Michigan-Sired Colt Stakes

Serviced By:
Michigan Harness Horsemens Association

For:
2-Year-Olds (foals of 2022) and 3-Year-Olds (foals of 2021) that are Michigan sired.

To Be Raced As:
Eight Races
2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pace 2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Trot
2-Year-Old Filly Pace 2-Year-Old Filly Trot
2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Trot 2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Trot
2-Year-Old Filly Trot 2-Year-Old Filly Trot

Estimated Purses:
3-Year-Olds .......................................................... $11,000
2-Year-Olds Tier 1 .................................................. $10,000
2-Year-Olds Tier 2 .................................................. $5,000

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:
a. 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.
b. 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.
c. Eligibility will be verified with the USTA at time of nomination 2/15/2024.
d. If there is a question on eligibly you will be contacted by the MHHA.

Nomination Fee (in U.S. Funds Only):
February 15, 2024.................................................. $500
All nominating payments and starter/entry fee less administrative fees will be divided equally among the race program.

Late Supplemental Nomination Fee (in U.S. Funds Only):
April 15, 2024.................................................. $1,000

Starting Fee (in U.S. Funds Only):
3-Year-Olds .......................................................... $150
2-Year-Olds Tier 1 .................................................. $150
2-Year-Olds Tier 2 .................................................. $100
Due at the time and place designated by MHHA.

Change of Gait:
Any eligible colt changing gait after April 15, 2024, 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 1, 2024. Requests will be considered for: a.) Horse declared ineligible b.) Duplication of payment c.) Clerical error.
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 in that Race Week. 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, 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 2024 summer racing season will result in future entry fees to be paid in cash for the remainder of the 2024 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. Horses eligible for both mixed and MI Sired-only colt stakes programs will only be allowed to race once per program week. A program week will be defined by the MHHA in the fair book.

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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