

**JOHN SIMPSON MEMORIAL  
Colt and Filly Early Closer  
Eight Separate Colt and Filly Races For 2-Year-Old & 3-Year-old Trotters & Pacers in 2020**

**Stakes Owned By:**

Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc. ("Stake Owner")

**Serviced By:**

The Hambletonian Society, Inc. ("Society")

**Sponsored By:**

Pennsylvania Harness Horsemen's Association

**To Be Raced As:**

Eight races as follows:

**2-Year-Olds:**

The Super Bowl .....Trotting Colts (& Geldings)

The Davidia Hanover..... Trotting Fillies

The Bret Hanover ..... Pacing Colts (& Geldings)

The Razzle .....Pacing Fillies

**3-Year-Olds:**

The Ayres.....Trotting Colts (& Geldings)

The Elma..... Trotting Fillies

The Albatross ..... Pacing Colts (& Geldings)

The Hardie Hanover .....Pacing Fillies

**For:**

Foals of 2017 and 2018 (Subject to USTA Foaling Date Rules.)

Nominated horses must be properly identified to the satisfaction of the sponsor at the time of nomination.

**To Be Raced As:**

Eight races. Separate Colt (including geldings) and Filly divisions for 2-year-old and 3-year-old trotters and 2-year-old and 3-year-old pacers.

**To Be Raced At:**

Harrah's Philadelphia Casino & Racetrack, Chester, Pennsylvania. Definite dates will be published in the USTA Stakes Guide in the year of the races. If for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable, in the opinion of the Sponsor, to hold any or all of these races at the track designated, the Sponsor reserve the right to change the date and the location of any or all of the races.

**Cancellation:**

The Sponsor/Stake Owner further reserves the right to cancel any or all of the races if for reasons beyond their control it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Sponsor to conduct said race(s). If an event is not raced due to circumstances beyond their control, the Sponsor's responsibility and liability will be limited to refunding without interest nomination, sustaining and entrance fees collected toward canceled event that have not been disbursed at the time of cancellation. These monies will be prorated among the owners of the horses eligible as of the time of cancellation.

Harrah's Philadelphia requires six (6) separate betting interests to start in any event or it may be cancelled.

**Added Money:**

The Sponsor will add a minimum of \$20,000 to the Three-Year-Olds and will add \$15,000 to the Two-Year-Olds.

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

**On 2-Year-Olds:**

March 15, 2020 – 1st payment (nomination).....\$200

May 15, 2020 – 2nd payment (sustaining)..... \$400

Entrance Fee ..... \$400

**On 3-Year-Olds:**

February 15, 2020 – 1st payment (nomination).....\$200

March 15, 2020 – 2nd payment (sustaining) ..... \$400

Entrance Fee ..... \$400

Payment fees must accompany all nominations (U.S. funds only). Nomination, sustaining and entrance fees are non-refundable.

Nomination fees shall be made payable to "Hambletonian Society Inc."

The sponsor reserves the right to deduct up to 10% of the paid in nominating and sustaining fees funds to pay the Hambletonian Society fees for administration of the races.

**Declaration:**

Entrance fee shall be due with declaration to start at the track where the race is being held at the time and date posted on the Condition Sheet.

Entrance fee shall be due at time of declaration and payable not later than one hour prior to post time of the race. There will be no refund of entrance fees for horses that do not start. All entrance fees shall be made payable to "Harrah's Philadelphia."

Horses must show at least one (1) clean charted line (no breaks) within Forty-five (45) days prior to the advertised declaration day and meet the existing time standard. Official workouts will not be accepted.

Note: as provided above, Harrah's Philadelphia requires six (6) separate betting interests to start in any event or it may be cancelled.

Harrah's Philadelphia reserves the right to reject any entry and return entrance fee, declare off any event if conditions warrant, call off any event not filling satisfactory and place entries in their eligible class if entered incorrectly.

**Supplemental Nominations and Declarations:**

There are no supplemental nominations or declarations allowed for any of these races.

**Payment Distribution:**

All payments will be credited to the specific race.

**Notice:**

USTA Rule 12.04 provides: "Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event." The Hambletonian Society, Inc. will construe payment to require that cash or check duly honored upon presentation be received at the time specified in USTA Rule 12.02

**Waiver:**

As a condition of participation in this 2020 Harrah's Philadelphia Early Closing Program, the Owner(s) of the nominated horse(s) hereby grants to the Sponsor/Stake Owner, its representatives, successors, and assigns the absolute right to copyright and publish, use or reuse still and motion photographic pictures of its horses, drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents, in whole or in part, in composite or in distorted character, with or without use of names, in color or otherwise, for the purpose of promotion, advertising, trade or other lawful purpose in any and all media. Owner(s) waives any right to inspect and/or approve the finished product or the copy that may be used in connection therewith or the use to which it might be applied. Owner(s) further agrees to inform his drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents of the authority granted to the Sponsor/Stake Owner herein, to hold the Sponsor/Stake Owner harmless from any and all liability and damages, and to indemnify the Sponsor/Stake Owner from same should any such owner(s), driver(s), trainer(s), employee(s), officer(s) and agent(s) challenge Sponsor's rights herein as set forth above.

**Racing Conditions:**

One dash at one mile. In the event more than eight (8) horses declare to start in any event, Harrah's Philadelphia may race the event in divisions. Harrah's Philadelphia reserves the right to reject and return the entry fee. All races will be drawn by lot, except that entries will be separated whenever possible. Post positions for all races will be determined by an open draw.