

GRADUATE SERIES

Four Year Old Trotters & Pacers

Serviced By: The Meadowlands

Sponsored By: The Meadowlands; et al.

For: 4 Year-Old Pacers & Trotters

To Be Raced As: Preliminary legs and a Final.

Estimated Purse: Legs at \$75,000/\$50,000 div/ Final: \$250,000 for each event

To Be Raced At: Final 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 the Final 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 \$200,000 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 this event requires payment as listed below. All payments are forfeits.

Payment Schedule

February 15	\$2,000
March 15	\$3,000
Declaration Fee for Legs	2% of Purse
Declaration Fee for Final	2% of Purse

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 at the Host Track. Declaration fee 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. Any horse eligible via the point standings to race in the final of this event will be considered "Qualified to Race" in the final.

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: If more than may be accommodated in a single division declare to start in any leg, the Host Track may adopt any of the methods of dividing the race then current in the rules and regulations. If any leg is raced in divisions, each division shall race for the purse listed above. Sponsors reserve the right to conduct any of the legs or the final at a distance other than one mile.

Eligibility for Final: To start in any Graduate Series Final, horses must be declared for that race with the Racing Office by the time posted on the condition sheet. The maximum number of starters in the Graduate Series Final(s) shall equal the number of positions on the starting gate of the Host Track. The point leader(s) at the time of the draw for the final shall draw from post positions 1-6. To be guaranteed eligibility for in the Final(s), a horse must start in no fewer than half (50%) of the preliminary legs scheduled in their Series division.

In the event that the number of horses eligible as provided in these conditions declared into any final exceeds the maximum number specified by these conditions, a point system (listed below), based on the official order of finish: (1) at the Host Track for the applicable preliminary leg and (2) at the time the entry box for the Final is closed, will determine preference for the Final.

GRADUATE SERIES POINT SYSTEM

1st Place = 35 Points

2nd Place = 25 Points

3rd Place = 15 Points

4th Place = 10 Points

5th Place = 8 Points

6th Place = 6 Points

7th Place = 4 Points

8th Place = 2 Points

9th Place and all other starters = 1 Point

Dead-Heat: Any horses finishing in a “Dead-Heat” for any position will be awarded an equal share of the total number of points for the positions involved in the “Dead-Heat”.

TIE BREAKS:

- a) First, the horse(s) with the most starts in the preliminary legs of this series shall receive preference and if after that tie-breaker a tie remains, then:
- b) The horse(s) with the highest total earnings to date in the current season as compiled by the U.S.T.A. shall have preference.

Any horse entering a designated point earning series event which does not fill and is not raced will receive SEVEN (7) points towards qualifying for the Final, plus credit for a start toward fulfilling any minimum number of starts requirement and toward tiebreaker “a” regarding eligibility for the finals. A horse scratched from an event, which is raced, will NOT receive credit or points toward meeting the starting requirements for the Final.

Starters in Fewer than 50% of the Legs: All horses must be declared for the Final by declaration time.

Notwithstanding any of the above conditions requiring a minimum number of starts in series legs, in the event a Final fails to fill to the extent as described in the above condition, those with fewer than the minimum starts that declare will then be considered for inclusion in the Final. The highest point earners in this group shall have preference in being added to the field, and in the event of ties, the above clause(s) will be used. Horses must be credited with at least one start in the series to be eligible to the Final.

Money Division: Leg purses shall be left to the discretion of the Host Track. 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 Final 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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DATE	GAIT	PURSE	TRACK
MAY 5	PACE	\$75,000/\$50,000	MEADOWLANDS
MAY 19	TROT	\$75,000/\$50,000	MEADOWLANDS
JUNE 2	PACE & TROT	\$75,000/\$50,000	MOHAWK RACETRACK
JUNE 10	PACE & TROT	\$75,000/\$50,000	TIOGA DOWNS
JULY 7	PACE & TROT FINALS	\$250,000E	MEADOWLANDS