Conditions:
Schedule of payments (in U.S. Funds)
Any payment due dates that fall on a weekend or a holiday will automatically become due on the next regular business day.
February 15, 2016
April 15, 2016
2-Year-Old Nomination Fee .................................................. $25
3-Year-Old Nomination Fee..................................................... $25
2-Year-Old Sustaining Fee .................................................... $75
3-Year-Old Sustaining Fee .................................................... $75

Declared fee in all events will be $50 payable to the Fair Association

Sponsor:
Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund (the “Fund”)
1. These events are subject to the rules and regulations of the United States Trotting Association (USTA) and the Fund. The County Fair Championship events to be raced at the pari-mutuel tracks will be subject to the New York Sire Stake conditions and the rules and regulations of the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC).
All Drivers and trainers must have a current valid United States Trotting Association license.
2. All horses must have been nominated as a yearling ($50 fee) to the New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) in order to be eligible for any New York Sire Stake event, including the County Fairs.
3. A supplementary fee may be made in the event the horse was not nominated as a yearling. The fee is $50, payable no later than March 1, 2016 for 2-year-olds and 3-year-olds in 2016. This payment must be made in addition to the regular fair nomination fee. This does not affect any other eligibility, such as Sire Stakes or Excelsior races. This supplementary payment is for NYSS County Fair races only.

4. Eligibility:
To be eligible to these events, each horse must satisfy the following requirements:
(a) Sired by an eligible stallion (see section 5) enrolled with the Fund and standing in New York State for the full season of service when the dam was bred to produce such colt or filly.
(b) The owner of the dam need not be a resident of New York State, and foaling need not take place in New York.
(c) Must be registered with the United States Trotting Association (USTA) or a USTA recognized Standardbred registry at time of nomination. Proof of the USTA registration or USTA recognized Standardbred registry organizations registration certificate, dated on or before the time of nomination, must accompany each nomination.

5. Stallion Eligibility:
Eligible Stallions are those stallions:
(a) Owned by a resident of New York State & standing the entire stud season in NY state, or
(b) Owned by a resident of a state other than New York, but standing the entire stud season in New York State and leased (copy of lease must be filed with the Fund) for a term of not less than one year, or,
(c) Owned jointly by a resident or residents of a state other than New York State together with a resident or residents of New York State and standing the entire stud season in New York State with the same leasing requirements as No. 5 (b).
(d) To be eligible, a stallion must be registered with the Fund.
6. Eligibility must be certified to the Fund.

7. On all county fair tracks which can accommodate eight horses in the first tier behind the starting gate, when more than eight (8) horses are declared in, the race will be run in divisions in single dashes at one mile. On all other county fair tracks, when more than six (6) horses are declared in, the race will be run in divisions in single dashes at one mile. If eight (8) or fewer horses declare on tracks which can accommodate eight horses in the first tier, or six (6) or fewer horses on all other tracks declare in, the race shall be raced at one mile each.
8. On tracks that can accommodate less than eight horses in the first tier, four horses will start in the first tier and two horses will start in the second tier.
9. County Fair events will be divided into divisions in a manner that ensures fields of equal size. When the number of horses entered into an event does not divide equally, the fields will not vary in size by more than one horse.

10. Racing and Money Division shall be as follows:
Races will be held for 2- and 3-year-olds who are participating in the County Fairs. Horses will be segregated by sex and gait in all events. Championship races will be held for each sex and gait.
Divisions - Monies will be divided equally with declaration fees following the horse in each division.
11. In the event that more than one division is required, starters in the divisions shall be drawn by lot, with owner entries seeded. The splitting of horses into different divisions will be by ownership only, if possible, and no other criteria will be used.
12. The gait must be specified on the April 15th. payment. Transfer of the gait may be made on the April 15th. payment or at time of declaration, but sustaining payments remain in the respective funds.

13. Three Day Box:
Declarations must be made by 10AM three days prior to the race (omitting Sundays except for Goshen). All horses must be tattooed or freeze branded before declaring. Declaration may be made by telephone to the race secretary. Once a horse is declared, the declaration fee is due and payable. Declaration to Championship Events will be at the time practiced for overnight events at the track holding the event.
14. You may enter any fair on any given day but you can only enter one fair on that day. If you enter 2 fairs on any given day, you will be scratched from both fairs and subject to a fine for not honoring your declaration in addition to both starting fees.
15. All declaration fees will be added to the event to which declared with payment to be made to the fair conducting the event. There will be no refunds for scratches.

16. The purse will be distributed as follows:
5 or more starters 50, 25, 12, 8, 5 percent
4 starters 50, 25, 15, 10 percent
3 starters 50, 30, 20, 10 percent
2 starters 65, 35 percent
Walkover 100 percent (horse must race only once)
Starters must finish the race in order to qualify for purse money and points.
17. Should circumstances prevent the racing of any event, the race may not be declared off until published post time and monies will be prorated among owners of horses on the grounds for the uncontested event at the time of declaring off. The money will not count as money earned against the horse and no points will be awarded but will count as a start. The race must be held the day advertised with no carry-over.
18. All participating horses shall be subject to tattoo, freeze brand, urine and/or blood testing on pre or post-race basis when deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

19. The Fund will allocate to these New York Bred horse races an estimated $24,000 per fair participating. Of this amount, 45% will be apportioned to the two-year-old events and 5% to the three-year-old events. The two amounts will be divided equally for colts and fillies events. In addition, each participating fair will receive a proportionate share of all nomination and sustaining fees received from those eligible to these events. Purses will be made up of these Fund monies and Horseman's fees, plus declaration fees. There will be no deduction for promotion, clerical, or other expenses.
20. In the event that there shall be NY County Fair championship races at the participating pari-mutuel tracks, eligibility thereto shall be determined under a point system.
(a) A maximum of 100 points shall be allocated for each 2- and 3-year-old race at each of the participating county fairs as follows:
First – 50 points; Second – 25 points; Third – 12 points; Fourth – 8 points; Fifth – 5 points. 100 points will be given for each division. All races will be single heat events. Horses will be eligible to race one time each day.
(b) A list of such eligible horses with the total point accumulation will be furnished to the Race Secretary at the pari-mutuel track and he shall select from the list of horses from the top down until as many starters as can be drawn to post in the first tier are represented, limited to two entries from one common owner. Should there be a tie in the point standings for the final entrant, these judges will determine the final entrant by lot.
(c) Minimum starts:
No horse shall be eligible to the Championship Race unless it has raced a minimum of five (5) different New York County Fairs that conduct NYSS races. Should there not be enough entries in the box with at least five starts to fill the race, the highest point earner which has entered with four starts shall be selected, etc. until there are enough entries to fill the first tier. Furthermore, any also eligible horses must have a minimum of four (4) NYSS County Fair starts.
(d) All horses that are to compete in the Championship Race must have an official charted satisfactory performance line within 45 days of declaration in order to be eligible to declare. Charted track allowances may be used to meet the time standards.
(e) Any horses for which a blood test shows the presence of any prohibited drug at any participating fair during the season will be ineligible for the county fair final.
(f) USTA Rule 21 concerning positive drug tests will be strictly enforced.
(g) In the event of a close or disputed finish, the judge may consider a video replay of the finish if available from the representative of the Fund.
21. If track conditions do not allow the use of a mobile starting gate, the program will be cancelled. In the instance of a post-race test, the horse has raced. Blood samples shall be obtained from each horse tested by a veterinarian or technician licensed by NY state to perform such tests. Failure to present horse for testing may be cause for forfeiture of purse earnings. The testing shall be performed in a laboratory approved by the Fund. Where the TC02 blood level, based upon the above criteria, equals or exceeds thirty-seven (37) millimoles per liter, or thirty-nine (39) millimoles per liter for horses administered furosemide (Lasix), the following penalties shall be incurred:
(a) Said horse shall be disqualified from any purse winnings in the race for which it tests high and said purse monies shall be redistributed.
(b) Said horse shall be disqualified from participation in any NYSS event, including the final and consolation, should there be one, for a period of sixty (60) days from the day of the violation.
(c) Said horse shall be disqualified from participation in any early or late closing events sponsored by the Fund, including State and County Fair races, for the duration of the penalty.
24. Out-of-Competition Testing:
Any person who participates in the New York Sire Stakes shall be deemed to have given consent to submit their horse or horses to out-of-competition testing. Under such consent, the Fund may at a reasonable time on any date take blood, urine or other biologic sample from a horse that is entered to compete in the New York Sire Stakes in order to enhance the ability of the Fund to detect or confirm the impermissible administration of a drug or other substance to the horse. Horses to be tested may be selected at random, for cause or as determined by the Fund or an agent of the Fund. A selected horse that is not made available for sampling may be disqualified from competing in the Sire Stakes for the respective year that the horse is eligible to compete. Samples shall be taken in accordance with the procedures found in 9 NYCCR 4120.17(b), and for the purposes of this condition, all references to the “Commission” in that rule shall be considered references to the Fund. Prohibited substances include those substances listed in 9 NYCCR 4120.17(c), and for the purpose of this condition, all references to the “Commission” in that rule shall be considered references to the Fund. A person whose horse was disqualified due to a finding of non-cooperation or a positive test for a prohibited substance may appeal such a finding in a hearing conducted in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act and before a hearing officer designated by the Fund.
Note:
The NYSGC has regulatory authority over all harness horse races in New York State. In any case of disparity between blood gas testing rules, the latest rule of the NYSGC shall prevail.
25. The Fund will have sole and final discretion over questions of eligibility.
26. The Fund will allow counties that do not have a race track at their county fair grounds to race county fair races at a horse track that is in the county.
27. When an owner has outstanding debts owed to any track, every horse owned in whole or part by that owner may be subject to be declared ineligible by any track the horse is entered at or subject to be possibly scratched by the judges and not allowed to start in any New York Sire Stakes including County Fair Races, until such time that debt and all fees are collected.
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