

# TIOGA & VERNON DOWNS OPEN EARLY CLOSING EVENTS

*Open Pace & Open Trot  
Open Mare Pace & Open Mare Trot*  
**ALL TVG EVENTS**

**Serviced By:** Tioga Downs

**Sponsored By:** Tioga Downs & Vernon Downs, et al.

**For:** Horses & Mares aged three years and up.

**To Be Raced As:** Separate Races

**Estimated Purses:** \$175,000E for each event.

**To Be Raced At:** Tioga or Vernon Downs.

**Cancellation:** The Sponsors reserve the right to cancel any or all of the races if it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of The Sponsors to conduct said races. 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:** Sponsors will add a minimum of \$160,000 to these races. These funds, barring any unforeseen circumstance which may preclude this, in addition to all monies paid in by nominating horsemen shall constitute the purses for this event.

**Payments (US Funds only):** A nomination to each event requires payment as listed below. All payments are forfeits.

## Payment Schedule

March 15	\$2,000
April 15	\$2,000
Declaration Fee	\$3,000

**Supplemental Nomination/Declaration:** There shall be no supplemental nomination or declaration to these events.

**Declaration:** All declarations for these events will close at the time and date designated on the condition sheet. Declaration fees shall be made payable to the Host Track and are due at the time of declaration and payable before the horse starts. There are no refunds for scratched horses. At the time of declaration, horses declared to race in these events must have a clean charted line within 45 days of the date of entry that meets the current time standards at the Host Track.

**Notice:** USTA Rule 11 Sec 3 provides: *"Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event."*

**Racing Conditions:** The ten (10) highest 2018-19 money winners (*USTA records*) that are declared will race in the main event. If a consolation can be filled with sufficient wagering interests, that may be raced for 25% of the total purse pool before entry fees are added and the main event will race for 75% of the total purse pool before entry fees are added. Entry fee for the consolation will be \$1,000. Any horse that is declared for this race but does not draw in either event due to the above condition (including a horse drawn as also eligible that does not draw into the race) and meets the track's qualifying standards for the race will have their nomination and sustaining fees refunded in full and shall **NOT** be liable for the entry fee.

**Money Division:** One-percent of the purse for these races will be awarded to each horse finishing sixth through last in the Final. The balance of the purse shall be distributed 50% - 25% - 12% - 8% - 5%.

**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. Sponsors reserve the right to amend conditions as deemed necessary without liability.

**Rules:** 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. The rules of the Host Track and its state Racing Commission along with the USTA shall govern unless otherwise specified in these conditions. These races are subject to the Stallion Restriction Condition (SRC) *see website for details*. Any horse nominated to any Tioga or Vernon Downs stakes/event must be in the care of an approved trainer by April 15, 2019 for any stake/event raced during the month of May and by May 15 for all other 2019 stakes/events. In addition, any owner who participates in a Tioga or Vernon Downs 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 will be declared ineligible to participate in any Tioga or Vernon Downs 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 Tioga or Vernon Downs stake/event may be required to be stabled for up to 14 days at an approved facility within a 150 mile radius of Tioga or Vernon Downs or an approved facility in a state that agrees to cooperate in an out of competition testing protocol by the date set by Tioga or Vernon Downs for that stake/event for the purpose of out of competition testing. 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 Tioga or Vernon Downs rendering the horse(s) in question ineligible to race in those stakes/events with no liability to Tioga or Vernon Downs 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.

**Checks made payable in US Funds to Tioga Downs and sent to:**

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