# Thoroughbred Breed Development Quality of Racing Final Staff Recommendation

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The calendar of these signature races is attached.

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# **Proposed Signature Races**

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\*All races to be run on dirt.