

**2020 OHIO SIRES STAKES VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
For 4-Year-Olds and Up**

1. Starting Fee:

Nominations are not required. The starting fee for each Veteran Championship is \$500. Veteran Championships are for 4-year-olds and up, trotting horses or geldings, trotting mares, pacing horses or geldings and pacing mares. If six separate betting interests are not entered for any Veteran Championship, that Veteran Championship may be cancelled or combined as the host track Racing Secretary sees fit.

2. Eligibility:

Four-year-olds and up, trotters and pacers who are sired by a stallion registered with the Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) during year of conception. Any foal produced by embryo/ovum transplant shall be eligible when in compliance with the United States Trotting Association Rule Number 26.23.

Eligibility of starters in each of the Veteran Championships are restricted to the eight (on a half-mile track) and nine (on a five-eighths mile track) leading money winners in races conducted at Ohio commercial tracks and Ohio fairs between January 1, 2020 and prior to the day before each respective race's draw, who have raced a minimum of five times in Ohio in 2020. All horses' earnings will be verified by examination of the official records of the United States Trotting Association (USTA). Purse earnings in other jurisdictions do not count to a horse's Veteran Championship eligibility.

3. Requirements to Start:

At time of entry, a starter must show, within 45 days prior to the advertised day of the race, at least one performance line without a break and within the qualifying time requirements at the host track. An official workout before the Judges will not be acceptable.

4. Purses:

All starting fees will be added to each Veteran Championship. No funds for a Veteran Championship shall be allocated to or paid to a permit holder by the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund (OSDF) unless the permit holder adds at least twenty-five (25%) percent to the amount allocated by the OSDF to each Veteran Championship. Purse distribution for each Veteran Championship shall be: 50%, 25%, 12%, 8%, 5%.

5. Rules:

The rules of the Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) shall govern, and the OSDF Commission has the final authority to determine any questions related to eligibility and interpretation of the conditions. Each Veteran Championship is a one mile dash.

6. Starting:

If two or more horses tied in earnings declare in for the eighth (half-mile) or ninth (five-eighths) position in any Veteran Championship, the starter shall be drawn by lot. Two also-eligible horses may be drawn and the same method used in the case of a tie. An also-eligible horse may move into a Veteran Championship if a scratch occurs prior to the designated scratch time at the host track.

Starters in Veteran Championships shall declare in at the usual time for overnight entries practiced at the host track. Any horse scratched sick or lame from any purse race shall not race in a Veteran Championship unless seven days have passed from the date of the race from which the horse was scratched.

If circumstances prevent racing any Veteran Championship at the scheduled track on its advertised date, the OSDF Commission may reschedule the race on another date or another track, whenever possible.

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