

History of

PRESCOTT DOWNS/YAVAPAI DOWNS

From 1959 through 2000, historic Prescott Downs Racetrack, surrounding the famous Rodeo Grounds, was the ultimate summer racing event in the state of Arizona. Its prime location in the middle of the booming city of Prescott offered unparalleled charm, but also prevented the track from expanding in size to meet demand and upgrade the facilities.

Thus a new site was found in nearby Prescott Valley, and Prescott Downs Racetrack closed after concluding its summer meet in September 2000. The new track, named Yavapai Downs, opened in 2001. Over 35,000 people attended the opening ceremony and races during Memorial Day weekend.



In the following ten years, Yavapai Downs proved to attract Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing from all over the Southwest. Then in 2011 the track was unable to conduct a race meet and ended up in bankruptcy procedures.

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