

**2019 MICHIGAN BREEDERS STAKE**  
**Foals of 2017 (2 yr. olds) and Foals of 2016 (3 yr. olds)**  
**That are Michigan bred or Michigan sired**

**1. To be raced as in 8 races:**

2017	2016
Purse \$10,000 est.	Purse \$10,000 est.
2 yr. old Filly Trot	3 yr. old Filly Trot
2 yr. old Colt & Gelding Trot	3 yr. old Colt & Gelding Trot
2 yr. old Filly Pace	3 yr. old Filly Pace
2 yr. old Colt & Gelding Pace	3 yr. old Colt & Gelding Pace

NOTE: Payment of purses is contingent upon receipt of funds allocated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and will be released after September 30, 2019 in accordance with the Michigan Department of Agriculture budget guideline for fiscal year 2019.

**2. To be raced at:**

A location designated by MHHA and the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

**3. Eligibility:**

- a. foal from a Standardbred stallion properly registered with the USTA during the year of conception, that resides in Michigan, is owned or leased by a Michigan resident(s) and that did not serve a mare at a location outside of this state from February 1 through July 31 of the calendar year in which the conception occurred..
- b. foals from a mare owned by a resident or non-resident of Michigan at the time of conception either in state or outside the state of Michigan by means of transported semen from a properly registered Michigan stallion with the USTA during the year of conception
- c. foals that are Michigan bred. Michigan bred is defined as a foal from a mare that was owned or leased exclusively by a Michigan resident(s) at the time of conception and is listed on the registration papers as the breeder with the USTA.
- d. Eligibility will be verified with the USTA at time of nomination

**NOMINATING FEE: \$300 Due March 15, 2019**

**LATE NOMINATION FEE:** If the March 15, 2019 deadline is missed, a supplemental payment of \$750 may be made by April 15, 2019 to maintain eligibility in the Michigan Breeders Stake.

**4. No Sustaining Payments**

**5. Starting Fees:**

\$150. Due at the time and place designated by MHHA

**6. Racing Conditions for 2 and 3-year-olds:**

All eight events will be raced as one dash at one mile. If the event is to be contested on a county fair track and 9 or more horses declare into race, that race will be raced in divisions with each division racing for an equal share of the purse. If the event is contested on a half-mile pari-mutuel track and 10 or more horses declare into race, that race will be raced in divisions with each division racing for an equal share of the purse.

**7. Refunds:**

Refunds will be made on application of payer provided such application is requested at least 30 days before the start of the race and such request is based on:

1. A horse is declared ineligible,
2. Duplication of payment,
3. Clerical error

**8. Payment Distribution:**

- a. All nominations and state supplements shall be divided equally among the racing divisions.
- b. All starting fees shall follow their respective racing divisions.
- c. Monies will be deducted for administrative and promotional expenses.

**9. Purse Distribution:**

Five or more starters: 50-25-12-8-5%. Four starters: 55-25-12-8%. Three starters: 60-28-12%. Two starters 65-35%. Payment of purses is contingent upon receipt of funds allocated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and will be released after September 30, 2019 in accordance with the Michigan Department of Agriculture budget guidance.

**10. Postponement:**

- a. In the event of rain or other reason it becomes inadvisable to race this race at the time and place originally designated by the MHHA
- b. If for any reason any division of this race is declared off, all monies assigned to that division from nominating and starting fees will be divided equally among the horses eligible for the event at the time of declaring off.

**11. Any check returned for insufficient funds will automatically be considered as failure to nominate.**

**12. All payments must be made in U.S. Funds. Make checks payable to: MHHA**

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