

Old Oaken Bucket No. 74

and The Buckette (Filly Division) For 3-Year-Old Trotters in 2026

Sponsor:

The Delaware County Fair

To Be Raced At:

Delaware, Ohio, during Grand Circuit week in 2026

For:

Foals of 2023 (Subject to USTA foaling date rules).

To Be Raced As:

Two races. An Open and Filly division for 3-year-old trotters.

Cancellation:

The Delaware County Agricultural Society reserves the right to cancel any or all of the races if it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Delaware County Agricultural Society to conduct said races. If an event is not raced, the Delaware County Agricultural Society's responsibility and liability shall be limited to refunding, without interest, all payments collected toward these events. These monies will be pro-rated among those owners of horses eligible at the time of cancellation.

Added Money:

The Delaware County Fair will add \$12,000 to the Open event and \$8,000 to the Filly division.

Estimated Purse:

Old Oaken Bucket.....	\$150,000
The Buckette.....	\$100,000

Nomination Fee:

May 15, 2024.....	\$25
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Late Nomination Fee:

August 15, 2024.....	\$250
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Special Notice for Ohio Bred Nominees:

The Ohio Harness Horseman's Association will nominate all Ohio bred foals of 2023 that have been registered with the USTA as of May 15, 2024. The foal's owner will be responsible for all future payments. Foals not registered by the May 15th date can be made eligible by August 15, 2024 by paying the Late Nomination Fee.

Special Notice to Foreign Nominators:

Nominators shall be active members of the USTA and the yearling must be properly identified to the satisfaction of the USTA at the time of nomination.

Future Payments for Colts and Geldings (U.S. funds only):

Supplemental Fee -March 15, 2025.....	\$400
March 15, 2025	\$300
February 15, 2026.....	\$500
Starting Fee.....	\$2,500

Future Payments for Fillies (U.S. funds only):

Supplemental Fee -March 15, 2025.....	\$400
March 15, 2025	\$200
February 15, 2026.....	\$400
Starting Fee.....	\$1,500

Starting Fee:

Due by 10 a.m. three days before date of race. (Sundays counted)

Supplemental Payment:

Two-year-olds not nominated in the May 15 yearling payment may be made eligible through a supplemental nomination fee of \$400 due on or before the March 15 payment. This supplemental payment is in addition to the normal March 15 payment.

Filly Notice:

Any filly may transfer to the Old Oaken Bucket for which she is eligible by paying an amount equal to the total required for colts and geldings plus the starting fee. Fillies may not declare or enter in both events.

Transfer:

Any horse or filly nominated to the Old Oaken Bucket or the Buckette can transfer to the Little Brown Jug or Jugette if a change in gait is made by making up the equal amount in payment. The same condition prevails for any horse or filly nominated to the Little Brown Jug or Jugette to transfer to the Old Oaken Bucket or Buckette.

Racing Conditions:

Each event to be raced in divisions at one mile each. The horse with the fastest time will receive the trophy. Purses will be divided equally by divisions and paid 50-25-12-8-5%.

Notice:

USTA Rule 12, Section 4 provides: "Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event." The Delaware County Fair will construe payment to require that cash or check duly honored upon presentation to be received at the time specified in USTA Rule 12, Section 2. If a check is not duly honored upon presentation, the horse becomes ineligible to race, or if it races, to participate in the purse.

Protest, Investigations and/or Disputes:

In the event of any protest, investigation or dispute with respect to the results of these or any races related thereto, the Society may, if it is in the possession of the purse, at its option deliver the purse, or the disputed portion thereof, to the Society which shall hold such purse in a segregated interest-bearing bank account, to be disbursed by the Society following the final binding and non-appealable determination of any such protest, investigation or dispute. Further, the Owner shall hold the Society, 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 Delaware County Agricultural Society shall be final. All fees and payments in any race are accepted on the condition that all claims, objections and appeals arising out of these races or with respect to any interpretation of any rules or conditions of these, or otherwise shall be decided by Executive Committee of the Delaware County Agricultural Society.

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The Delaware County Agricultural 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 by the Delaware County Agricultural 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:

This track is licensed by the State of Ohio Racing Commission and operates under the rules of The Ohio State Racing Commission in conjunction with The United States Trotting Association. The Delaware County Fair will have the final decision on all matters pertaining to the racing of these stakes.

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