

Michigan-Sired Colt Stakes

Serviced By:

Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association

For:

2-Year-Olds (foals of 2023) and 3-Year-Olds (foals of 2022) that are Michigan sired.

Estimated Purses:

3-Year-Olds (Blue).....	\$10,000
3-Year-Olds (Green).....	\$5,000
2-Year-Olds (Blue).....	\$12,000
2-Year-Olds (Green).....	\$10,000
Purses subject to revenue received.	

To Be Raced At:

A Michigan county fair track or pari-mutuel track as approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Eligibility:

All Michigan sired:

- Michigan Sired is defined as a foal from a Standardbred stallion properly registered with the USTA that resides in Michigan, is owned or leased by a Michigan resident(s) and that did not serve a mare at a location outside of this state from February 1 through July 31 of the calendar year in which the conception occurred. All foals from a mare that is owned by a resident or non-resident of Michigan at the time of conception either in state or outside of Michigan by means of transported semen from a properly registered Michigan Standardbred stallion.
- Foals from a mare owned by a resident or non-resident of Michigan at the time of conception either in state or outside the state of Michigan by means of transported semen from a properly registered Michigan stallion with the USTA during the year of conception.
- Eligibility will be verified with the USTA at time of nomination 2/15/2025.
- If there is a question on eligibility you will be contacted by the MHHA.

Nomination Fee (in U.S. Funds Only):

February 15, 2025.....\$500
All nominating payments and starter/entry fee less administrative fees will be divided equally among the race program.

Note:

Michigan sired horses properly nominated to the Michigan sired colt stakes early closing program are also eligible to enter in the mixed colt stakes events for no additional nomination fee. If a Michigan sired horse makes a start in a mixed program event, the mixed program start will count towards the total 8 event program the horse was nominated to. A horse nominated to this program is limited to 8 events.

Late Supplemental Nomination Fee (in U.S. Funds Only):

April 15, 2025\$1,000

Starting Fee (in U.S. Funds Only):

3-Year-Olds (Blue).....	\$150
3-Year-Olds (Green).....	\$100
2-Year-Olds (Blue).....	\$150
2-Year-Olds (Green).....	\$150
Due at the time and place designated by MHHA.	

Change of Gait:

Any eligible colt changing gait after April 15, 2025, will be eligible to race at the gait adopted upon notifying MHHA of the change.

Refunds:

All requests for refunds must be made in writing to the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association by June 2, 2025. Requests will be considered for: a.) Horse declared ineligible; b.) Duplication of payment; c.) Clerical error.

Conditions:

- The Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association, in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Agriculture, reserves the right to define the specific dates of the racing weeks and all race dates are subject to change based on fair availability, weather, and other factors.
- Any nominating payment returned for insufficient funds (NSF) will automatically be considered failure to nominate. Any late nominating payment returned for insufficient funds (NSF) will be considered failure to nominate. A processing fee of 3.5% will be added to all credit card payments.
- Unless otherwise noted in the conditions, the Michigan Early Closing Colt Stakes conducted at a county fair track are raced under the rules of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the United States Trotting Association. The Michigan Early Closing Colt Stakes conducted at a pari-mutuel track are raced under the rules of the Michigan Gaming Control Board.
- Prior to declaration to race, each colt must be properly identified in accordance to USTA registration rules and registration number shall be on file with the MHHA.
- Each owner, shareholder, lessee, managing partner of a fractional owner group, and trainer of each colt nominated shall remit with nomination, a program service fee of \$50.00 to cover administrative, insurance and processing costs. This fee is waived for current members of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association. Declarations to start will not be accepted until this fee is paid as outlined above. Further, all owners, shareholders or lessees of each colt must provide the MHHA with a Social Security number or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) for the purpose of reporting race earnings.
- If a horse has been determined ineligible to the program it was nominated to and you believe this is an error, you have 30 days from the date of the ineligibility letter to contact the MHHA office to discuss. If after 30 days the MHHA office has not received any objections to those notified of ineligibility, the horse(s) are deemed ineligible, and no additional recourse can take place to make the horse eligible.
- All races one mile. If the event is to be contested at a county fair track and more than 8 starters declare into race in any one of the eight divisions, that race will be divided and raced in divisions and each division shall race one heat for an equal share of the purse. If the event is to be contested at a half-mile pari-mutuel track, and more than 9 starters declare in to race in any one of the eight divisions, that race will be divided and raced in divisions and each division shall race one heat for an equal share of the purse. There will be no more than 3 starters from the 2nd tier for races contested at a county fair track and no more than 1 starter from the 2nd tier for races contested at a pari-mutuel track.

8. All colts entering to race on the live betting card at a pari-mutuel track must have a current charted line within 45 days AT TIME OF ENTRY Races scheduled at a pari-mutuel track may be raced as betting or non-betting races at the discretion of the host track. In the event a race is non-betting or raced on a date when the pari-mutuel track is not hosting a live betting card race date - the 45-day charted line rule may be waived. The MHHA recommends all horses have a 45-day charted line to prevent scratches.
9. The starting fee must be paid on a scratched colt, and that colt may not enter any other Michigan Early Closing Colt Stake race until the starting fee is paid. There is no penalty for a withdrawal before the entry box closes. Entry will not be accepted for a horse whose owner or trainer is indebted for a previous starting fee to any event administered by MHHA.
10. In the event a starter fee is returned for insufficient funds (NSF), the horse is not eligible for entry in any other Michigan Early Closing Colt Stake, Spartan Stake, Sire Stake elimination and Final, Michigan Championship Elimination and Final, Great Lake Stake race until the insufficient funds starter fee is paid including a \$50 NSF penalty. 2 insufficient fund starter fee payments made at any point during the 2025 summer racing season will result in future entry fees to be paid in cash for the remainder of the 2025 racing season.
11. Phenylbutazone (Bute) and/or Lasix are permitted medications for 3-year-old Michigan Early Closing Colt Stake races that are held at a pari-mutuel track. Phenylbutazone (Bute) and/or Lasix are not permitted medications for any race that takes place a county fair. No medications are allowed in a 2-year-old in Michigan.
12. Horses racing in Michigan must have negative Coggins results posted on electronic eligibilities in current year. Proof of EHV vaccination within six months is required prior to entering horses to race at a Michigan pari-mutuel track.
13. If a race is called off and unable to be rescheduled due to unavoidable causes, weather, etc, starting fees paid shall be returned less administrative fees.
14. Monies will be deducted for administrative and program expenses.
15. All of the events, dates, and the advertised purses herein are contingent upon approval and funding by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. If it becomes necessary to cancel any event (or part thereof) or if funds are not available for the full advertised purse because the Michigan Department of Agriculture is unable to provide the necessary funds MHHA shall not be held responsible.
16. The Michigan Early Closing Michigan Sired Colt Stakes is limited to a total of 8 events. A Michigan sired horse nominated to this program is also eligible to enter in the Michigan Early Closing Mixed Colt Stakes events. The Michigan sired horse may only start in 8 events in the early closing colt stakes. If a Michigan sired horse starts in the Michigan Early Closing Mixed Company Colt stakes, the start in the Mixed Company Colt Stakes will count as one of the Michigan Sired Colt Stakes eight events. Example: If a horse has started in 2 Mixed Company Colt Stakes and 2 Michigan Sired Colt stakes events, the horse has 4 remaining events. The 4 remaining events can be either the Michigan Early Closing MI Sired Colt Stakes or the Michigan Early Closing Mixed Company Colt Stakes events. If a horse has reached the 8 event total, their declaration into another Michigan Early Closing Colt Stakes (Sired only or Mixed Company) will not be accepted. The MHHA will work in conjunction with the clerk to track the total number of events each properly nominated horse has started in. Starts in the Great Lakes Stakes, Spartan Stakes, MI Sire Stakes Eliminations and Finals, Michigan Championship Eliminations and Finals are excluded from the 8-event total. They are considered separate events from the Michigan Early Closing Colt Stakes Program.
17. Once a Michigan Sired horse is declared into either the Michigan Early Closing Michigan Sired Colt Stakes OR the Michigan Early Closing Mixed Company Colt Stakes event and the race(s) have been drawn, the event the Michigan sired horse is drawn into will count towards the program's 8 event total. If a horse is scratched from an event for any reason other than race clerk entry error, the event the horse was scratched from will count towards the 8-event total.

Money Division:

Five or more starters – 50%-25%-12%-8%-5%. If less than five starters, all non-contested monies will be paid to the winner.

Make Checks Payable To:

MHHA

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