

# Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund 2012 Rules & Conditions

## Eligibility:

**To qualify for Ohio Thoroughbred Fund money in 2012, horses must be registered under the thoroughbred fund program.**

## Conditions:

**1.** All Ohio-funded stakes races must go if there are five or more betting interests. The Race Secretary shall request uncoupling for common betting interests. The Ohio State Racing Commission may, in its discretion, uncouple the common betting interests.

If an Ohio-funded stakes race draws four or fewer betting interests and the track elects not to permit wagering on this race, the race will be run as an exhibition and the purse will be dropped to Ohio Fund Money. Any Ohio-funded stakes race scheduled at one mile on the main dirt track will move to the next available longer distance if more than eight horses are entered.

All Ohio-funded stakes race nomination blanks **excluding Best Of Ohio** will read as follows: A fee of \$50 each shall accompany the nomination. Entry fees shall be 1% of the State's share of the total purse, which shall be due at the time of entry. An additional fee of 0.65% of the gross purse will be required to start. Nominating and entry fees shall be returned to excluded horses.

All Ohio-funded stakes races except the Best Of Ohio Distaff, Best Of Ohio Endurance, and the Ohio Freshman (**30 stakes for 2012**) will be funded as follows: **35%** from the Ohio Thoroughbred Development Fund and **65%** from the horsemen's purse fund.

**2.** No Ohio Thoroughbred Fund Stake will be split. All Ohio Thoroughbred Fund stakes that have more entries than the starting gate will hold will be drawn under the following guidelines:

(A) Horses with the highest earnings in the year of the stake as calculated at time of closing and preceding year are preferred;

(B) When an Ohio Thoroughbred Fund Stake has more entries than the starting gate will hold, there shall be sixteen horses drawn into a race on the dirt and fourteen for the turf. At scratch time if one or both horses with the lowest earnings should draw in they will race from their assigned post positions at time of draw. Scratch time, for the purpose of this condition, shall be one-half hour before the first live race on the day of the race, at the track where the race is to be contested. Nominating and entry fees will be returned to owners of excluded horses;

(C) Six stakes--The Juvenile, John W. Galbreath, Queen City Oaks, Cleveland Gold Cup, Governor's Buckeye Cup and Rose DeBartolo Memorial--shall be assigned weights consistent with Best of Ohio weight assignment for age and sex.

**3.** The following stakes races shall be known as the "Best of Ohio Series" and shall be funded as follows:

**State Share — \$220,000    Horsemen's Share — \$130,000    Total Purse — \$350,000**

Each Stake race shall consist of a maximum of 14 horses, eligibility to be determined by money earned. Eligible horses racing at least once in Ohio during 2012 credited with 2011 and 2012 earnings. Non-starters in Ohio during 2012 credited with 2012 earnings only. Should horses tie for eligibility, the following order will be used to determine participation: (a) Horses with the highest total earnings in the year of Stake and preceding year; and (b) Lottery.

Date	Track	Stake	Purse	Distance	Weight
Oct. 12	Thistledown	<b>J.W. Galbreath</b>	<b>\$75,000</b> — 2-year-old filly	1 1/16 mi.	Fillies 117 lbs.
Oct. 12	Thistledown	<b>Juvenile</b>	<b>\$75,000</b> — 2-year-old	1 1/16 mi.	Colts/Geldings 120lbs.; Fillies 117 lbs.
Oct. 12	Thistledown	<b>Sprint</b>	<b>\$50,000</b> — 3-year-old & up	6 furlongs	3yo, 119 lbs.; older, 122; fillies/mares allowed 3 lbs.
Oct. 12	Thistledown	<b>Distaff</b>	<b>\$75,000</b> — 3-year-old & up, fillies/mares	1 1/8 mi.	3yo, 119 lbs.; older, 122 lbs.
Oct. 12	Thistledown	<b>Endurance</b>	<b>\$75,000</b> — 3-year-old & up	1 1/4 mi.	3yo, 119 lbs.; older, 122; fillies/mares allowed 3 lbs.

**4.** Ohio overnight races must be written in the following categories:    **a.** 2-year-olds;    **b.** 2-year-old fillies;  
**c.** 3-year-olds;    **d.** 3-year-old fillies;    **e.** 3-year-old and up;    **f.** 3-year-old and up fillies/mares.

5. Two-year-olds shall not be required to carry more than 122 lbs.

6. At least 50 per cent of all overnight races must be written for fillies.

7. Should any fund overnight race fail to be contested due to insufficient entries, the lists of entries made in such race shall immediately be posted in a conspicuous place on the Horsemen's Bulletin Board. Failure to do so shall be grounds for penalties or sanctions by the Commission.

8. At least one Ohio-funded overnight race shall be scheduled on every day of racing at each track. At his discretion, each Racing Secretary may schedule more than one Ohio-funded race each day, taking into consideration the total amount of overnight money allotted in 2012 versus the total number of race days per year at each track. Overnight allotments for 2012 are as follows:

Track	Days	Allotment	Percentage
River Downs	93	127,126	28.2%
Beulah Park	114	156,878	34.7%
Thistledown	122	166,796	37.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>\$450,800</b>	

9. In all overnight fund races, the amount of the purse put up by the track (Horsemen's purse fund) must be at least equal to the amount of contribution from the Ohio thoroughbred race fund. In no event may the track's share of the purse be less than the amount the track would normally pay for the same class of race.

10. Ohio maiden races for 2-year-olds must be written starting June 1, and will then be offered in a timely manner at each track. Ohio maiden races for 3-year-olds and up must be held every ten days beginning on the first day of the 2012 racing season. Races such as non-winners of two, non-winners of a race other than, non-winners of three, non-winners of two races other than, non-winners of four, non-winners of three races other than should also be spaced throughout the book.

No Ohio-fund overnight races for 3-year-olds or 3-year-olds & up shall be scheduled at less than 6 furlongs after May 1st. Racing Secretaries must send proof copies of condition books to members of the Commission and Advisory Committee 10 days prior to the printing of said condition book.

11. All Ohio-funded **non-claiming** races, scheduled on the main track, must go if there are six or more betting interests. Any such races scheduled on the turf must go if there are ten or more betting interests. **All Ohio-funded non-condition claiming races shall be used with 8 or more betting interests. Registered Ohio-breds shall be preferred in all claiming races after any condition eligibility preference has been observed.** If an Ohio-funded overnight race draws more entries than the gate will accommodate, the race may be split. The Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund share of the purse may be split accordingly.

12. All Ohio-funded maiden non-claiming races shall be split when there are sufficient entries for each division to contain at least eight separate betting interests. The Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund share of the purse may be split accordingly.

13. In the event an adequate number of Ohio Accredited horses are entered in any Ohio-funded overnight race, the Racing Secretary may request approval from the Executive Director of the Commission to split the race into an Ohio-Accredited and an Ohio-foaled race.

14. The following schedule shall be used for all Ohio overnight races:

**ALLOWANCE WITH LIFETIME CONDITIONS:**

The Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund will provide the following to each purse for the following categories:

a. Maiden (non-claiming)	<b>\$2,500</b>
b. Non-winners of 2 or non-winners of a race other than maiden or claiming	<b>2,600</b>
c. Non-winners of 3 or non-winners of 2 races other than maiden or claiming	<b>2,900</b>
d. Non-winners of 3 races other than maiden or claiming or never won a race or 2 races at one mile or over other than maiden or claiming	<b>2,900</b>

**ALLOWANCE OTHER THAN LIFETIME CONDITIONS:**

Each track shall write an Allowance race for, **other than lifetime conditions**, at least once per month. The Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund will add **\$2,500** to the purse for each of such races.

**CLAIMING RACES / STARTER RACES.**

All Ohio Claiming races \$20,000 and above receive	<b>\$1,500</b>
All Ohio Claiming races below \$20,000 and above \$6,500 receive	<b>1,300</b>
All Ohio Claiming races \$6,500 and below receive	<b>1,000</b>

**15.** All Ohio-registered thoroughbreds that win open races under the following categories shall be supplemented as indicated below. An open race is any race that is not limited to horses foaled in a specific state, sired by stallions standing in a specific state, or horses sold at a certain auction. Purses shall be supplemented as follows:

Open maiden allowance	<b>\$5,000</b>
Open allowance non-winners of 2 or non-winners of a race other than maiden or claiming	<b>5,000</b>
Open allowance non-winners of 3 or non-winners of 2 races other than maiden or claiming	<b>5,000</b>
Open allowance	<b>5,000</b>

**Claiming Races / Starter Races**

All Open Claiming races \$20,000 and above receive	<b>\$2,000</b>
All Open Claiming races \$6,500 up to \$20,000 receive	<b>800</b>

**16.** Each Condition Book shall contain a list of all Ohio-funded races to be carded for the ensuing 15-day period beyond the current Condition Book. The list shall identify the date, purse, and distance of each Ohio-funded race. In all condition books and racing programs the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund logo shall be used to identify all Ohio-restricted races.

**17.** Pursuant to Section 3769-5-66, paragraphs (A)(1) and (A)(2), Breeders' Awards shall be established as follows:

- A. Broodmares**
  - 1.** All races other than claiming or starter allowance, **15% of winner's share of purse.**
  - 2.** All claiming and starter allowance races, **10% of winner's share of purse.**
- B. Stallions**
  - 1.** All races other than claiming or starter allowance, **10% of winner's share of purse.**
  - 2.** All claiming and starter allowance races, **5% of winner's share of purse.**

**18.** In order to receive a Broodmare or Stallion Award, a breeder must be licensed by the Ohio State Racing Commission.

**The following were considerations taken into account while developing the 2012 stakes schedule:**

1. The major races in each division were targeted: **"Best of Ohio"** Championships, Juvenile, John W. Galbreath, Cleveland Gold Cup and Queen City Oaks.
2. Races for 3-year-old colts and races for older males have been scheduled as far apart as possible.
3. Races for 3-year-old fillies and races for older mares have been scheduled as far apart as possible.
4. Races have been distributed between racetracks to afford as much equity as possible based upon the number of racing dates and moneys generated for the program at each track. Every effort has been made to avoid having consecutive races at any one single racetrack.
5. In order to encourage filly participation in the 2-year-old stakes program, fillies are eligible to run in the Ohio Freshman on November 17, 2012. The highest finishing filly will receive \$5,000 from the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund in addition to any purse money she earns.

**An "Ohio-bred" for the purpose of these conditions means one registered with the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund. These conditions are subject to interpretation, review and revision at any time by the Ohio State Racing Commission. All decisions made by the Ohio State Racing Commission with respect to these rules and regulations shall be final.**