

Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes

For 2- and 3-Year-Old Pacers & Trotters

Standardbred Breeders Stakes Colt Rules:

The Commission will establish and promote Breeders Stakes to encourage and develop a Maine breed of Standardbred horses in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 11, Section 281, Maine Revised Statutes.

1. A committee of advisors will be appointed annually by the Commission to assist the Commission in promoting this program. The advisors will be selected from interested persons engaged in breeding or racing Standardbred horses. At least one member will be from a racing association or agricultural fair programming at least one stake race. The advisory committee will serve without compensation.
2. The name of the events shall be Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes for eligible 2- and 3-year olds.
3. The Commission shall establish a schedule of races and select the sites of the events annually.
4. Eligibility, estimate values, purses, fees, and conditions shall be announced by the Commission by publication no later than March 1 of the year of the race. Application forms will be available at the office of the Commission.
 - a. Yearling nomination payment of \$20 shall be due on all Maine- sired colts and fillies by May 15 of the year following the colt or filly's first birth date.
 - b. A continuation fee of \$20 for eligible 2-year-olds shall be due Feb. 15 of the year of the race.
 - c. A continuation fee of \$50 for eligible 3-year-olds shall be due Feb. 15 of the year of the race.
 - d. A sustaining fee of \$50 for eligible 2-year-olds and \$70 for eligible 3-year-olds shall be due by May 15 of the year of the race. Sustaining fees need not be paid on 2-year-olds unless the 2-year-old will race during its 2-year-old year.
 - e. The gait that 2- and 3-year-olds will race must be specified at the time of sustaining, on May 15 of the year of the race. Switching gait or racing at both will be allowed only if the animal has been sustained, and fees paid, to both trot and pace by May 15 of the year of the race.
 - f. A starting fee of \$75.00 for eligible 2 year olds to seasonal events shall be due at the time of declaration and payable to the Association sponsoring the event. A starting fee of \$100.00 for eligible 3 year olds to seasonal events shall also be due at the time of declaration and payable to the Association sponsoring the event.
 - g. Nominating, continuation, supplemental and sustaining payments will be made to the Maine State Harness Racing Commission at the office.
5. All persons standing a stallion in Maine shall register the stallion with the Commission prior to Jan. 1 of the year of the breeding season. Registration fees will be \$100 per stallion per breeding season. Registration fees shall be made to the Maine State Harness Racing Commission at their office. Such fees will be added to purses.
6. Breeding Report. A copy of the form reporting to the United States Trotting Association the breeding of mares, or a form supplied by the Commission, will be completed and forwarded to the Commission Office no later than Sept. 1 of the year of breeding.

Any association or agricultural fair that desires to be included in programming events in the Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes must so inform the Commission prior to Nov. 1 preceding the year of the event.

Eligibility.

1. Eligibility. Colts and fillies sired by an eligible Maine stallion which was registered with the Commission, that stood the full season of service in Maine, during which time a mare was bred to produce a foal, the resulting foal shall be eligible to the Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes races providing all required documents are filed and fees paid. In the event a yearling payment is not made on May 15 of the year following foaling, (as required by subsection A, paragraph 4, subparagraph a) the foal may be made eligible providing that all other eligibility requirements are met by payment of a \$500 late fee together with the previously missed payment.
2. Otherwise eligible Maine-bred colts and fillies that were not kept eligible by payment of subsequent fees may be made eligible as 2-year- olds, providing all other eligibility requirements are met, by payment of a \$750 late fee and all previously missed payments and late fees prior to the first stakes race of that year.

Otherwise eligible Maine bred colts and fillies that were not kept eligible by payment of subsequent fees may be made eligible as 3-year- olds, providing all other eligibility requirements are met, by payment of a \$1,000 supplemental payment and all previously missed yearling, 2- and 3-year-old payments and late fees prior to the first stake race of that year.

Purse Structure.

1. Nominating fees, continuation fees, supplementary eligibility fees, starting fees, and registration fees will be allocated to purses as follows:
 - a. Stallion registration fees will be allocated equally among all trotting and pacing 2- and 3-year-old events the year following fee receipt by the Commission.
 - b. Nomination fees will be equally divided among all trotting and pacing 2-year-old events in the year nominations are made.
 - c. Sustaining fees, continuation fees, supplementary eligibility fees, will be allocated to the particular event to which payment is made.
2. Moneys accruing to benefit the fund under provisions of Title 8, Chapter 11, Section 4, Section 274, shall be disbursed as follows:
 - a. An amount of \$10,000 or 5% of the Sire Stakes Fund generated annually, may be allocated by the Commission for promotion of this program.
 - b. Two-year-olds will race for a base purse which shall be determined by the Commission plus \$100 per starter. The Commission shall determine the base purse not less than 30 days prior to the first scheduled stake race. Stallion registration fees will be shared equally between all gaits of 2- and 3-year-olds sustained. Yearling nomination fees will be shared equally by all classes of 2-year-old eligibles and 2-year-old sustaining fees will be allocated to specific gait and sex.
 - c. Three-year-olds will race for a base purse which shall be determined by the Commission plus \$125 per starter. The Commission shall determine the base purse not less than 30 days prior to the first scheduled stakes race. Stal-

lion registrations will be shared equally between all gaits of 2- and 3-year-olds sustained. Three-year-old continuation fees will be shared by all classes of 3-year-olds sustained, and 3-year-old sustaining fees will be allocated to specific gait and sex.

- d. Starting fees will be paid to associations prior to the start of the race and allocated to specific events.
- e. Any supplemental payments made under subsection B, paragraph 2 will be allocated to specific events.
- f. The purse will be distributed as follows:
 - Five starters or more 50-25-12-8-5 percent
 - Four starters.....50-25-15-10 percent
 - Three starters.....60-30-10 percent
 - Two starters65-35 percent
 - Walkover..... 100 percent

Conditions.

- 1. All races to be one mile, conducted under the rules of the Maine State Harness Racing Commission.
- 2. Starters declare in at the same time as is the practice for overnight events.
- 3. If there are more than 10 entries to any event at tracks able to score eight horses abreast, the entries must be split into two or more divisions allowing not more than two trailers in any division.

Tracks scoring less than eight horses abreast must limit starters in Maine Standardbred Breeders Stake races to one tier scoring abreast with not more than two trailers.

- 4. Race Secretaries must divide 2- and 3-year-old pacing entries by sex.
- 5. Two-year-old colt and filly trotters will not be eligible to start unless they show a satisfactory performance line of 2:18 or better on gait at the time of draw. Three-year-old colt and filly trotters will not be eligible to start unless they show a satisfactory performance line in the current year of 2:13 or better on gait at the time of draw.

Two-year-old colt and filly pacers will not be eligible to start unless they show at least one performance line equivalent to the standards of the meet where the race will be contested.

Three-year-old colt and filly pacers will not be eligible to start unless they are able to show at least one performance line of 2:07 or better on gait at the time of draw. All 3-year-old pacers must comply with the overnight rules of the Commission, including but not limited to the provisions of Chapter 7, Section 7 and the overnight conditions of the meet.

Two- and 3-year-old trotters and pacers that made breaks in the past three consecutive starts on a good or fast track and failed to finish first, second, or third must go a qualifying race. Breaks caused by equipment failure or interference will be excused.

Two- and 3-year-old trotters and pacers failing to meet qualifying time in two consecutive races on a good or fast track must requalify.

All entries in Maine Standardbred Breeders Stake races must be individually timed.

- 6. Two- and 3-year-old trotters and pacers that have been scratched as sick or lame from a Maine Standardbred Breeders Stake event any time after being declared in, must have a well slip from a licensed veterinarian to certify the colt or filly is fit to race before a declaration to start can be made. The well slip must be presented to the presiding judge before the colt or filly is scheduled to race. If the owner, trainer or authorized agent fails to present such veterinarian's slip, the conditions of Chapter 7, Section 8, will apply.
- 7. The final shall be the last stakes event contested in the racing season for each division and shall be limited to the eight highest point winners declared to start.

In the event that a tie exists for the eighth point position, all eligible horses shall be allowed to compete. If enough horses tie for the eighth high point position so that it would create a race with more than 10 positions, the eighth, ninth and tenth positions shall be allowed to compete.

Final events that do not fill with point winners may be filled with 2- and 3-year-olds otherwise eligible to the division and drawn by lot.

Current season point winnings will be determined as follows:

- a. Two- and 3-year-olds racing in Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes races will be awarded points based upon their finishing position in each Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes dash during a season to be accumulated throughout the season in order to qualify 2- and 3-year-olds for the final event to be raced at the end of each season. Accumulated points cannot be carried over from 2-year-old season to the 3-year-old season.
- b. Dash winners will be awarded 50 points; second-place finishers will be awarded 25 points; third-place finishers will be awarded 12 points; fourth-place finishers will be awarded eight points; fifth-place finishers will be awarded five points; sixth-place finishers will be awarded 1 point.

- 8. Should circumstances prevent the racing of any or all of these events moneys will be pro-rated among the owners of eligibles of the uncontested event or events at the time of declaring off.

Ineligibility by Reason of Participation in Medication Program.

Any horse that has participated in a controlled medication program at any race meet, regardless of whether that race was in the state of Maine or another jurisdiction, is not eligible to participate in any Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes race.

Make Checks Payable To and Send To:

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