

Graduate Series

Four-Year-Old Pacers and Trotters

Owned & Serviced By:

The Meadowlands

Sponsored By:

The Meadowlands, et al.

For:

4 Year-Old Pacers and Trotters

To Be Raced As:

Preliminary legs and a Final

To Be Raced At:

Final at The Meadowlands

Estimated Purse:

Open Legs.....\$75,000/\$50,000 div.

Final.....\$250,000 (each)

Cancellation:

The Sponsors reserve the right to cancel any or all races if it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of The Sponsors to conduct said races and the right to change the date and/or the location of the race(s). If an event is not raced, The Sponsors 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:

Sponsors will add a minimum of \$250,000 in total to these races. These funds, barring any unforeseen circumstance which may preclude this, in addition to all monies paid in by nominating horsemen shall constitute the purses for this event.

Payments (U.S. Funds only):

Eligibility requires payment as listed below. All payments are forfeits.

Payment Schedule (per USTA 12.02)

February 15 \$2,000

March 15 \$3,000

Declaration Fee (Legs)..... 2% of Purse

Declaration Fee (Final)..... 2% of Purse

Supplemental Nomination/Declaration:

There shall be no supplemental nomination or declaration to these events.

Declaration:

All declarations for these events will close at the time and date designated on the condition sheet at the Host Track. Declaration fee shall be due at the time of declaration and payable before the horse starts. Declaration fees should be made payable to the Host Track. There are no refunds for scratched horses. At the time of declaration, horses declared to race in these events must have a past performance line that meets the current qualifying standard for stakes and/or added money races at the Host Track. Any horse eligible via the point standings to race in the final of this event will be considered "Qualified to Race" in the final.

Notice:

Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event.

Racing Conditions:

Should more than may be accommodated in a single division declare to start in any leg, the Host Track may adopt any of the methods of dividing the race then current in the rules and regulations.

Sponsors reserve the right to conduct the stake at a distance other than one mile. If any leg is raced in divisions, each division shall race for the purse listed above.

Eligibility for Final:

To start in any Graduate Series Final, horses must be declared for that race with the Racing Office by the time posted on the condition sheet. The maximum number of starters in the Graduate Series Final(s) shall equal the number of positions on the starting gate of the Host Track. The point leader(s) at the time of the draw for the final shall draw from post positions 1-6. To be guaranteed eligibility for the Final(s), a horse must start in no fewer than half (50%) of the preliminary legs in their Series division.

Point System:

In the event that the number of horses eligible as provided above are declared into any Final should exceed the maximum number specified by these conditions, a point system (listed below), based on the official order of finish: (1) at the Host Track for the applicable preliminary leg and (2) at the time the entry box for the Final is closed, will determine the order of preference for the Final.

1st Place..... 35 Points

2nd Place 25 Points

3rd Place 15 Points

4th Place 10 Points

5th Place 8 Points

6th Place 6 Points

7th Place 4 Points

8th Place 2 Points

9th Place and all other starters..... 1 Point

Dead-Heat:

Any horses finishing in a "Dead-Heat" for any position will be awarded an equal share of the total number of points for the positions involved in the "Dead-Heat".

Tie Breaks:

a) First, the horse(s) with the most starts in the preliminary legs of this series shall receive preference and if after that tiebreaker a tie remains, then: b) The horse(s) with the highest total earnings to date in the current season as compiled by the USTA shall have preference. Any horse entering a designated point earning series event which is not raced will receive SEVEN (7) points towards qualifying for the Final, plus credit for a start toward fulfilling any minimum number of starts requirement and toward tiebreaker "a" regarding eligibility for the finals. A horse scratched from an event which is raced, will NOT receive credit or points toward meeting the starting requirements for the Final.

Starters in Fewer than 50% of the Legs:

In the event a Final fails to fill to the extent as stated in the conditions above, those with fewer than the minimum starts that are declared will then be considered for inclusion in the Final. The highest point earners in this group shall have preference in being added to the field, and in the event of ties, the above clause(s) will be used. Horses must be credited with at least one start in the series to be eligible to the Final.

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Money Division:

Leg purses shall be left to the discretion of the Host Track. One percent (1%) of the purse for the Final will be awarded to each horse finishing sixth through last. The balance of the Final purse shall be distributed 50% - 25% - 12% - 8% - 5%. The Administrator will deduct 1% of the total of nomination and sustaining payments to cover the cost of administration, trophies and trophy coolers for this (these) events

Rules:

These races are subject to the Standards for Participation in All Meadowlands Stakes and Stallion Restriction Condition (SRC) see Meadowlands website for details. A minimum of seven (7) separate interests may be required in any event or the event may be cancelled. All owners, trainers and drivers of horses nominated to this event must be accepted to participate at the Host Track or the nomination/entry may be denied without refund of previous payments. Any change of trainers made fewer than 30 days or within four starts of the date of this race will be reviewed by the sponsor and if not accepted, may result in refusal of entry. The choice of drivers for this event will be limited to those drivers who have applied and been approved to drive in Meadowlands stakes and early-closing events. The list of approved drivers will be available from the Racing Office. Any horse nominated to any Meadowlands stakes/event must be in the care of an approved trainer by April 15 year of the stake for any stake/event raced during the month of May and by May 15 for all other stakes/events. In addition, any owner who participates in a Meadowlands Stake or Early Closing event (with added money greater than \$25,000) with a trainer who has an outstanding Class 1, Class 2 or TC02 positive test having occurred on or after January 1, 2019 and under appeal in any jurisdiction will be declared ineligible to participate in any Meadowlands Stake or Early Closing event for 12 months following the conviction if such trainer is subsequently found guilty relating to the Class 1, Class 2 or TC02 positive test. Nominator also agrees that any horse paid into any Meadowlands stake/event may be required to be stabled for up to 14 days at an approved facility within a 150 mile radius of The Meadowlands or the Tioga or Vernon Downs stable area or an approved facility in a state that agrees to cooperate in an out of competition testing protocol by the date set by The Meadowlands for that stake/event for the purpose of out of competition testing. All starters are subject to the detention policy of the Host Track.

Disputes:

The rules of the Host Track and its state Racing Commission along with the USTA shall govern unless otherwise specified in these conditions. Transfer of ownership on any horse after nomination and/or failure to comply with these conditions may result in any agreement created by the acceptance of any stakes payment to be declared void at the discretion of The Meadowlands rendering the horse(s) in question ineligible to race in those stakes/events with no liability to The Meadowlands and no assurance of a refund of payments previously made to the stake/event in question. A nomination to these events is an agreement to the above terms and conditions. Sponsors reserve the right to amend conditions as deemed necessary without liability.

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