

2026 BIG APPLE TROT AND PACE PENDING FUND BOARD APPROVAL
Foals of 2024

Sponsor: Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund (the "Fund")

To Be Raced As:

Two-year-olds in 2026. Two year olds will be separated by gait and will be raced in separate colt and filly divisions.

To Be Raced At: VERNON DOWNS

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.

All payment dates are postmark dates.

Nomination Fee: March 15, 2026.....\$500

Declaration Fee:.....\$750

Eligibility: Must Be eligible to NYSS NO 66 Yearling Nomination May 15 2025 or supplemented by March 15, 2026 (\$500).

Racing Conditions:

- (1) Each race to be held in one dash at one mile. The number of horses for the finals will be as many horses that can start behind the starting gate.
- (2) If ten (10) or more declare to start, eliminations will be necessary and will be held approximately one week prior to the final. Any ties so far as continuing from an elimination race to a final shall be decided by a blind draw. Should any horse(s) eligible for the final should chose not to race, additional horse(s) 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 shall be listed as also eligible for the finals and may draw in before scratch time
- (3) All finals will race for an announced purse to be determined by the Fund.
- (4) No horse is eligible to declare in an Apple event unless it meets the following:
 - a) at least one charted satisfactory performance line within 45 days of declaration that meets the following qualifying time standards for its age and gait:

1/2 and 5/8 mile Tracks

7/8 mile or larger Tracks

PACERS 2 YO 2:03
TROTTERS 2 YO 2:07

PACERS 2 YO 2:01
TROTTERS 2 YO 2:05

Add 7 seconds to the times above to get a mile and 1/16 mile equivalent. Charters track allowances may be used to meet the time standards, and

- b) the horse must not have consecutive breaks in its last two charted performance lines. If the horse does have two consecutive breaks, the horse must requalify and show a satisfactory charted performance line in the pertinent NYSS qualifying time, without a break, before being entered in an Apple event. If the break was an equipment break or caused by interference, (ix), or driver caused the break, (dx), the break will not be counted against the horse. Also, any horse with one break that has been declared in before its second consecutive break will continue to be eligible to that declared event. Eligibility to subsequent events will be determined by a satisfactory performance, without a break, in said Apple event. Officially charted workouts before the judges will not be allowed as a satisfactory charted line.
- (5) Paddock time for the arrival of horses is one hour before the scheduled post time (excluding horses receiving lasix). Any trainer with a horse that is late to the paddock for a bona fide reason must contact the presiding judge before paddock time and receive permission to be late. In any event, the horse must be in the paddock at least 30 minutes before the scheduled post time of that race, or the horse shall be scratched by the presiding judge.

- (6) **Race Day Testing:** All horses competing will be subject to race day testing for impermissible administration of a drug or other substance to the horse. The testing may also include total carbon dioxide testing (TCO2). Such tests may be administered on a pre- or post-race basis. In the instance of a post-race test, the horse being tested must stand at rest for a minimum of one hour after such horse has raced. Blood samples shall be obtained from each horse tested by a veterinarian or technician licensed by New York State to perform such tasks. Failure to present a horse for testing may be cause for forfeiture of purse earnings. The testing shall be performed in a laboratory approved by the Fund. Samples shall be taken in accordance with the procedures found in 9 NYCRR 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 NYCRR 4120.17(c), and for the purposes of this condition, all references to the "Commission" in that rule shall be considered references to the Fund. When a horse tests positive for an impermissible substance and/or the TCO2 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 in question and said purse monies shall be redistributed.
- (7) **Out-of-Competition Testing:** Any person who participates in the APPLE EVENT shall be deemed to have given consent to submit their horse or horses to out-of-competition testing, the Fund may at a reasonable time on any date take blood, urine or other biologic samples from a horse that is entered to compete in the APPLE EVENT 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 in which the horse is eligible to compete. Samples shall be taken in accordance with the procedures found in 9 NYCRR 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 NYCRR 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.
- (8) A horse that has a drug positive for a prohibited substance during any Sire Stakes event, such horse shall be ineligible for any APPLE event final. Eligibility to the Final shall exclude all participants with appeals yet to be decided at the time of declaration to the finals. In the case of a positive drug test, all appeals will be excluded from eligibility to the finals, unless they are resolved by adjudication prior to declaration. 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. Should any participant in the Sire Stakes program be notified of a positive drug result, he/she must notify the Fund within 10 days upon receipt of the notice that they demand a hearing. Any such demand must be made in writing to the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund and sent either by e-mail (info@nysirestakes.com) or mail to the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund, 230 Washington Ave Extension, Suite 101, Albany, NY 12203.
- (9) **Cancellation:** The Fund reserves the right to cancel any or all races if it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Fund to conduct said races and the right to change the date and/or the location of the race(s). If event is not raced, the Fund's responsibility and liability shall be limited to refunding, without interest, all payments collected toward these events. These monies will be pro-rated among the owners of horses eligible at the time of cancellation.
- (10) All questions of ELIGIBILITY will be decided by the Fund and the NYSGC.

Rules: These events are subject to the rules of the New York State Gaming Commission and the conditions of the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund.

Money Division:

5 or more starters:.....	50%	25%	12%	8%	5%
4 starters:.....	50%	25%	15%	10%	
3 starters:.....	50%	30%	20%		
2 starters:.....	65%	35%			

1 starter:.....100%

Starters must finish the race in order to qualify for purse money and points except for cancelled events.

Make Checks Payable (in U.S. Funds Only) To and Send To:

Agriculture & NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund

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