

# New Jersey Classic Series

## For New Jersey Sired Horses

**Owned & Serviced By:**

The Meadowlands

**Sponsored By:**

The Meadowlands & Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of New Jersey.

**For:**

New Jersey sired horses

**To Be Raced As:**

Eliminations (if necessary) & finals. "A" & "B" divisions for 2 & 3 Year-Old trotters and 2-Year-Old pacers including a filly division for each. Payments provide eligibility to both "A" & "B" divisions. Nominated horse may be declared for either elimination. Horse must race in the Final of the level declared for eliminations.

**To Be Raced At:**

The Meadowlands

**Estimated Purse:**

Eliminations and Finals as advertised for each year.

**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. These monies will be pro-rated among those owners of horses eligible at the time of cancellation.

**Added Money:**

The Sponsors will add a minimum of \$1,500,000 to these stakes. These funds, barring any unforeseen circumstances which may preclude this, in addition to all fees paid in by nominating horse-men shall constitute the purses for this event.

**Payments (U.S. Funds only):**

Eligibility requires payment as listed below. All payments are forfeits.

**Payment Schedule (per USTA 12.02):**

		2YO PACE	
February 15 .....		\$200	
March 15 .....		\$300	
April 15 .....		\$400	
Declaration Fee "A" Division.....		\$1,500	
Declaration Fee "B" Division .....		\$500	
		2YO TROT	3YO TROT
February 15 .....	\$300 .....	\$500	
March 15 .....	\$500 .....	\$700	
April 15 .....	\$700 .....	\$800	
Declaration Fee "A" Division..	\$3,000 .....	\$3,000	
Declaration Fee "B" Division ..	\$1,000 .....	\$1,000	

**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 and all horses qualified for the eliminations shall remain qualified for the finals.

**Supplemental Nomination/Declaration:**

There shall be no supplemental nomination or declaration to these events.

**Notice:**

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

**Racing Conditions:**

Final Racing Conditions will be published in the Stakes Guide or available from The Meadowlands. The number of horses accepted for the final of this event shall be limited to the number of positions on the starting gate at the host track. If more than ten (10) but fewer than fourteen (14) declare, byes shall be offered to the top money winning horses (seasonal earnings per USTA records) in descending order until the elimination field meets the number of positions on the starting gate if possible. Should fourteen or more declare the host track may adopt any of the methods of dividing the race then current in the rules and regulations. Elimination races, if necessary, will be held approximately one week prior to each of the finals. If elimination race(s) are necessary, 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 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.

**Post-Position Draw for Final:**

Open draw if no elimination races are necessary. If elimination races are required, post positions for the Final will be drawn by using the formula listed on The Meadowlands website.

**Money Division:**

One-percent of the purse for the stake/Final will be awarded to each horse finishing sixth through last.

The balance of the Final purse shall be distributed 50% - 25% - 12% - 8% - 5%.

**Rules:**

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-closing events. The list of approved drivers will be available from the Racing Office. A minimum of seven (7) separate interests may be required in any event or the event may be cancelled. All starters are subject to the detention policy of the Host Track. These races are subject to the Stallion Restriction Condition (SRC) see Meadowlands website for details. 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 may 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. Any horse owned or trained by an owner or trainer who is arrested, indicted or is the subject of a filed governmental criminal information charging such person with administering, selling, sponsoring, or encouraging the sale or use of illegal medications or the illegal or unethical treatment of animals will be ineligible to race in any of the races owned or serviced by the Sponsors. Such ineligibility shall commence on the date of such arrest, indictment or information and continue for a minimum of 60 days from the time of the transfer of ownership of the horse and/or the change of trainers to a bona fide separate and unrelated licensed owner or trainer, as the case may be.

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.

**Disputes:**

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 rules of the Host Track and its state Racing Commission along with the USTA shall govern unless otherwise specified in these conditions. Sponsors reserve the right to amend conditions as deemed necessary without liability.

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

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