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# NYSS Update

## Tioga Downs Pacing Filly Date Changes

There have been two schedule changes for Sire Stakes and Excelsior Series events at Tioga Downs from the dates previously posted.

The 3-year-old pacing filly event on Friday, June 7, is changed to **Monday, June 10**. The 2-year-old pacing filly event on Friday, July 26, is changed to **Monday, July 22**.

Please update your records. The correct date is listed on the enclosed schedule card and the calendar posted on our website.

Any future changes will be listed on our website and sent to industry media through a press release.



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## New County Fair Entry Hotline in 2019; Earlier Four-Day Box for Fair Horses

Horsemen racing in the New York County Fair Series this summer should be aware that entries will now be taken through a single entry hotline. Watch for detailed information in the County Fair Racing Schedule Booklet that will be mailed June 1.

Some County Fairs hold overnight events that are not sponsored by the New York Sire Stakes program. Entries for these races will still be taken by the local race secretary at that fair. This information will be clear in the County Fair Booklet.

Also new this year, County Fair races will have a four-day box (excluding Sundays) instead of the previous three-day box.

Additional changes of note that were included in the conditions this year:

- All individuals handling a horse on the track (driving, warming up, etc.) will be subject to a breath analyzer test. If a test is refused or detects alcohol or prohibited substances, the individual will be barred from handling a horse on the track for the remainder of the day.
- If an event is canceled, all horses on the grounds at the time of calling off the race(s) will receive a flat 10 points. This is different than in Sire Stakes and Excelsior events.

For complete details, see the full conditions at [www.nysirestakes.com](http://www.nysirestakes.com).

## One Payment or Two? Give Your Feedback!



Would you prefer a **single** stakes payment for 2- and 3-year-olds due on **March 15** each year? Or do you like sticking with the current **two** payments due **Feb. 15 and April 15**? We want feedback from program participants. Visit our online survey at <http://tinyurl.com/nysspaysments> or click the QR code to find out more and

let us know your thoughts. Please complete by April 5.



## Don't Forget:

April 15 stakes payments can be made online with a credit card until midnight at [www.nysirestakes.com](http://www.nysirestakes.com) or be sure to postmark your check no later than April 15, 2019.



## NY MARE RESIDENCY

### Reminder To Submit Forms On Time

If you are breeding a mare this year who will be in New York State for at least 180 days, be sure to complete your Arrival "Form A" and Declaration of 180-Days "Form B." Both forms must be completed each year, even if the mare never leaves the state. Forms must be completed and returned to our office within 30 days of the mare's arrival or departure date (or the beginning or end of the calendar year).

Updates to the residency requirements this year provide guidelines for embryo transfer mares and preserving residency if a mare is consigned in a public auction. For full details visit our website.

Find all forms online!



## Important Excelsior Condition Changes

Several changes to clarify the Excelsior Series conditions were made this year. Participants should not significantly notice changes, but these will aid in the understanding of the series.

Owner and then **trainer entries will be split**, if possible, when the divisions are drawn.

Also, there is often confusion among new participants about **moving up and down between the A and B levels**, clarified in the new conditions.

- If a horse moves from the "B" level to either the "A" level or the Sire Stakes, they may not move back down to the "B" level

for the rest of the season.

- If a horse is racing in the "A" level and has not raced in the "B" level, they may move down to "B" at any time. They can later move back up to "A", but can never move back down to "B" for the remainder of the season.

## Do We Have Your Correct Email or Cell Phone?

### Make Sure We Can Contact You Quickly With Changes or Questions

Email is a great way for the NYSS Program to share changes or important announcements with you. Your cell phone is the fastest way to reach you if there is a question about a stakes payment, eligibility on draw day, or if we need a W-9 to release

your Breeders Award or County Fair purse check.

Be sure we have your latest and best contact info by contacting us at 518-388-0178 or [info@nysirestakes.com](mailto:info@nysirestakes.com).

Or...be sure to complete this info on your stakes payment invoices.



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