



2017 Ohio Sires Stakes Conditions for 2- and 3-Year-Olds

- Nominations.** **Nominations for 2- and 3-year-olds must be postmarked with payment included by March 15, 2017.** Nominators mailing close to the deadline, including those using computer-generated postage, should make sure the letter is postmarked by a postal employee. **Nominations not received by the March 15, 2017 deadline, not postmarked, not including a check or money order with sufficient funds to cover the nomination, those sent via fax or e-mail and those postmarked after March 15, 2017 will not be accepted.** Nominations of unnamed horses will not be accepted. If a horse's name is changed after it was nominated, the nominator must advise the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund (OSDF). A horse nominated at one gait may move to the other gait by advising the OSDF, provided the horse has not previously raced in a leg of the Ohio Sires Stakes.

- Payments:**

The fee for any horse nominated to all four sires stakes races:	\$500
The fee for any horse nominated to any single race:	\$200
The starting fee for all series races is:	\$500

There are no sustaining payments due. On all four-race payments, \$75 will go to each series race and \$200 to the Championship. On individual race payments, the entire \$200 payment will go to the series race. All nominating and starting fees must be paid in U.S. currency. A horse entered by a nominator who pays fees with a dishonored check may be dropped from the eligibility list and the matter may be referred to the Ohio State Racing Commission under Ohio Administrative Rule 3769-17-42. All payments are forfeited. The appropriate amount of money will be shifted to the new gait if an eligible horse changes gait.

- Entries.** Starters in legs, Championships and Consolations shall enter at the regular time practiced at that racetrack. Each race is a one-mile dash.
- Requirements to start.** At time of ENTRY, a starter must show within 45 days prior to the advertised day of the race at least one performance line without a break and within the time requirements below. *A one second allowance on time requirements will be granted on entries taken through the first leg of each series race for 3-year-olds.* An official workout before the Judges will not be acceptable.

Trotters: Half-Mile	Trotters: Five-Eighths or Larger	Age	Pacers: Half-Mile	Pacers: Five-Eighths or Larger
2:06 or faster	2:04 or faster	2-Year-Olds	2:02 or faster	2:00 or faster
2:03 or faster	2:01 or faster	3-Year-Olds	1:59 or faster	1:57 or faster

- Scratches.** Horses scratched sick or lame from any purse race may not race in a sires stakes leg, Championship or Consolation until the seventh (7th) day after the date of the race from which the horse was scratched; and then only with a veterinarian's permission slip.
- Starting.** Horses on the starting gate are limited to nine on five-eighths mile tracks and eight on half-mile tracks. In any leg if 11 or more horses enter, the race will be contested in two divisions. Thereafter, if 20 or more horses enter, no division shall be raced with more than one trailer. All divisions shall be raced on the advertised date unless postponed pursuant to condition #10.
- Starters.** If less than five horses enter any leg, the race shall be cancelled and trainers so notified. Each horse entered shall be entitled to an equal share of all money paid in nominating fees credited to that leg. All available points will be divided equally based upon the number of horses entered by using the points awarded system for each leg as described in the conditions for "Championship and Consolation Races." Each horse entered will be awarded one additional point as if the horse started in the race.
- Purses.** All nominating and starting fees will be added to the purse. No funds for a race shall be allocated to and paid to a permit holder by the OSDF unless the permit holder adds at least twenty per cent to the amount allocated by the OSDF, and not less than five thousand dollars to each race. The OSDF shall add a minimum of \$33,000 per leg. The total purse will be divided equally between divisions. The minimum purse for each division shall be \$40,000. The maximum purse for one division shall be \$45,000. The purse for each Championship shall be \$250,000 guaranteed. The purse for each Consolation shall be \$50,000 guaranteed.
- Eligibility.** Foals eligible shall be only those sired by a Standardbred stallion registered with the Ohio State Racing Commission during the year of conception. No filly may enter colt and gelding legs. No colt or gelding may enter filly legs. Any foal produced by embryo/ovum transplant shall be eligible when in compliance with United States Trotting Association rule number 26.24.
- Cancellations.** If circumstances prevent racing any leg, Championship or Consolation at the scheduled racetrack on its advertised date, the OSDF Commission may reschedule it on another date or at another track.
- Rules/Rulings.** Rules of the Ohio State Racing Commission to govern. The OSDF Commission has final authority to determine any questions related to horse eligibility and interpretation of the conditions. All Ohio Sires Stakes must be scheduled as betting races unless approved by the OSDF Commission.
- Sample Testing.** All horses entered in Ohio Sires Stakes may be subject to TCO₂ testing.

Championship and Consolation Races

Starters in Championships and Consolations shall be limited to eight on a half-mile track and to nine on a five-eighths mile track. Starters in either race do not need to meet requirements contained in Condition four (4).

All horses receiving points in the legs may enter a Championship, but only the eight horses for a Championship on a half-mile track or nine horses for a Championship on a five-eighths mile track with the highest point totals of those entered will be selected as starters.

Points will be awarded in each of the first four legs of the series as follows: Win-50, Second-25, Third-12, Fourth-8, Fifth-5, and All Starters-1. In the event of a dead-heat, horses shall receive the standard distribution of points for their particular order of finish. For the purposes of awarding points to qualify for the Championship or Consolation, each division shall be considered a race.

When the Championship is raced on a half-mile track, the eight horses with the highest point totals are not eligible to enter the Consolation. When the Championship is raced on a five-eighths mile track, the nine horses with the highest point totals are not eligible to enter the Consolation. If a horse is eligible by points and drawn in to race in the Championship, the horse shall race only in the Championship. A horse scratched from the Championship is not eligible to enter the Consolation.

Excluding ineligible horses, all other horses receiving points in the legs may enter a Consolation, but only the eight horses for a Consolation on a half-mile track or nine horses for a Consolation on a five-eighths mile track with the highest point totals of those entered will be selected as starters.

Entry is not automatic. A horse must enter the Championship or Consolation to be named a starter. If six (6) horses are not entered, the Consolation shall be cancelled.

Points shall be awarded according to any placing of the judges and shall be used to determine which horses shall qualify for a Championship or Consolation. Any pending appeal of a ruling issued by the judges shall not alter the placing determined by the judges. If two or more horses tied in points declare in for the last position in a Championship or a Consolation, the horse with the highest OSS earnings for the current year will be the last starter. If the tie is not broken by earnings, the last starter shall be drawn by lot.

Two also-eligible horses may be drawn. The higher point winner shall be assigned also-eligible #1. If also-eligible horses tie in points, the horse with the higher OSS earnings for the current year would be also-eligible #1. If the tie is not broken by money earned, also-eligible #1 shall be drawn by lot. Also-eligible horses may move in if a scratch occurs prior to the designated scratch time at the track hosting the Championship or Consolation. Starters shall declare in at the usual time practiced at that track for overnight entries. **All horses entered in a Championship or Consolation shall be required to report to the detention area at the racetrack hosting the Championship or Consolation at least six hours prior to the advertised post time of the race entered.** Any horse late for detention shall be scratched by the judges.

Entry Fee for All 2- and 3-Year-Old Championships: \$1,000

Entry Fee for All 2- and 3-Year-Old Consolations: \$500



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