



2024 Ohio Sires Stakes

Sponsored by the Standardbred Development Fund

\$50,000-\$65,000-\$100,000 Purses Per Leg*

\$400,000 Scarlet and Gray Championship

SIRES STAKES Nomination Payment Due: March 15, 2024, Nomination Fee \$700
Scarlet and Gray Championships: October 12-13, 2024, MGM Northfield Park

1. Nominations Nomination must be postmarked WITH PAYMENT INCLUDED no later than March 15, 2024.

Nominations received after the March 15, 2024, deadline, not postmarked, not including a check/money order with sufficient nomination funds when processed, and horses not registered with the United States Trotting Association *will not be accepted*.

An UNNAMED HORSE nominated to the Ohio Sires Stakes program by the March 15, 2024, deadline will incur a penalty of \$250 which must be paid to the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund (OSDF) by May 1, 2024, to be eligible to the 2024 Ohio Sires Stakes program.

If a horse's name is changed after it was nominated, the nominator must advise the OSDF administrator. A horse nominated at one gait may move to the other gait by advising the OSDF, any nomination money will follow the horse after the change in gait. A horse is only eligible to race once in each leg of the series regardless of gait.

2. Payments \$700 for any horse nominated to all five Ohio Sires Stakes legs. \$200 for any horse nominated to a single Ohio Sires Stakes leg. \$500 is the entry fee for each Ohio Sires Stakes leg

There are no sustaining payments. For each across the board nomination, \$100 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 entry 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.

3. Entries Starters in legs and Championships shall enter at the regular time practiced at that racetrack. Each race is a one-mile dash. There will be a six-hour detention time for the 2-year-old and 3-year-old Championships and any single race with a purse of \$100,000 and over. Any horse late for detention shall be scratched by the judges.

4. 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	Pacers Half- Mile	Pacers Five-Eighths
2-yr-olds	2:06 or faster	2:04 or faster	2:02 or faster	2:00 or faster
3-yr-olds	2:03 or faster	2:01 or faster	1:59 or faster	1:57 or faster

5. Scratches Horses scratched sick or lame from any purse race may not race in an Ohio Sires Stakes leg or Championship until the seventh (7th) day after the race date from which the horse was scratched, and then only with a veterinarian's permission slip.

6. Starting 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 enter on a five-eighths mile track or 10 enter on a half mile track there shall be one division. If 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.

7. Starters If fewer 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 Races." Each horse entered will be awarded one additional point as if the horse started in the race.

8. Purses All nominating, and entry fees are non-refundable and will be added to the purse. Purse distribution for each race shall be: 50%, 25%, 12%, 8%, 5%. If any single leg race under Rule 6 results in two trailers, a 3% purse distribution payment will be added to the purse and paid to the 6th place finisher. Horses 7th through 11th on a five-eighths mile track or 7th through 10th on a half-mile track that start and finish the race will receive a \$500 starter's payment. 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 percent to the amount allocated by the OSDF, and not less than \$5,000 to each race. The OSDF shall add a minimum of \$33,000 per leg. The total purse will be divided equally between divisions. *The maximum purse for one (1) division shall be \$100,000. The maximum purse for two (2) divisions shall be \$65,000 per division. The maximum purse for three (3) or more divisions shall be \$50,000 per division. The purse for each Scarlet and Gray Championship shall be \$400,000 estimated, in any year if separated into divisions, the Scarlet Championship shall race for \$300,000 estimated and the Gray Championship shall race for \$100,000 estimated.

9. 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 (USTA) rule number 26.23.

10. Cancellations If circumstances prevent racing any leg, or Championship at the scheduled racetrack on its advertised date, the OSDF Commission may reschedule it on another date or at another track.

11. All Ohio Sires Stakes must be scheduled as betting races unless approved by the OSDF Commission. Unless otherwise specifically stated in the conditions, Ohio State Racing Commission Rules will govern. The interpretation of any of the conditions and settlement of any disputes that arise will be determined by the OSDF Commission in their sole and complete

discretion in making a final decision. The Ohio State Racing Commission reserves the sole and exclusive right to modify, alter, amend and/or cancel any event in its entirety.

Ohio Sires Stakes Scarlet and Gray Championships

Entry is not automatic. A horse must enter the Championship to be named a starter. If fewer than six (6) horses are entered, a Championship shall be cancelled, trainers so notified, and each horse entered shall be entitled to an equal share of all money paid in nominating fees credited to that Championship.

Starters in the 2-year-old and 3-year-old Scarlet and Gray Championship shall be limited to eight on a half-mile track and to nine on a five-eighths mile track. Starters need to meet the requirements contained in Condition #4. Horses must start in at least one OSS leg to be eligible to start in the Championships.

In any year, if more than eight on a half mile track and nine on a five-eighths mile track are eligible or enter in the Scarlet and Gray Championship, the race shall be separated into two divisions: the Scarlet Championship, and the Gray Championship. The Championship races may be scheduled on the same day at the same track. For the Championships, all nominations and entry fees are added to the purse and the purse distributions for each race shall follow Condition #8.

All horses receiving points in the legs may enter the Championship. If there are fewer than nine horses entered for the Championship on a half-mile track or fewer than ten horses entered for the Championship on a five-eighths mile track, the highest point totals of those entered will be selected as starters for the Scarlet and Gray Championship's \$400,000 purse. If more than eight on a half mile track and nine on a five-eighths mile track are eligible or enter in the Scarlet and Gray Championship, the races shall be separated into divisions. If separated into divisions, the highest point-earning, eight horses on a half-mile track or nine horses on a five-eighths mile track, shall be selected as starters for the divisional Scarlet Championship for an estimated \$300,000 purse, with the next highest point totals of those entered being selected as starters for the divisional Gray Championship for an estimated \$100,000 purse.

Entry Fee for all two-and-three-year-old Scarlet and Gray Championships or Scarlet Championships is \$1,000. Entry Fee for Gray Championships is \$500. The non-purse earning finishers in the Scarlet and Gray Championships or Scarlet Championships (6th through 9th on a five-eighths or 6th through 8th on a half-mile) that start and finish the race, will receive a \$2,000 starter's payment.

Points will be awarded in each of the first five legs of the series as follows: Win-51, Second-26, Third-13, Fourth-9, Fifth-6 and all remaining 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 Championships, each leg's division shall be considered a race.

When the Scarlet and Gray Championship or Scarlet Championship is raced on a half-mile track, the eight horses with the highest point totals are not eligible to race in the Gray Championship. When the Scarlet and Gray Championship or Scarlet Championship is raced on a five-eighths mile track, the nine horses with the highest point totals are not eligible to enter the Gray Championship. If a horse is eligible by points

and drawn in to race in the Scarlet and Gray Championship or Scarlet Championship, the horse shall race only in the Scarlet and Gray Championship or Scarlet Championship. A horse scratched from the Scarlet and Gray Championship or Scarlet Championship is not eligible to enter the Gray Championship.

Points shall be awarded according to any placing of the judges and shall be used to determine which horses shall qualify for a Championship. 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, 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. Starters shall declare in at the usual time practiced at that track for overnight entries. All horses entered in a 2-year-old, or 3-year-old Championship shall be required to report to the detention area at the racetrack hosting the Championships 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.

Mail Checks & Nomination forms to:

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