

Breeders Crown® No. 40

For Pacers & Trotters; Nomination to Twelve Separate Races: 2-Year-Olds in 2026, 3-Year-Olds in 2027, Open and Mare Races in 2028

Owned and Serviced By:

The Hambletonian Society, Inc. ("the Society")

For:

Eligible Foals of 2024 (subject to USTA foaling date rules) whose sires were nominated to this Breeders Crown No. 40 and are eligible, or who are made eligible, in accordance with the conditions below and the conditions to be published in the year of the specific races. These foals will be eligible to 2-year-old races in 2026, 3-year-old races in 2027 and open races in 2028 and thereafter, in accordance with the conditions of those specific races.

To Be Raced As:

Twelve races in Breeders Crown No. 40. Separate colt (including geldings) and filly races for 2-year-old and 3-year-old trotters and pacers. Fillies are not eligible to the colt races. Four separate open races in 2028: Breeders Crown Trot and Breeders Crown Pace (open to 3-year-olds & older, regardless of sex); and Breeders Crown Mare Trot and Breeders Crown Mare Pace (open to fillies & mares, 3-year-olds & older). Three-year-old fillies & older mares are eligible to the Open races.

To Be Raced At:

Races to be held at the track or the tracks to which they are awarded by The Hambletonian Society. Dates and locations will be published in the USTA Stakes Guide in the year of the races. If for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Society to hold any one or more of these races at the track designated, the Society reserves the right to change the date and/or location of either any or all races.

Cancellation:

The Society further reserves the right to cancel either one or more of the races if for reasons beyond its control it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Society to conduct said race or races. If an event is not raced due to circumstances beyond its control, the Society's responsibility and liability will be limited to refunding without interest nomination, sustaining (including future eligibility payments) and starting fees collected toward canceled events that have not been disbursed at the time of cancellation. These monies will be prorated among the owners, except as provided below, to the nominators of the horses eligible at the time of cancellation.

For purposes of these conditions, stallion nomination fees for Breeders Crown No. 40 were disbursed in 2023 Breeders Crown races or retained to be disbursed in future races as determined by the Society. In the circumstance of cancellation of any or all Breeders Crown events in 2026, stallion nomination fees shall not be refunded. If the 2-year-old races for 2026 and/or 3-year-old races in 2027 are canceled between May 15, 2025 and prior to the Breeders Crown races in 2025, the yearling nomination fees, if not disbursed as provided herein, may be refunded, in whole or in part, to the nominators.

Refunds of supplemental nomination fees, sustaining payments, supplemental declaration fees and starting fees shall be paid to the registered owner(s) of the eligible horses at the time of cancellation in accordance with the conditions in the year of the canceled race(s).

Purses:

It is estimated that the purses will be no less than \$600,000 with the exception of the Mare Trot and Mare Pace which will be no

less than \$400,000. The Society, however, reserves the right to scale back the prescribed minimum estimated purses.

Estimated Final purses for the races in 2025 are: (U.S. Funds)

	TROT	PACE
2-Year-Old Colt	\$700,000.....	\$700,000
2-Year-Old Filly	\$700,000.....	\$700,000
3-Year-Old Colt	\$600,000.....	\$600,000
3-Year-Old Filly	\$600,000.....	\$600,000
Open.....	\$600,000.....	\$600,000
Open Mare.....	\$400,000.....	\$400,000

Stallion Nomination Fee:

Due and payable by January 15, 2023, in the amount of the advertised stud fee for the 2023 breeding season (\$500 U.S. funds minimum) -- plus an additional surcharge determined by the amount of the service fee provided, however, that for first-year stallions placed in commercial service after January 15, (which would not include test breedings) the nomination must be paid within 60 days after the stallion first breeds a mare. This payment covers 2023 matings (foals of 2024).

For more information regarding the Breeders Crown No. 40 stallion nomination which is closed, contact the Hambletonian Society, Inc.

Nomination Fee (U.S. funds only):

To be eligible to race as a 2-Year-Old in 2026, and/or as a 3-Year-Old in 2027 and/or as an Older Horse in 2028

On Yearlings in 2025

May 15, 2025 Yearling Nomination Fee\$150... or

August 15, 2025 Yearling Nomination Fee\$750... or

On 2-Year-Olds in 2026

Feb.15, 2026 2YO Supp. Nom. Fee.....\$1,000... or

Mar.15, 2026 2YO Supp. Nom. Fee to race at 3.....\$1,500... or

On 3-Year-Olds in 2027

Feb. 15, 2027 3YO Supp. Nom. Fee.....\$10,000... or

On 4-Year-Olds and up in 2028

Feb. 15, 2028 Older Supp. Nom. Fee *horses & geldings*...\$1,500

Feb. 15, 2028 Older Supp. Nom Fee *mares*\$1,000

Nominated horses must be properly identified to the satisfaction of The Hambletonian Society at the time of nomination.

The Society, at its sole discretion as to what it determines to be in the best interest of the Races, reserves the right to refuse the participation of any entry or proposed entry.

Nomination and Eligibility to the 2- and 3-year-old Divisions:

For foals of 2024 by nominated stallions, the May 15, 2025 yearling fee (or the August 15, 2025 yearling supplement fee) and the 2-year-old sustaining payments must be made to be eligible to the 2-year-old races. To be eligible as a 3-year-old, the May 15, 2025 yearling nomination and the March 15, 2026 future eligibility payment and the 3-year-old sustaining payments must be made.

Foals of 2024 by sires named to Breeders Crown No. 40, but not nominated in the May 15, 2025 yearling payment, may be made eligible by a supplemental nomination fee of \$750, due on or before August 15, 2025. A foal of 2024 by sires named to Breeders Crown No. 40, but not nominated as a yearling, may be made eligible by a supplemental nomination fee of \$1,000 due on or before February 15, 2026. These supplemental nomination payments are in addition to the normal schedule of sustaining payments for the 2-year-old and 3-year-old races.

Owners of ineligible 2-year-olds that wish to race in the program as a 3-year-old may be made eligible by a supplemental nomination fee of \$1,500, due on or before March 15, 2026. This supplemental nomination payment is in addition to the normal 3YO sustaining payments for the 3-year-old races.

Foals of 2024 by sires named to Breeders Crown No. 40, but not nominated in the May 15, 2025 yearling payment or February 15 or March 15, 2026 2-year-old supplemental nomination above, may be made eligible by a 3-year-old supplemental nomination fee of \$10,000, due on or before February 15, 2027. This supplemental nomination payment is in addition to the normal schedule of sustaining payments for the 3-year-old races.

Breeders Crown Stallion Fund Distribution:

Stallion nomination fees for Breeders Crown No. 40 were disbursed in 2023 Breeders Crown races. However, the Society, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to allocate a portion of the stallion fees to future Breeders Crown races when it determines such allocation to be in the best interests of the Breeders Crown program.

Additionally, the Hambletonian Society reserves the right to deduct up to 25 percent (%) of the Breeders Crown stallion nomination fees each year, including 2025, to fund promotional expenses.

Except as provided in the published conditions for stallion nomination, under no circumstances will stallion nomination fees be refunded.

Yearling Payments Distribution:

Breeders Crown yearling nomination fees will be disbursed as determined by the Society in 2025 Breeders Crown races. However, the Society, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to allocate a portion of these fees to future Breeders Crown races when it determines such allocation to be in the best interests of the Breeders Crown program.

Future Payments:

Required future payments for this program will be published in the USTA Stakes Guide in the years of the races.

Eligibility of 2024 Foals:

Foals of 2024 whose sires were nominated to this Breeders Crown program will be eligible to the 2-year-old Breeders Crown races in 2026 and to the 3-year-old Breeders Crown races in 2027 upon making the required payments for the specific year's races.

Continuing Eligibility of 2024 Foals to the Open Divisions:

Foals of 2024 whose sires were nominated to this Breeders Crown program will be eligible to the open races in 2028 and to the open races in subsequent years upon making the required payments for the specific year's races, subject to the conditions of those specific races. Eligible trotting mares will have the option of entering either the Breeders Crown Trot, and/or the Mare Trot to which they have been nominated, subject to the conditions of those specific races. Eligible pacing mares will have the option of entering either the Breeders Crown Pace, and/or the Mare Pace to which they have been nominated, subject to the conditions of those specific races.

Special "Win and You're In" Eligibility for Two-Year-Old Trotters:

The officially declared winners of the Peter Haughton Memorial for 2-Year-Old trotting colts and the Jim Doherty Memorial for 2-Year-Old trotting fillies, if they are Breeders Crown eligible as of June 1, 2026, will be eligible to advance directly to the final of their respective Breeders Crown divisions. They are also entitled to be put into the post position draw for the opportunity to draw **between post 1 through 6**, the same as elimination winners, if eliminations are required. These two winners are not required to pay an entry fee and are not eligible to race in the elimination. They must enter at the prescribed time as all other entries and meet the qualifying standards as outlined in the conditions of Breeders Crown

No. 40. The entry status is not transferable and only applies in the year of both events

Notice:

USTA Rule 12.04 provides: "Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event." The Hambletonian Society may construe payment of nominating and sustaining fees to require that cash or check duly honored upon presentation be received at the time specified in USTA Rule 12.02.

Image Waiver:

As a condition of participation in the Breeders Crown No. 40 the Owner(s) of the nominated horse(s) hereby grants to the Society, its representatives, successors, and assigns the absolute right to copy-right and publish, use or reuse still and motion, photographic and digital, images of its horses, drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents, in whole or in part, in composite or in distorted character, with or without use of names, in color or otherwise, for the purpose of promotion, advertising, trade or other lawful purpose in any and all media. Owner(s) waives any right to inspect and/or approve the finished product or the copy that may be used in connection therewith or the use to which it might be applied. Owner(s) further agrees to inform his drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents of the authority granted to the Society herein, to hold the Society harmless from any and all liability and damages, and to indemnify the Society from same should any such owner(s), driver(s), trainer(s), employee(s), officer(s) and agent(s) challenge Society's rights as set forth above.

Transfer:

Any eligible horse that changes gait may be transferred at any time. Sustaining payments already made remain with the originally nominated race.

Testing Waiver and Consent:

As a further condition of participation in the Breeders Crown ("Race"), which is a private event owned by the Hambletonian Society ("Society"), the Owner ("Owner", which includes all beneficial owners at the time) of the nominated horse ("Horse") which has been declared (i.e. entered) to start in the Race hereby grants to the Society, its representatives, employees and agents, including a licensed veterinarian designated by the Society, and assigns the absolute right and authority to:

- 1.) Conduct one or more physical examinations of the Horse at any time prior to the Race, regardless of where it is stabled;
- 2.) Draw blood and other specimens one or more times from the Horse for immediate testing;
- 3.) Freeze or otherwise preserve split-samples of the specimens for future testing and send such samples to a laboratory designated by the Society and;
- 4.) Require, at the sole discretion of the Society, the Horse to stable on the grounds of the track to which the races has been awarded, or other designated premises for a reasonable period of time prior to the Race which will be specified by the Society.

Further conditions regarding "out of competition" testing for this program will be published in the year of the races.

Drivers and Trainers Fees:

The drivers and trainers fees may be disbursed in accordance with the policy of the host track at the time of the race.

Protests, Investigations and/or Disputes:

In the event of any protest, investigation or dispute with respect to the results of the Breeders Crown or any races related thereto, the Society may, if it is in possession of the purse, at its option deliver the purse, or the disputed portion thereof, to the Track which shall hold such purse in a segregated interest-bearing bank account, to

be disbursed by the Track following the final binding and non-ap-pealable determination of any such protest, investigation or dispute. Further, the Owner shall hold the Society and the Track, their officers, directors, members, employees and agents harmless from, against and in respect of any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, liabilities, judgment, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements) resulting from any such protest, investigation or dispute.

In the case of any dispute as to the interpretation of these conditions, the decision of the Executive Committee of The Hambletonian Society, Inc. shall be final. All fees and payments in any race are accepted on the condition that all claims, objections and appeals arising out of the Breeders Crown races or with respect to any interpretation of any rules or conditions of the Breeders Crown races, or otherwise shall be decided by Executive Committee of the Hambletonian Society, Inc.

The Society, at its sole discretion as to what it determines to be in the best interest of the Races, reserves the right to refuse the participation of any entry or proposed entry.

Any horse owned or trained by an owner or trainer who is arrested, indicted or is the subject of a filed governmental criminal information charging such person with administering, selling, sponsoring or encouraging the sale or use of illegal medications or the illegal or unethical treatment of animals will be ineligible to race in any of the races owned or controlled by the Hambletonian Society. Such ineligibility shall commence on the date of such arrest, indictment or information and continue for a minimum of 60 days from the time of the transfer of ownership of the horse and/or the change of trainers to a bona fide separate and unrelated licensed owner or trainer, as the case may be. All payments may be subject to forfeiture.

Rules:

The Hambletonian Society reserves the right to add to, amend or delete the conditions of all or any part of the Breeders Crown program, without liability including but not limited to:

- a.) classes and divisions of races, eligibility of horses, fees and payments, and the amount of purses to be awarded to each race, elimination and final heat;
- b.) time and/or date of declarations and the time and/or date of the supplemental declarations;
- c.) dates and/or the location of any or all of the races including the date of the elimination heats;
- d.) other matters that the Society determines to be necessary and appropriate for the proper administration, promotion and implementation of the Breeders Crown program.

Unless otherwise specified and except as may be affected by a state or provincial racing Commission or Board, USTA rules not in conflict with these conditions of Breeders Crown No. 38 or the future amended conditions in the year of the race to govern. The conditions and rules shall be those in effect at the time of the race.

Make Nomination and Sustaining Checks

Payable To and Send To:

The Hambletonian Society, Inc.
109 South Main Street, Suite 18
Cranbury, NJ 08512-3174

*These stallions have been nominated to
Breeders Crown No. 40 for their foals of 2024.*

Action Uncle	Alarm Detector
All Bets Off	Alrajah One
Always B Miki	American Courage
American Ideal	Archangel
Argonaut	Artspeak
Back Of The Neck	Bar Hopping

Best In Show
Betting Line
Bettor's Wish
Big Stick Lindy
Bulldog Hanover
Cantab Hall
Captain Corey
Captaintreacherous
Cattlewash
Century Farroh
Check Six
Control The Moment
Crazy Wow
Cuatro De Julio
De La Crème
Deweycheatumnhowe
Dover Dan
E L Titan
Enterprise
Father Patrick
Fiftydallarbill
Fourth Dimension (Sw)
Freaky Feet Pete
Gimpanzee
Green Manalishi S
Guardian Angel As
Heart Of Chewbacca
He's Watching
Higalator
Hurrikane Emperor
International Moni
Keystone Velocity
Lather Up
Long Tom
Maharajah (Sw)
McWicked
Monte Miki
Muscle Mass
Musical Rhythm
Nothing But Class
Odds On Equuleus
Panther Hanover
Pebble Beach
Pilot Discretion
Ready For Moni
Remind Me Later
Roll With Joe
Run Director
Shadow Play
So Surreal
Sports Column
Stag Party
Summa Cum Laude
Swan For All
Tactical Landing
Tellitlikeitis
Top Flight Angel
Trixton
Volstead
Warrawee Roo
What The Hill
Wheeling N Dealin
Wild Wild Western

Betterthancheddar
Bettor's Delight
Big Jim
Boston Red Rocks
Calgary Games (Sw)
Capt Midnight
Captain Crunch
Catch The Fire
Centurion Atm
Chapter Seven
Coach K Hanover
Courtly Choice
Creatine
Dancin Lou
Devious Man
Don't Let'em
Downbytheseaside
Ecurie D
Face Time Bourbon (Fr)**
Fear The Dragon
Forbidden Trade
Francesco Zet (Sw)**
Gelati Cut (Fr)**
Googoo Gaagaa (Sw)
Greenshoe
Gulf Shores
Helpisontheway
Heston Blue Chip
Huntsville
In Range
JK Endofanera
King Of The North
Lazarus N
Lookslikeeachpndale
Marseille
Met's Hall
Muscle Hill
Muscle Network
My Mvp
Nuncio (Sw)
Palone Ranger
Papi Rob Hanover
Perfect Sting
Readly Express (Sw)
Rebuff
Rockin Image
Roman Conquerer N
Saverio Hanover
Six Pack
Southwind Ozzi
Sportswriter
Stay Hungry
Sunshine Beach
Sweet Lou
Tall Dark Stranger
Temporal Hanover
Triumphant Caviar
Uncle Peter
Walner
Well Said
Whata Swan
White Bliss
You Know You Do

*** Only North American crop eligible
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