

**PENNSYLVANIA SIRE STAKES FUND**  
**Race No. 53 (Pari-Mutuel Division)**  
**Foals of 2017**

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These events are subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Pennsylvania State Harness Racing Commission and the applicable rule of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Each yearling must have been sired by a registered stallion standing in Pennsylvania the full season of service (2016) during which the dam was bred to produce such foal.

A copy of the USTA or other approved registration certificate is to accompany each nomination.

Each race is to be a mile dash.

A starter must show at least one clean charted line (no breaks) within 45 days prior to the advertised declaration date. No official workouts or non-regularly-scheduled qualifiers shall give a horse a satisfactory line. The time standard (subject to allowances) shall be the following:

3-Year-Old Pacers .....	2:00
3-Year-Old Trotters .....	2:02
2-Year-Old Pacers .....	2:03
2-Year-Old Trotters .....	2:05

There will be no trailers permitted to start in any Pennsylvania Sire Stakes races.

In the case of a split in the event, the association conducting same may divide the race by adopting one of the methods of division racing then current in the Pennsylvania State Harness Racing Commission Rules and Regulations.

Gait must be declared by the May 15, 2018 payment. Transfer may be made at the time of declaration but starting payments remain in the respective funds.

All 2-year-old and 3-year-old starters must have 4 full days off between starts. Ex. Horse raced on Monday, cannot race until Saturday.

All 2-year-old and 3-year-old races will be raced in separate colt and filly divisions.

All starting fees will be added to the purse and will be paid to the track conducting the event. All other payments to Pennsylvania Sire Stakes Fund.

**The Purse Will Be Distributed as Follows:**

- 50-25-12-8-5% if 5 starters or more;
- 50-25-15-10% if 4 starters;
- 60-30-10% if 3 starters;
- 65-35% if only 2 starters;
- 100% in case of walkover.

Should circumstances prevent the racing of any event, all monies available will be prorated among horses declared in for the untested event at the time of declaring off; horses do not have to be on the grounds, but the entry fee must be paid before a check is released.

Horsemen should check the host track's overnight sheet or call its racing office to find out the declaration day and time for these Sire Stakes.

Points are awarded based on order of finish, in this manner: 35 points for first, 25 points for second, 15 points for third, 10 points

for fourth, 8 points for fifth, 5 points for sixth, 4 points for seventh, 2 points for eighth, and 1 point for ninth or further back. Scratches receive no points. DNFs receive no points. In the case of a dead-heat for finish position, the points for that position and the one(s) under it will be added and divided by the number of horses in the dead-heat.

Fields for championship races will be limited to the number of starters allowed on the gate for each PA Pari-Mutuel Racetrack. Two AEs will be drawn in and programmed, and can scratch in until 6 p.m. the night before the race. If two or more horses are tied in the point standings and declare in for the championship, they shall be separated by the amount won in their pari-mutuel Sire Stakes division. There is a \$1,000 starting fee for the Championship race.

Eligibility to the pari-mutuel Sire Stakes will also be used in determining eligibility for Stallion Series events that may be raced in any given year.

**Future Eligibility:**

Failure to make the March 15, 2019 2-year-old sustaining payment constitutes automatic elimination from this stake. If a 2-year-old makes the required March 15 payment(s), they need not make the respective May 15 payment in order to be eligible at 3, but they are then ineligible at 2.

Supplementary payment may be made to this stake on the foals of 2016 upon payment of \$750 between May 16 and December 31 of the yearling year, and \$1,500 between January 1 and March 15 of the 2-year-old year (plus the sustaining fees due on that date). To maintain eligibility all future payments may be made as regularly required.

Pennsylvania Sire Stakes Fund divided each year in accordance with the ratio established in the law.

Each association will provide a trophy for each event.

**Payment Schedule (U.S. funds):**

May 15, 2018 .....	Yearling Nomination Fee .....	\$50
March 15, 2019 .....	2-Year-Old Sustaining Payment.....	\$150
May 15, 2019.....	2-Year-Old Sustaining Payment.....	\$400
March 15, 2020 .....	3-Year-Old Sustaining Payment.....	\$500
	Starting Payment for Each Event.....	\$400

**Disputes:**

In the case of any disputes as to the interpretation of these conditions, the decision of the Commission shall be final. All fees and payments in any race are accepted on the condition that all claims, objections, and appeals arising out of these races or with respect to the interpretation of any rules or conditions of the race, or otherwise, shall be decided by the Commission.

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

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