

## CLAIMING A RACE HORSE



Most horses racing in the United States run in claiming races. The claim price, or tag, is the sales price that they are for sale each time they race.

Two notable horses that ran in claiming races that won the Kentucky Derby are Charismatic (1999) and \*Maximum Security (2019).

Claiming a horse is a gamble but it is an easy way to get started owning a race-horse.

### How to Claim a Horse

Following is a few but important points to know when planning a claim.

1. Select a trainer.
2. Familiarize yourself with the rules of racing in your state.
3. Select a horse to claim. Take guidance from your trainer and bloodstock advisor. They are your experts.
4. Get licensed in the state you plan to race and claim.
5. Have racing silks made and registered with the state.
6. Deposit funds to cover the claim with the horseman's bookkeeper at the track where the claim will take place.
7. If more than one person has dropped a claim, there is a shake to see who wins. Typically, this is a random draw performed in the horseman's office after the race.

\*Maximum Security was the winner but was disqualified due to interference.