

FALL FINAL FOUR

2YO Early Closer for All Sex & Gaits

Serviced By: The Meadowlands

Sponsored By: The Meadowlands, et al.

For: 2 Year-Olds with separate divisions for sex & gait

To Be Raced As: Eliminations (if necessary) with a Final

To Be Raced At: The Meadowlands

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.

Estimated Purses:

The Valley Victory (2YO Open Trot)	\$400,000	The Governor's Cup (2YO Open Pace)	\$400,000
The Goldsmith Maid (2YO Filly Trot)	\$400,000	The Three Diamonds (2YO Filly Pace)	\$400,000

Elimination races, if necessary, for the above races will be guaranteed at a minimum of \$20,000 each.

Added Money: The sponsor will add a minimum of \$35,000 to each race.

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

Payment Schedule

February 15	\$350
March 15	\$550
April 15	\$650
May 15	\$850
Declaration Fee	\$2,500

Declaration: Declarations will close at the time and date designated on the condition sheet of the Host Track. Declaration fees shall be due at the time of declaration and payable before the horse starts. Declaration fees should be made payable to the Host Track. There are no refunds for scratched horses. At the time of declaration, horses declared to race in these events must have a past performance line that meets the current qualifying standard for stakes and/or added money races at the Host Track.

Supplemental Nomination/Declaration: There shall be no supplemental nomination or declaration to this event.

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 number of horses in final for this event shall be limited to the number of positions on the starting gate at the host track. Elimination races, if necessary, will be held approximately one week prior to each of the finals. If more than ten (10) but fewer than fourteen (14) declare, byes shall be offered to the top money winning horses (seasonal earnings per USTA records) in descending order until the elimination field meets the number of positions on the starting gate if possible. Should fourteen or more the host track may adopt any of the methods of dividing the race then current in the rules and regulations. If elimination race(s) are necessary, any ties so far as continuing from an elimination race to a final shall be decided by a blind draw. In the event that horses eligible for the final should choose not to race, additional horses from the elimination races will be selected from those properly declared by taking the horse(s) placing highest in the order of finish in the elimination races to complete the field for the final. The next two properly declared horses placing highest in the order of finish in the elimination races shall be listed as also eligible for the finals and may draw in before scratch time. Elimination winners may draw for Posts 1-6 for the Final in an order determined by lot.

Money Division: One-percent of the purse for the Final 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 each 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. If such change is not accepted, it may result in refusal of entry. Sponsors reserve the right to amend these 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 Rule and Standardbred Racing Integrity & Accountability Initiative (SRIAI) see *Meadowlands website for details*. Any horse nominated to any Meadowlands stakes/event must be in the care of an approved trainer by April 15, 2018 for any stake/event raced during the month of May and by May 15 for all other 2018 stakes/events. Nominator also agrees that any horse paid into any 2018 Meadowlands stake/event may be required to be stabled for up to 14 days at a approved facility within a 150 mile radius of The Meadowlands or the Tioga or Vernon Downs stable area or an approved facility in a state that agrees to cooperate in an out of competition testing protocol by the date set by The Meadowlands 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 The Meadowlands rendering the horse(s) in question ineligible to race in those stakes/events with no liability to The Meadowlands 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 and sent to:

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