

# Kentucky Fairs

## 2025 Conditions

### To Be Raced As:

The Kentucky Proud Series  
(formerly called Harness Racing at County Fairs)

### To Be Raced At:

Various tracks in the state of Kentucky.

### For:

To be eligible for the Kentucky Proud Series, the horse must be a two (2) year old or a three (3) year old that is a Kentucky-bred as defined in 810 KAR 7:040 and has met all requirements of 810 KAR 5:080.

### Purses:

Each race will have a purse of \$1,500 per entry per division with a minimum purse of \$6,000, per race and a final's purse of \$50,000.

### Deadlines & Fees:

Nomination Fee..... March 1, 2025 .....\$50  
Sustaining Fee..... May 1, 2025..... \$200  
Entry Fee (Legs) ..... Due at the time of entry.....\$100  
Entry Fee (Final)..... Due at the time of entry..... \$200

### Number of Starters:

There shall be no more than two (2) trailers in any race.

On a one (1) mile track, there shall be ten (10) horses on the gate and the race shall split on eleven (11) horses.

On a half mile track, there shall be five (5) horses on the gate with two (2) trailers, and the race shall split on eight (8) horses.

On a five-eighths mile track, there shall be eight (8) horses on the gate and the race shall split at nine (9) horses.

### Purse Distributions:

The purse for each race shall be divided as follows:

- 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, 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.

### Minimum Number of Starts:

In addition to the points set forth below, a horse must have started in at least one-half (50%) of the Kentucky Proud Series to be eligible to race in the Kentucky Proud Series Final.

### Points Distribution:

- Points shall be awarded in an early closing race, and any division of an early closing race, as follows:
  - First place finisher - fifty (50) points;
  - Second place finisher - twenty-five (25) points;
  - Third place finisher - twelve (12) points;
  - Fourth place finisher - eight (8) points;
  - Fifth place finisher - five (5) points; and
  - Each starter that finishes out of the money - one (1) point.

- If two (2) horses dead-heat for any position, they shall each receive one-half (1/2) of the points awarded for that position and one-half (1/2) of the points awarded for the next lower position. The same procedure shall be used for the allocation of points if there is a dead-heat of three (3) or more horses.
- A horse that is declared in and then is the subject of a judge's scratch shall be awarded one (1) point based upon the decision of the presiding judge. This decision shall be final.
- If there is a tie among two (2) or more horses with the same number of points, the tie shall be resolved in favor of the horse with the higher earnings in the early closing fair events in which the horses have competed.
- If any races are canceled due to weather conditions and are not rescheduled for a later date, the points for distribution set forth in this section shall not apply, and instead one (1) point shall be awarded to each horse entered for that race date.

### Note:

The KHRGC has the final decision on any disputes that may arise.

Horses eligible for the Kentucky Proud Series may be eligible for early closing events approved by the Kentucky Sire Stakes Advisory panel from time to time.

### Rules:

810 KAR 5:080. Kentucky Proud Series.

RELATES TO: KRS 230.215, 230.260, 230.280, 230.290, 230.310, 230.398

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 230.215, 230.260, 230.398

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 230.215(2) and 230.260(8) authorize the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation to promulgate administrative regulations prescribing the conditions under which horse racing shall be conducted in Kentucky. KRS 230.398 authorizes the corporation to promulgate administrative regulations governing the conduct of county fair races, branded as the Kentucky Proud Series. This administrative regulation establishes conditions, purses, and payments in races conducted as part of the Kentucky Proud Series, in which funds for purses are provided by the corporation, and regulates eligibility for participation in the Kentucky Proud Series.

### Section 1. Eligibility.

A horse shall be eligible to participate in a two (2) or three (3) year old Kentucky Proud Series stakes race if the horse is a two (2) year old or a three (3) year old that is "Kentucky-bred" as defined by 810 KAR 7:040.

### Section 2. Track Requirements.

- A fair shall have a safe and adequate track, and the entire track, including start and finish lines, shall be visible to judges and spectators.
- The track shall be inspected and approved by a representative of the corporation.
- A track shall have a hub rail or pylons approved by the corporation.

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- (4)(a) A fair shall have safe and adequate stalls for participating horses.
- (b) If permanent stalls are not available, tents or other tie-in type stalls may be used.
- (c) Except as established by paragraph (d) of this subsection, a county fair shall not charge stall rent for horses racing at the fair.
- (d) A county fair may charge stall rent if the fair is held on state-owned property.

### **Section 3. Officials.**

- (1) The host track shall submit to the corporation, at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening of a race meeting, a written list of racing officials and applicable employees.
- (2) 810 KAR 2:050 shall govern the judges and racing officials at Kentucky Proud Series stakes races.
- (3) Officials shall be paid by the entity hosting the races, with the exception of judges. Judges shall be paid by the corporation. The Corporation shall determine the number of judges, notwithstanding any provision of 810 KAR 2:050 to the contrary.

### **Section 4. Requirements.**

Each race shall be held in accordance with KRS Chapter 230 and 810 KAR Chapters 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8

### **Section 5. Kentucky Sire Stakes Panel.**

No later than December 15 of each calendar year, the Kentucky Sire Stakes advisory panel established in 810 KAR 7:040 may annually address, and the corporation may annually approve, based on promoting the best interests of racing, at least the following conditions, which shall, once approved, be placed in the condition book for the following year:

- (1) The purse for each race;
- (2) Race dates;
- (3) Fees, such as nomination, sustaining, starting, and finals fees;
- (4) Distribution of revenue for the Kentucky Proud Series;
- (5) Early closers; and
- (6) Other conditions necessary to participate in the Kentucky Proud Series.

### **Section 6. Drug Testing.**

- (1) The winning horse at a fair race and any other horse or horses as selected by the judges may be required to take a drug test as established in 810 KAR 8:010 and 810 KAR 8:060.
- (2) A fair shall provide two (2) enclosed stalls and bedding to be used by the corporation veterinarian for drug testing.
- (3) The stalls required by subsection (2) of this section shall be located as close to the race track as possible.
- (4) The stalls shall be positioned to allow the track announcer to be heard.
- (5) The expense of the testing laboratory or other testing processes, whether furnished by contract or otherwise, together with all supplies and equipment used in connection therewith, shall be paid by the entity operating harness races under this administrative regulation.

### **Section 7. Violations.**

A person or association that violates a provision of this administrative regulation shall be subject to the penalties established in 810 KAR 8:030, Section 10. (45 Ky.R. 1963; 3144; eff. 5-31-2019; 47 Ky.R. 2135; 48 Ky.R. 27; eff. 10-5-2021.)

### **Make Nomination and Sustaining Checks Payable To and Send To:**

Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation  
4047 Iron Works Parkway  
Lexington, KY 40511  
Website: KHRC.KY.gov