

**MASSACHUSETTS STANDARDBRED SIRE STAKES
Rules and Regulations**

Massachusetts Standardbred Sire Stakes are for Massachusetts eligible foals to race as two- and three-year-olds. S.O.M. Inc. shall on or before January 1, of each year, establish the amount of fees to register eligible yearlings, two-year-olds and three-year-olds in this program. The eligibility dates for colts/geldings and fillies shall conform to the USTA rule and regulations.

Stakes races shall be for foals of mares bred to a stallion that is registered with S.O.M. Inc. and the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, and stood in Massachusetts for the full season. Foals maintaining qualifications shall be eligible to race as two and three year olds. These races shall be known as the Massachusetts Sire Stakes.

Beginning with the 2002-breeding season the resident mare legislation (Chapter 139 of the Acts of 2001) will be in effect.

Also Eligible: Beginning with the 2002 breeding season all mares bred out of state and residing in Massachusetts prior to December 1 of the year before foaling, must be registered with S.O.M. Inc. and the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. A copy of the mare's registration and a statement where the mare will be residing in Massachusetts, along with (\$25.00) registration fee must be paid to S.O.M. Inc. prior to December 1 in order for the foal to be eligible to the program.

A stallion shall be registered by January 1 of each year preceding the stallion's standing in service on designated farm. Stallions shall be registered with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources and S.O.M. Inc. and shall stand for the full breeding season on the designated farm. Prior to October 1 of each year, each breeder standing a standardbred stallion in the commonwealth at either private or public service shall file with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources a list of all standardbred mares bred to such stallion in that year and a verified statement representing that the stallion stood the entire breeding season in the commonwealth. The breeding season for stallions standing for stud service shall be from the first day of February to the fifteenth day of July in each year. Registered stallions shall not be removed from the designated farm during the breeding season except in case of emergency. There is a ten percent (10%) Stallion Award paid to the stallion owners of stallions standing in Massachusetts.

Yearling Eligibility:

May 15, 2019.....\$25

Each yearling must be sired by a registered and eligible stallion that is registered, with S.O.M. INC., and the Department. The owner of the dam need not be a resident of Massachusetts and foaling need not be in Massachusetts. The yearling registration will require a copy of the USTA registration certificate along with the nomination fee of \$25.00 by May 15th of the yearling year. A late registration fee of \$500.00, plus the \$25.00 nomination fee, if paid by December 31st of the yearling year, will count as registration.

Beginning in 2004 yearling nomination will limit eligibility to race at ages 2 and 3, yearlings shall have met the following requirements.

The qualifying standardbred horses shall have been sired by a Massachusetts registered stallion on file with the Department of Agricultural Resources; provided, however, that the stallion stood the entire breeding season of February 1, to July 15, inclusive, in the commonwealth in the year any such eligible foal was conceived; or

The foal of a standardbred mare that drops the foal in the commonwealth and is bred back to a Massachusetts registered stallion; or the foal of a standardbred mare that resides in the commonwealth from December 1 of the year prior to foaling and continues such residence until foaling and foals in the commonwealth. In either case of sub (1) or (2), each standardbred foal dropped in the commonwealth shall be registered with the United States Trotting Association, S.O.M. Inc. and the Department of Agricultural Resources.

Two and Three-Year-Old Eligibility:

All two and three year olds must make the following payments in order to race as two and three year olds.

2-Year Olds
February 15th (Continuation)..... \$100
April 15th (Sustaining-Specify Gait)..... \$200
3-Year Olds
February 15th (Continuation)..... \$150
April 15th (Sustaining-Specified Gait)..... \$300

The February 15th payment of the two year old year must be made in order to remain eligible as a three year old. All gaits must be specified on the April 15th payment. Transfer of gait may be made at time of declaration, but past payments remain in respected funds.

Make Nominating, Continuation, and Sustaining Checks Payable To and Send To:

S.O.M. Inc.
PO Box 1682
Plainville, MA 02762

Starting fees shall be collected at the pari-mutuel track, and shall be distributed according to the applicable and pertinent rules and regulations of the USTA.