

Kentucky Standardbred Development Fund

and Kentucky Standardbred Breeders' Incentive Fund (KYSS) For 2- and 3-Year-Old Pacers & Trotters

2025 Updates:

The KHRGC is offering the following Two-and-Three-Year-Old series in 2025:

- 1) Oak Grove Early Sire Stakes: 2 Legs, Final, Consolation
- 2) KYSS Championship, Commonwealth & Golden Rod series at Red Mile: 4 Legs, Final
- 3) Wildcat Series at Red Mile: 5 Legs
- 4) Cumberland Run Late Sire Stakes: 2 Legs, Final

The KHRGC is offering the following Four-Year-Old series in 2025:

- 1) Oak Grove 4YO Series: 2 Legs, Final; 3 Legs, Final
- 2) Red Mile 4YO Series: 3 Legs
- 2) Cumberland Run 4YO Series: 2 Legs, Final

Sustaining Payments:

Two (2) Year Old Payments

March 15*	\$300
April 15	\$300
May 15	\$300
*March 15 payment is mandatory to make entry eligible as a three (3) year old.	

Three (3) Year Old Payments

February 15	\$300
March 15	\$300
April 15	\$300

Stallion Bonus:

Beginning with foals born in 2022, KYSS will offer a Stallion Bonus program. Any horse that resulted from a stallion standing in Kentucky and a mare residing in Kentucky for 180 days, as well as nominated to the program, is eligible to receive a 50% bonus if finishing 1st-5th in all 2- and 3-year-old Kentucky Sires Stakes and Kentucky Proud races. The Stallion Bonus Program is capped at a total of \$2-million annually. All bonuses will be paid once harness racing concludes for the year to the registered owner of the horse at the time it raced. If the \$2-million cap is met within the racing year, then all awards will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Eligibility:

In order to qualify for the Kentucky Sire Stakes, a foal shall be a two (2) or three (3) year old Kentucky-bred and maintain eligibility for the KSDF and KSBIF. A horse that does not start in at least one (1) of the preliminary legs scheduled shall not be eligible for the final or consolation.

Qualifying:

Any horse declared into a Kentucky Sires Stakes race shall show at least one (1) charted race line with no breaks within forty-five (45) days prior to the day of the race; and have satisfied the following time requirements:

On a track larger than five-eighths (5/8) of a mile:

A two (2) year old trotter shall have been timed in two minutes and six seconds (2:06) or faster. A two (2) year old pacer shall have been timed in two minutes and four seconds (2:04) or faster.

A three (3) year old trotter shall have been timed in two minutes and two seconds (2:02) or faster. A three (3) year old pacer shall have been timed in two minutes and zero seconds (2:00) or faster.

On a five-eighths (5/8) mile track:

A two (2) year old trotter shall have been timed in two minutes and seven seconds (2:07) or faster.

A two (2) year old pacer shall have been timed in two minutes and five seconds (2:05) or faster.

A three (3) year old trotter shall have been timed in two minutes and three seconds (2:03) or faster.

A three (3) year old pacer shall have been timed in two minutes and one second (2:01) or faster.

On a one-half (1/2) mile track:

A two (2) year old trotter shall have been timed in two minutes and eight seconds (2:08) or faster.

A two (2) year old pacer shall have been timed in two minutes and six seconds (2:06) or faster.

A three (3) year old trotter shall have been timed in two minutes and four seconds (2:04) or faster.

A three (3) year old pacer shall have been timed in two minutes and two seconds (2:02) or faster.

A horse shall be scratched from a race if the person declaring the horse has failed to advise the race secretary of a start that is not reflected on the electronic eligibilities.

The requirements of this section shall apply both to wagering and nonwagering races

Declaration Fees:

For each horse declared to race in a preliminary leg, there shall be a declaration fee of one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the total purses distributed or to be distributed for each race in which the horse is declared. The declaration fee shall be due to the racing association at the time of declaration and payable one (1) hour prior to post time.

Number of Starters:

There shall not be more than ten (10) starters in each final race on a one (1) mile track; and eight (8) horses on a one-half (1/2) or five-eighths (5/8) mile track.

All horses shall be on the gate for the final race.

Division of Preliminary Legs:

Preliminary legs shall be split into divisions as follows:

One (1) mile track:

-Twelve (12) horses or less entered - one (1) division race.

-Thirteen (13) to twenty (20) horses entered - two (2) divisions.

-Twenty-one (21) to thirty (30) horses entered - three (3) divisions.

-Thirty-one (31) to forty (40) horses entered - four (4) divisions.

-Forty-one (41) to fifty (50) horses entered - five (5) divisions.

-Fifty-one (51) to sixty (60) horses entered - six (6) divisions.

One-half (1/2) and five-eighths (5/8) mile track:

-Nine (9) to ten (10) horses entered - one (1) division.

-Eleven (11) to sixteen (16) horses entered - two (2) divisions.

-Seventeen (17) to twenty-four (24) horses entered -three (3) divisions.

-Twenty-five (25) to thirty-two (32) horses entered- four (4) divisions.

-Thirty-three (33) to forty (40) horses entered - five divisions.

-Forty-one (41) to forty-eight (48) horses entered - six divisions.

If the need exists for seven (7) or more divisions, eligibility to the final shall be determined in a manner consistent with the published conditions.

Post Positions:

Post positions for the final, consolation, and all preliminary legs of the Kentucky Sire Stakes race shall be an open draw with two (2) horses drawn for the final and consolation races that are designated as "also eligibles".

Distance:

Each Kentucky Sire Stakes race shall be a one (1) mile dash.

Final Order of Finish:

The judges' "official order of finish" shall be used in determining eligibility to the final exclusive of all appeals yet to be decided at the time of closing of the entry box for final events.

Points Schedule:

1. 1st place - fifty (50) points;
2. 2nd place - twenty-five (25) points;
3. 3rd place - twelve (12) points;
4. 4th place - eight (8) points;
5. 5th place - five (5) points;
6. 6th place and all other starters - one (1) point

All horses earning points may enter in the final with:

The top eight (8) point earners, if the horses raced on a half (1/2) mile track or five-eighths (5/8) mile track; or top ten (10) point earners, if the horses raced on a one (1) mile track, to be declared eligible.

On a half (1/2) mile track or five-eighths (5/8) mile track, the top eight (8) point earners shall not be eligible for the consolation. On a one (1) mile track, the top ten (10) point earners shall not be eligible for the consolation.

A horse that is eligible to race in the final shall only be eligible to race in the final, unless the horse is qualified as an also eligible.

A horse finishing in a dead heat for any position in a preliminary leg shall be awarded an equal share of the total number of points awarded for that position.

If there is a tie among horses after the awarding of points there shall be a drawing by lot among those horses tied in total points to determine which horses shall be included in the final field.

If a horse that is qualified for the final or consolation is not declared, the horse with the next highest point total that is declared shall be eligible for the final or consolation.

Purse Distributions:

The purses awarded for all races shall be distributed on the following percentage basis:

- Five (5) starters - fifty (50) percent, twenty-five (25) percent, twelve (12) percent, eight (8) percent, and five (5) percent;
- Four (4) starters - fifty (50) percent, twenty-five (25) percent, twelve (12) percent, eight (8) percent, and the remaining five (5) percent reverts back to the fund;
- Three (3) starters - fifty (50) percent, twenty-five (25) percent, twelve (12) percent, and the remaining thirteen (13) percent reverts back to the fund;
- Two (2) starters - fifty (50) percent, and twenty-five (25) percent, and the remaining twenty-five (25) percent reverts back to the fund; and
- One (1) starter - fifty (50) percent, and the remaining fifty (50) percent reverts back to the fund.

The percentage basis established by subsection (1) of this section shall apply at each of the Kentucky pari-mutuel tracks.

Detention:

All starters shall be subject to the detention policy of the racetrack.

Early Closing Events:

The corporation may provide for separate early closing events for Kentucky-bred horses.

Checks Made Payable To and Send To:

Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation
4047 Iron Works Parkway
Lexington, KY 40511
Phone: 859-246-2847

For information on race dates, purses, conditions and the four-year-old series, with a full access to the of statutes and regulations governing the KYSS, please visit khrc.ky.gov

