



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **Running Aces Re-Opens After State Shutdown**

We are excited to announce that we will be opening our doors Thursday, July 21st at 10am after being closed as part of the State shutdown for the past 20 days. We are so appreciative to our community, employees, and loyal patrons for their support during the shutdown and are excited to see everyone back at Running Aces.

### **Card Room**

As a thank you to our loyal players and for those that are eager to return to the card room, we are offering a \$10 Free Play to be used on any table games to the first 200 guests that visit Running Aces after we open our doors. Vouchers can be claimed at the Front Desk. Our weekly poker tournaments will continue as scheduled.

### **Live Racing**

Live Racing will resume this Saturday, July 23rd at 7pm. We will be hosting a "Back to Live Racing" party featuring a Free UV T-shirt giveaway to the first 500 people that purchase a live racing program, along with \$3 UV drink specials from 6-9pm. "Our horsemen are extremely grateful that they can begin racing again Saturday night and look forward to a strong finish to the 2011 season. The loss of three weeks of racing in the middle of the summer was difficult on everyone involved, but we are blessed with a great group of loyal trainers who all hung in there hoping they could remain in Minnesota and help Running Aces continue to grow," said Gregg Keidel, Director of Racing.

### **Dining**

The Winner's Circle Restaurant and the All In Grill will be open starting July 21st at 10am. Our Seafood Buffet will be cancelled until the following Thursday, July 28th, but the restaurant will offer the complete dinner menu in it's place.

"As one of our communities largest employers and a regional economic engine, the closure of our facility has been a serious economic challenge to our employees, our horsemen, our local vendors and our business. We are looking forward to re-opening and working our way back to providing jobs and top quality gaming entertainment value to our community." Said General Manager Robert Farinella.

Running Aces is located on Interstate 35 and Highway 97/County Road 23 (Exit 129) in Columbus, Minnesota near Forest Lake.  
For more information, visit [www.runningacesharness.com](http://www.runningacesharness.com) or call 651-925-4600 or 1-877-RUN ACES (786-2237).

Running Aces® Card Room and Harness Park is a cutting-edge 50-table Las Vegas style casino card room, with live summer season harness racing and year round full-card Simulcast wagering on Thoroughbred, Quarter horse and Standardbred horses. Located in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area, the facility is open 24 hours, 7days a week. Running Aces is located adjacent to I-35 exit #129 in Columbus, Minnesota, minutes north of downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul. The 250-seat Winner's Circle restaurant and lounge offers full food and beverage service. Banquet facilities and catering are available year round. Running Aces® features the **Aces Rewards Club®** that earns members rewards for complimentary food and beverages, merchandise, exclusive events, promotions and tournaments. Running Aces® is owned locally by North Metro Harness Initiative, LLC. For more information about Running Aces, please visit [www.runningacesharness.com](http://www.runningacesharness.com).

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