



Agriculture & NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund

September 4, 2026

On behalf of the Agriculture & New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund, I would like to welcome you to the 2026 New York Sire Stakes Day of Champions at Yonkers Raceway. Attached are the Racing Security Protocols and Conditions for this year's New York Sire Stakes Finals event, which were developed in coordination with the New York State Gaming Commission and Yonkers Raceway.

The Fund appreciates your participation in this year's New York Sire Stakes, and we look forward to a great day of racing on September 12, 2026.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the following individuals:

Sarah Sheehan, Project Director, NYSS (518) 694-5002

Jonathan Frasure, Race Secretary, Yonkers Raceway (914) 457-2627

Best of luck to all the participants! Thank you.

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Executive Director

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NY Sire Stakes

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DAY OF CHAMPIONS

**The Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund
and Yonkers Raceway Present
2026 New York Sire Stakes Day of Champions**

- **Saturday, September 12, 2026**
- **Post Time 11:50 AM**
- **\$2.4 Million Day of Champions**
- **Featuring Eight \$300,000 New York Sire Stakes Finals**



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ENHANCED SECURITY PROTOCOLS FOR HORSES RUNNING IN THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 NY SIRE STAKES DAY OF CHAMPIONS AT YONKERS RACEWAY

The New York State Gaming Commission (Commission) will employ security protocols for all New York Sire Stakes Final races on the Day of Champions at Yonkers Raceway, including out-of-competition testing of ALL horses. These protocols mirror measures that the Commission has successfully implemented for races with purses of \$1 million or greater for more than a decade.

The security protocols in effect for the Sire Stakes races include the following:

- Horses competing in the 2026 New York Sire Stakes Night of Champions races must be on the grounds of Yonkers Raceway by 11:50 a.m Friday September 11, 2026. These horses will be subject to a continuous 24-hour dedicated watch by experienced security personnel leading to post time. During a dedicated watch, a security guard or a Commission investigator will keep the horses under constant surveillance. Anyone (e.g., veterinarians) entering a stall or otherwise having physical contact with a horse under watch will be directly observed by a Commission investigator.
- The Commission is taking out-of-competition samples from participating horses in advance of the race and sending them to the New York Equine Drug Testing and Research Program at Morrisville State College for immediate testing.
- Once arrived, horses must remain on the facility grounds until after the running of the race. Exceptions will be granted only in the case of an unforeseeable emergency, as determined by the Equine Medical Director in consultation with the Commission's Presiding Judge.
- Commission personnel will monitor all treatments of participating horses performed by veterinarians prior to the scheduled post times of the Sire Stakes Races. No veterinarians will treat horses without first making an appointment with Commission investigators. All medications and paraphernalia will be examined by Commission personnel prior to use. All containers for medications administered will be retained by the Commission for possible testing.
- Completed [Veterinary Record Forms \(VR1a\)](#), identifying any treatments received on September 9, 10 and 11 must be submitted to the Commission officials by 1:00 p.m. on September 11. If no treatments were received, then the form must still be completed and submitted indicating "no treatment." The Commission will post these records online.
- Stall entry/exit logs will be maintained by security personnel. All persons, including grooms, veterinarians, trainers, assistant trainers, farriers, owners or other connections – upon entering the stall, engaging in contact with the horse or performing any service for the horse – must have a valid Commission license or a Yonkers Raceway security badge on their person. All visits will be logged in by security along with the reason for the visit. Routine stall

and horse maintenance by identified grooms and staff will be monitored but will be exempt from logging.

- All equipment, feed, hay bales, etc. will be subject to search and seizure, as provided by law, by both Yonkers Raceway and the Commission. Only new, sealed feed bags will be allowed in the detention area. No supplements will be allowed.
- All persons entering the quarantine barn will be subject to possible search per Commission rules.
- Salix (furosemide) is the only permitted injection a horse may receive within 24 hours of the race and will be administered by Yonkers Raceway veterinarians. This administration is performed between 4 ½ and 4 hours prior to the horse's scheduled post time. Trainers must have an attendant with the horse during this period. Yonkers Raceway veterinarians will not administer Salix to an unattended horse. The fee for Salix administration is paid directly to the track Vet. Syringes will be preserved by the Commission for possible testing.
- No oral administration of any medication or substance by dose syringe is permitted on race day.
- No more than two Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (e.g., Banamine, Phenylbutazone) may be administered to a racehorse during the week before racing. One may be used until 48 hours before racing, the other may be used only until 96 hours before the race.
- DMSO may be applied topically on race day but may not be administered by any other means within 48 hours of the race.
- The use of pulsed electromagnetic therapy, laser therapy, electro-magnetic blankets, boots, electro-shock, or any other electrical devices is prohibited within 24 hours of the scheduled post time of the race.
- Nebulizer, puffer treatment or transdermal patches are prohibited within 24 hours of the scheduled post time of the race.
- Trainers should be mindful that over-the-counter nutritional supplements, homeopathic remedies, and herbal preparations are not regulated by the FDA and may contain prohibited substances with no notice on the product label.
- For horses receiving anti-ulcer medications, trainers are advised to perform daily administrations at least 24 hours prior to the horse's scheduled post time. The horse may then receive its race day anti-ulcer medication after racing and without interrupting its treatment schedule.
- On race day, blood samples for TCO₂ analysis will be collected from horses in the paddock 2 hours before post time.
- Only bedding provided by Yonkers Raceway may be used in the barn.
- On September 12, 2026, no attending veterinarians will have access to the horses entered in the Sire Stakes Races, except to provide emergency services under the direct supervision

of the Commission security person and with approval of the Presiding Judge or the Equine Medical Director. Any horses receiving emergency medication of any kind on September 12, 2026, will be scratched.

For specific questions concerning the drug rules for harness racing, please see [NY Harness drug rules on the commission web site](#) (9 NYCRR §§ 4100-4123) or call the Presiding Judge.

For questions related to veterinary matters, please contact:

Dr. Scott E. Palmer

NYSGC Equine Medical Director (518) 441-7916

For questions related to any other security protocol issue, please contact:

Matthew McKeown

NYSGC Director of Investigations (518) 903-6368

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Veterinary Treatment Record Form VR1A

Use of this Form is recommended to assure compliance
with Commission Rules 4012.4 and 4120.9

Veterinarian	Return form to: N.Y.S Gaming Commission 354 Broadway Schenectady, NY 12305	Telephone: 518-388-3300
Trainer/Client		Facsimile: 518-388-3403
Horse		Email: info@gaming.ny.gov

Date	Time	Diagnosis	Treatment: Drug Administered, Dose & Route of Transmission

SAMPLE



**Gaming
Commission**

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Veterinarian	John Smith	Return form to:	Telephone: 518-388-3300
Trainer/Client	Phil Jones	N.Y.S Gaming Commission 354 Broadway Schenectady, NY 12305	Facsimile: 518-388-3403
Horse	Sample Horse		Email: info@gaming.ny.gov

Date	Time	Diagnosis	Treatment: Drug Administered, Dose & Route of Transmission
9/10/26	11am	Inflammation	Phenylbutazone, 2gm IV

NEW YORK SIRE STAKES NO. 65
Foals of 2023

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

To Be Raced As:

Two-year-olds in 2025 and Three-year-olds in 2026

Two- and Three-year old events will be raced in separate colt and filly divisions.

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: May 15, 2024.....\$50

Future Sire Stakes Payments:

As 2-year-olds

March 15, 2025 (Specify Gait)..... \$600

ELIGIBLE TO ALL THREE LEVELS. NYSS/EXCELSIOR/COUNTY FAIRS

As 3-year-olds

February 15, 2026. (Specify Gait)..... \$750

ELIGIBLE TO ALL THREE LEVELS. NYSS/EXCELSIOR/COUNTY FAIRS

Declaration Fee: In all events at each track is two percent (2%) of the total amount of the purse raced for, increased upwards to the nearest multiple of \$100. All declaration fees will be added to the event to which declared. Starters declare in at each track at the time that is the practice for overnight events at that track. The declaration fee for each final event is to be announced. There will be no refunds for horses scratched from any Sire Stakes event.

Supplementary Entries: May be made to this stake on foals of 2023 upon payment of \$500 by March 15, 2025, in lieu of the May 15, 2024 nomination fee of \$50. If the regular March 15, 2025 payment is made on time, but the horse was not nominated as a yearling, the Fund may, at its discretion, accept the supplementary fee upon notification of the individual making the payment. All other payments must be made as regularly required.

Yearling Eligibility: Each eligible must satisfy the following requirements:

- (1) Sired by an eligible stallion (see Stallion Eligibility) registered to the Fund and standing in New York for the full season of service during which the dam was bred to produce such colt or filly.
- (2) The owner of the dam need not be a resident of New York State and foaling need not be in New York State.
- (3) Proof of registration by the USTA, or by a USTA recognized Standardbred registry organization dated on or before the time of nomination must accompany each nomination.
- (4) The foal of any mare which is inseminated by semen transported outside of New York State will be ineligible for nomination to any Excelsior or County Fair New York bred events.
- (5) For a foal to be nominated to these New York events, it must be the first foal born to the dam for the given year, and its sire must be a New York eligible stallion. The only exception will be in the case of same birth twins. To be eligible, a twin status must be indicated on the USTA registration certificates for the individuals in question.

Stallion Eligibility: Eligible Stallions are those stallions:

- (1) Owned by a resident of New York State and standing the entire stud season in New York State, or
- (2) 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) by a resident of New York State for a term of not less than one year, or
- (3) 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 (2).
- (4) To be eligible, a stallion must be registered with the Fund no later than January 1, of the year he will stand stud.

Future Eligibility: The March 15, 2025, payment must be made to race in 2025. The February 15, 2026, payment must be made to race as a 3-year-old in 2026.

Payment Distribution: Fifty dollars from each nomination fee and thirty dollars from each 2- and 3-year-old payment will be retained to defray a portion of the expenses for managing, advertising, promoting and publicizing these New York-bred harness horse races.

- (1) All 2- and 3-year-old staking fees available each year will be divided equally among all scheduled events, and will be added to the purses and distributed as follows:
 - (a) the 2- and 3-year-old February and March 15 fees will be divided equally between trot and pace divisions for colts and equally between trot and pace divisions for fillies.
- (2) New York Sire Stakes Fund monies will be divided each year in accordance with ratios established by the Fund.

Racing Conditions:

- (1) Each race to be held in one dash at one mile.
- (2) A NYSS final or consolation race, if scheduled, for 2- and 3-year-olds who participated in NYSS No. 65. Horses will be segregated by sex and gait in all events. Eligibility to these Championship events will be determined on a point basis. Points will be earned in legs of NYSS No. 66 raced at the participating pari-mutuel tracks and will be awarded as follows: 50 points for winning a leg, 25 points for placing second, 12 points for placing third, 8 points for placing fourth, and 5 points for placing fifth. The said horse would receive points according to its official finish, regardless of how many horses finish the race. A horse must finish the race to earn points, unless the race is cancelled (see race condition # 13, cancellation). Recalls – recalls in a NYSS race would be for the following reasons: Broken equipment, interference behind the starting gate, a horse falling before the word “go” is given, a horse scoring ahead of the gate or a horse assuming incorrect post position, or malfunction of the starting gate.
- (3) All Sire Stakes events at each sex, age and gait shall be limited to as many starters as can be drawn to post in the first tier. (Trailers are permitted to start at county fair events.) All owner entries must be split into different divisions for all Sire Stakes, if possible. No more than two entries from a common owner will be permitted in the same final or consolation, if scheduled. If an owner is affected by this condition, eligibility will be determined for those horses, with three or more starts, on highest points earned. Any horse that changes owner within 30 days before the date of entry (draw date) for NYSS final or consolations, if scheduled, must get those changes approved by the Fund or its designee to be able to race in the finals or consolations.
- (4) Sire Stakes races 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.
- (5) In the event of a dead heat for any position in any leg of NYSS No. 66, points will be split evenly between the horses involved. In the event of a tie for the last entry in the final or consolation, if scheduled, the judges shall draw by lot from among the horses tied in the point standings to determine the final entry.
- (6) All horses must enter the finals to race in either the finals or consolations. Consolations may be subject to race at a different venue on a different date. Horses must start in at least three legs to be eligible to the final or consolation race if scheduled (unless removed due to owner conflict as provided in 3 above). Judges official order of finish (points) will be used in determining eligibility to the finals or consolation race if scheduled. The top eight (or nine on a 5/8's or larger track) horses entered will race in the finals. The next eight (nine) horses will make up the consolation. Should there not be enough entries in the box with at least three starts to fill the finals race, the highest point earner which has entered with two starts shall be selected, etc. until there are enough entries to fill the first tier with horses that started in at least one New York Sire Stakes leg. There must be at least 4 horses entered in the consolations, however if there are four horses, the purse may be prorated based on the number of horses entered, unless reduced pursuant to 6 above, at the Fund's discretion. There shall be no consolation race scheduled if less than 4 horses are entered.
- (7) All final and consolation races, if scheduled, will race for an announced purse to be determined by the Fund.
- (8) No horse is eligible to declare in a NYSS 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

PACERS 2 YO 2:03

3 YO 2:00

7/8 mile or larger Tracks

PACERS 2 YO 2:01

3 YO 1:58

TROTTERS 2 YO 2:07
 3 YO 2:05

TROTTERS 2 YO 2:05
 3 YO 2:03

Add 7 seconds to the times above to get a mile and 1/16 mile equivalent. Charted 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 a NYSS 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 NYSS event. Officially charted workouts before the judges will not be allowed as a satisfactory charted line.
- (9) 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.
- (10) **Race Day Testing:** All horses competing in any NYSS No. 65 event 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.
 - (b) Said horse shall be disqualified from participation in any New York Sire Stakes event, including the final and consolation, should there be one, for a period of sixty (60) days from the day of violation.
 - (c) Said horse shall be disqualified from participation in any event sponsored by the Fund, including State and County Fair races for the duration of the penalty. The New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) has regulatory authority over all pari-mutuel horse races in New York State. In any case of disparity between rules, the latest rules of NYSGC shall prevail.
- (11) **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 samples 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 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.

- (12) A horse that has a drug positive for a prohibited substance during any Sire Stakes event, such horse shall be ineligible for any Sire Stakes event final or consolation (Sire Stakes, Excelsior or County Fair series). Eligibility to the finals or consolation race, if scheduled, shall exclude all participants with appeals yet to be decided at the time of declaration to the finals or consolation. In the case of a positive drug test, all appeals will be excluded from eligibility to the finals or consolation, if scheduled, 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.
- (13) **Cancellation:** Should circumstances prevent the racing of any Sire Stakes event, the monies and points will be prorated among owners of entered horses on the grounds for the uncontested event at the time of declaring off. The money will not be counted as money earned. The points will count towards the finals. The cancelled event will also count as a Sire Stakes start. Extenuating circumstances such as weather and labor disputes could be cause for rescheduling the final or consolation races, as per the NYSGC Rule 4114.3. All events shall be scheduled and run in cooperation with each licensee harness track in this state.
- (14) All questions of ELIGIBILITY will be decided by the Fund and the NYSGC.
- (15) When an owner has outstanding debts owed to any track or the Fund, every horse owned in whole or part by that owner may be subject to be declared ineligible by the Fund or 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 Race, including County Fair Races, until such time that debt and all fees are collected.
- (16) If an owner or trainer has a horse eligible to an Excelsior Series Final and also any NYSS final or consolation or County Fair final, then the owner or trainer must choose which final to declare into. A horse may only race in one final event. If the horse is scratched from a final or consolation, it will be ineligible to enter in another final event. If a horse declares into a final event and is not selected or the race does not fill, it may declare into another final event that has not yet been drawn.

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.

Gait: Must be specified at time of payment. Transfer of gait may be made at time of declaration, but past payments remain in the respective funds.

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

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230 Washington Ave Extension, Suite 101
Albany, NY 12203
Phone: 518-694-5002
Email: info@nysirestakes.com

NEW YORK SIRE STAKES NO. 66
Foals of 2024

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

To Be Raced As:

Two-year-olds in 2026 and Three-year-olds in 2027

Two- and Three-year old events will be raced in separate colt and filly divisions.

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.

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Nomination Fee: May 15, 2025.....\$50

Future Sire Stakes Payments:

As 2-year-olds

March 15, 2026 (Specify Gait)..... \$600

ELIGIBLE TO ALL THREE LEVELS. NYSS/EXCELSIOR/COUNTY FAIRS - Mares bred outside of NY are ineligible to the Excelsior and County Fairs unless otherwise provided by N.Y. Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law

As 3-year-olds

February 15, 2027. (Specify Gait)..... \$750

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Supplementary Entries: May be made to this stake on foals of 2024 upon payment of \$500 by March 15, 2026, in lieu of the May 15, 2025 nomination fee of \$50. If the regular March 15, 2026 payment is made on time, but the horse was not nominated as a yearling, the Fund may, at its discretion, accept the supplementary fee upon notification of the individual making the payment. All other payments must be made as regularly required.

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- (1) Sired by an eligible stallion (see Stallion Eligibility) registered to the Fund and standing in New York for the full season of service during which the dam was bred to produce such colt or filly.
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- (4) The foal of any mare which is inseminated by semen transported outside of New York State will be ineligible for nomination to any Excelsior or County Fair New York bred events.
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Future Eligibility: The March 15, 2026, payment must be made to race in 2026. The February 15, 2027, payment must be made to race as a 3-year-old in 2027.

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- (4) Sire Stakes races 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.
- (5) In the event of a dead heat for any position in any leg of NYSS No. 66, points will be split evenly between the horses involved. In the event of a tie for the last entry in the final or consolation, if scheduled, the judges shall draw by lot from among the horses tied in the point standings to determine the final entry.
- (6) All horses must enter the finals to race in either the finals or consolations. Consolations may be subject to race at a different venue on a different date. Horses must start in at least three legs to be eligible to the final or consolation race if scheduled (unless removed due to owner conflict as provided in 3 above). Judges official order of finish (points) will be used in determining eligibility to the finals or consolation race if scheduled. The top eight (or nine on a 5/8's or larger track) horses entered will race in the finals. The next eight (nine) horses will make up the consolation. Should there not be enough entries in the box with at least three starts to fill the finals race, the highest point earner which has entered with two starts shall be selected, etc. until there are enough entries to fill the first tier with horses that started in at least one New York Sire Stakes leg. There must be at least 4 horses entered in the consolations, however if there are four horses, the purse may be prorated based on the number of horses entered, unless reduced pursuant to 6 above, at the Fund's discretion. There shall be no consolation race scheduled if less than 4 horses are entered.
- (7) All final and consolation races, if scheduled, will race for an announced purse to be determined by the Fund.
- (8) No horse is eligible to declare in a NYSS 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

PACERS 2 YO 2:03

3 YO 2:00

7/8 mile or larger Tracks

PACERS 2 YO 2:01

3 YO 1:58

TROTTERS 2 YO 2:07
 3 YO 2:05

TROTTERS 2 YO 2:05
 3 YO 2:03

Add 7 seconds to the times above to get a mile and 1/16 mile equivalent. Charted 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 a NYSS 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 NYSS event. Officially charted workouts before the judges will not be allowed as a satisfactory charted line.
- (9) 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.
- (10) **Race Day Testing:** All horses competing in any NYSS No. 66 event 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.
 - (b) Said horse shall be disqualified from participation in any New York Sire Stakes event, including the final and consolation, should there be one, for a period of sixty (60) days from the day of violation.
 - (c) Said horse shall be disqualified from participation in any event sponsored by the Fund, including State and County Fair races for the duration of the penalty. The New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) has regulatory authority over all pari-mutuel horse races in New York State. In any case of disparity between rules, the latest rules of NYSGC shall prevail.
- (11) **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 samples 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 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.

- (12) A horse that has a drug positive for a prohibited substance during any Sire Stakes event, such horse shall be ineligible for any Sire Stakes event final or consolation (Sire Stakes, Excelsior or County Fair series). Eligibility to the finals or consolation race, if scheduled, shall exclude all participants with appeals yet to be decided at the time of declaration to the finals or consolation. In the case of a positive drug test, all appeals will be excluded from eligibility to the finals or consolation, if scheduled, 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.
- (13) **Cancellation:** Should circumstances prevent the racing of any Sire Stakes event, the monies and points will be prorated among owners of entered horses on the grounds for the uncontested event at the time of declaring off. The money will not be counted as money earned. The points will count towards the finals. The cancelled event will also count as a Sire Stakes start. Extenuating circumstances such as weather and labor disputes could be cause for rescheduling the final or consolation races, as per the NYSGC Rule 4114.3. All events shall be scheduled and run in cooperation with each licensee harness track in this state.
- (14) All questions of ELIGIBILITY will be decided by the Fund and the NYSGC.
- (15) When an owner has outstanding debts owed to any track or the Fund, every horse owned in whole or part by that owner may be subject to be declared ineligible by the Fund or 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 Race, including County Fair Races, until such time that debt and all fees are collected.
- (16) If an owner or trainer has a horse eligible to an Excelsior Series Final and also any NYSS final or consolation or County Fair final, then the owner or trainer must choose which final to declare into. A horse may only race in one final event. If the horse is scratched from a final or consolation, it will be ineligible to enter in another final event. If a horse declares into a final event and is not selected or the race does not fill, it may declare into another final event that has not yet been drawn.

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.

Gait: Must be specified at time of payment. Transfer of gait may be made at time of declaration, but past payments remain in the respective funds.

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

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