

# 2020 Michigan Early Closing Colt Stakes Conditions

For Two-Year-Olds (Foals of 2018) and Three-Year-Olds (Foals of 2017)  
That are Michigan Bred or Michigan Sired

The program consists of a 8 Week event circuit (7 weeks at the fairs and 1 week at Northville Downs, pending MI Gaming Control Board approval) for 2/3 year old Michigan Sired and/or Michigan-bred horses



**Nominations Close February 15, 2020**



## 2 and 3-year-old 8 Week Program

Nominating Payment of \$250 is Due February 15, 2020

Sustaining Payment of \$250 is Due April 15, 2020

Late Supplemental Nominating Payment of \$750 is Due April 15, 2020

(If the \$250 2/15/2020 nomination payment is missed, this payment can be made in addition to the \$250 sustaining payment due on 4/15/2020)

Late Supplemental sustaining payment of \$750 is Due on May 15, 2020

(Open to those having made the 2/15/2020 payment and missed the 4/15/2020 payment)

## Estimated Purses and Starting Fees

Starting Fee \$125

\*subject to revenue received

Fair Circuit: \*

(2FT, 2CT, 2FP, 2CP)\* - \$6,700 Est.

(3FT, 3CT, 3FP, 3CP)\* - \$6,700 Est.

All nominating and sustaining payments will be divided equal among the 8-week race program. Starting fee will be credited to the specific race.

To be raced at a Michigan county fair track or pari-mutuel track as approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

The Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association, in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Agriculture, reserves the right to define the specific dates of the 8 racing weeks which may or may not necessarily be calendar days nor commence on Sundays. The 8 racing weeks will be defined in the nominating catalog, following approval of applications for race dates by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

1. Eligibility: All Michigan bred or sired
  - a. Michigan Sired is defined as a foal from a Standardbred stallion properly registered with the USTA 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. All foals from a mare that is owned by a resident or non-resident of Michigan at the time of conception either in state or outside of Michigan by means of transported semen from a properly registered Michigan Standardbred stallion.
  - b. 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 at the time of nomination.
  - c. Eligibility will be verified with the USTA at time of nomination 2/15/2020.
  - d. If there is a question on eligibility you will be contacted by the MHHA.
2. Unless otherwise noted in the conditions, the Michigan Early Closing Colt Stakes conducted at a county fair track are raced under the rules of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the United States Trotting Association. The Michigan Early Closing Colt Stakes conducted at a pari-mutuel track are raced under the rules of the Michigan Gaming Control Board.
3. Prior to declaration to race, each colt must be named, registered and tattooed or freeze branded and such registration number shall be on file with the MHHA.
4. Each owner, shareholder, or lessee of each colt nominated shall remit with nomination, a program service fee of \$50.00 to cover administrative, insurance and processing costs. This fee is waived for current members of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association. Declarations to start will not be accepted until this fee is paid for each owner or part owner. Further, all owners, shareholders or lessees of each colt must provide the MHHA with a Social Security number or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) for purposes of reporting race earnings.
5. Refunds: All requests for refunds must be made in writing to the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association by June 1, 2020. Requests will be considered for: a.) Horse declared ineligible b.) Duplication of payment c.) Clerical error.
6. Any eligible colt changing gait after April 15, 2020, will be eligible to race at the gait adopted upon notifying MHHA of the change.
7. All races one mile. If the event is to be contested at a county fair track and more than 8 starters declare into race in any one of the eight divisions, that race will be divided and raced in divisions and each division shall race one heat for an equal share of the purse. If the event is to be contested at a half-mile pari-mutuel track, and more than 9 starters declare in to race in any one of the eight divisions, that race will be divided and raced in divisions and each division shall race one heat for an equal share of the purse.
8. All colts entering to race on the live betting card at a pari-mutuel track must have a current charted line within 45 days AT TIME OF ENTRY Races scheduled at a pari-mutuel track may be raced as betting or non-betting races at the discretion of the host track. In the event a race is non-betting or raced on a date when the pari-mutuel track is not hosting a live betting card race date - the 45 day charted line rule will be waived. The MHHA recommends all horses have a 45-day charted line to prevent scratches.
9. Purse Distribution: Five or more starters – 50%-25%-12%-8%-5%. If less than five starters, all non-contested monies will be paid to the winner.
10. The starting fee must be paid on a scratched colt, and that colt may not enter any other Michigan Early Closing Colt Stake race in that Race Week. There is no penalty for a withdrawal before the entry box closes. Entry will not be accepted for a horse whose owner or trainer is indebted for a previous starting fee to any event administered by MHHA.
11. Phenylbutazone (Bute) and/or Lasix are permitted medications for 3-year-old Michigan Early Closing Colt Stake races that are held at a pari-mutuel track. Phenylbutazone (Bute) and/or Lasix are not permitted medications for any race that takes place a county fair. No medications are allowed in a 2-year-old in Michigan.
12. Horses racing in Michigan must have negative Coggins results posted on electronic eligibilities in current year. Proof of EHV vaccination within six months is required prior to entering horses to race at a Michigan pari-mutuel track.
13. If a race is called off due to unavoidable causes, starting fees paid shall be returned.
14. Monies will be deducted for administrative and program expenses.
15. All of the events and the advertised purses herein are contingent upon approval and funding by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. If it becomes necessary to cancel any event (or part thereof) or if funds are not available for the full advertised purse because the Michigan Department of Agriculture is unable to provide the necessary funds MHHA shall not be held responsible.

**Mail all Payment forms and fees to:**  
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**Please make checks payable to: MHHA**