

# Meadowlands Pace 2026

## For 3-Year-Old Pacers

### Owned and Serviced By:

The Meadowlands

### Sponsored By:

The Meadowlands, et al.

### For:

Open Pace for Foals of 2023

### To Be Raced As:

Eliminations (if necessary) with a Final

### Estimated Purses:

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| Eliminations ..... | \$50,000G  |
| Final .....        | \$700,000E |

### 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. This money will be pro-rated among those owners of horses eligible at the time of cancellation.

### Added Money:

Sponsors will add a minimum of \$300,000 to this race. 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. This payment is a contract between the nominator and The Meadowlands. It may be void at the discretion of The Meadowlands if ownership of the nominee is transferred after this payment has been made. All payments are forfeits.

### Payment Schedule (per USTA 12.02):

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| Yearling Nomination:                      |         |
| May 15 .....                              | \$50    |
| Yearling Supplement:                      |         |
| August 15 .....                           | \$125   |
| On 2-Year-Olds:                           |         |
| March 15 .....                            | \$400   |
| 2-Year-Old Supplement* .....              | \$1,000 |
| On 3-Year-Olds:                           |         |
| February 15 .....                         | \$500   |
| March 15 .....                            | \$2,000 |
| April 15 .....                            | \$2,000 |
| 3-Year-Old Supplement** .....             | \$7,500 |
| Declaration Fee (Elimination Races) ..... | \$2,500 |
| Declaration Fee (Final) .....             | \$5,000 |

### Supplemental Payments:

\*Ineligible horses may be made eligible to the Meadowlands Pace as a two-year-old by paying the \$1,000 supplemental payment on March 15 in lieu of the regular payment of \$400. All three-year-old sustaining payments must then be made to continue eligibility.

\*\*Ineligible horses may be made eligible to the Meadowlands Pace as a three-year-old either by paying the \$7,500 supplemental payment on February 15 in lieu of the regular February 15 sustaining payment plus all subsequent sustaining payments; or at the time of declaration by paying an amount equal to 20% of the nominating and sustaining payments made into that race, plus the

starting fees, due at time of declaration as listed on The Meadowlands condition sheet. This payment must be made in the form of a certified check no later than the prescribed time and date determined by The Meadowlands.

### Declaration:

Declarations will close at the time and date designated on the condition sheet of the Host Track. Declaration fees 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.

### Notice:

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

### Racing Conditions:

Should ten (10) or fewer declare, there will be no elimination race(s) and all declared will race in the final at distance of one mile. If eleven (11) to thirteen (13) declare, byes shall be offered to the top lifetime money winning horses (USTA records) in descending order until the elimination field meets the number of positions on the starting gate if possible. Should more than thirteen (13) declare, the host track may adopt any of the methods of dividing the race current in the rules and regulations. If elimination race(s) are necessary, the number of horses in finals for this event shall be limited to the number of positions on the starting gate at the host track at one mile. Any ties so far as continuing from an elimination race to a final shall be decided by a blind draw. In the event that horses eligible for the final should choose not to race, additional horses from the elimination races will be selected from those properly declared by taking the horse(s) placing highest in the order of finish in the elimination races to complete the field for the final. The next two properly declared horses placing highest in the order of finish in the elimination races shall be listed as also eligible for the finals and may draw in before scratch time. The formula for drawing post positions for the final will be disclosed in advance of any necessary elimination races.

### Money Division:

One percent (1%) of the purse for the Final will be awarded to each horse finishing sixth through last. The balance of the 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-clos-

ing 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.

**Make Checks Payable To and Send To:**

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