12 noon, with 8 to 10 pari-mutuel races and 3 Indian Relay races scheduled.

Pari-Mutuel Racing attracts all types of racing fans – from spectators to novice and serious bettors. Anyone over the age of 18 can place a bet; the Race Track's official program will provide information on each race and each horse, so fans can place their wagers on horses they think are most likely to win, place or show. The schedule of events is as follows:

### **Sunday, September 4**

- Merial Distaff Challenge TRIALS
- EISF-AQHA Maiden Challenge TRIALS
- Gene and Joyce Caccia Memorial Handicap \$1,500 added
- Lee Ward Memorial Handicap \$1,500 added

### **Monday, September 5**

- Von Adams Memorial \$5,000 added
- EISF-IARA Paint and Appaloosa Futurity \$2,000 added
- EISF-IARA Paint and Appaloosa Derby \$2,000 added
- EISF Quarter Horse Derby \$2,000 added

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### **Friday, September 9**

- EISF-AQHA Maiden Challenge FINAL \$5,000 added
- EISF-AQHA Bonus Challenge \$5,000 added
- Legends Memorial \$1,500 added
- EISF Thoroughbred Sprint \$2,000 added

### **Saturday, September 10**

- Merial Distaff FINAL \$15,000 added
- TJ Fackrell Memorial \$2,500 added
- EISF Quarter Horse Futurity \$2,000 added
- EISF Quarter Horse Handicap \$2,000 added

The Pari-Mutuel races include the return of the always popular and dangerous **Indian Relay National Championships**, after the 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> races, where teams will be competing for a \$37,500 added purse. Indian Relay Races is a centuries-old tradition of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes culture. The sport actually originated on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation over 100 years ago, and many families that participated in the sport decades ago are still participating and passing this legacy on from generation to generation. The Indian Relay teams consist of three horses and four team members (1 rider, 1 catcher [Mugger], and 2 holders). The rider must complete a lap with each horse riding bareback. The rider must dismount without any help from their team mates and without losing control of their horses.

Admission to the Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing and Indian Relay National Championships costs \$4 per person; this is in addition to gate admission.

In addition to coinciding with the Pari-Mutuel Racing, Indian Relay Races also will be held on Thursday, September 8, at 12 noon; admission to this event is FREE on Thursday. The Indian Relay schedule is as follows:

- **Sunday, September 4** – Chief Race; Indian Relay Races
- **Monday, September 5** – Indian Relay Races
- **Thursday, September 8** – Indian Relay Races [FREE Admission to Race]
- **Friday, September 9** – Indian Relay Races
- **Saturday, September 10** – Ladies Race; Indian Relay Races

The 2011 Eastern Idaho State Fair returns to Blackfoot on Saturday, September 3 and runs through Saturday, September 10. Complete schedules and 2011 Fair information can be found at [www.funatthefair.com](http://www.funatthefair.com) or by calling (208) 785-2480.

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*An annual tradition for 109 years, the Eastern Idaho State Fair is a favorite destination to over 200,000 visitors, creating fond memories and unforgettable experiences to all ages. This year's theme, **It's Udderly Fantastic**, is a celebration of Idaho's agricultural heritage – a vital part of the Fair throughout its history. From entertainment to agricultural heritage, every aspect of the Eastern Idaho State Fair is udderly fantastic!*