



# 2024 Ohio Sires Stakes

*Sponsored by the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund*

**\$85,000 est. Veteran Championships**

**4-year-olds and up, Ohio-Sired Trotters and Pacers**

**No Nomination Fee**

**August 30, 2024, Caesars Scioto Downs**

**1. Entry Fee** Nominations are not required. The entry fee for each Veteran Championship is \$500. Veteran Championships are for 4-year-olds and up, trotting horses or geldings, trotting mares, pacing horses or geldings, and pacing mares. If six separate betting interests are not entered for any Veteran Championship, that Veteran Championship may be cancelled or combined as the host track Racing Secretary sees fit.

**2. Eligibility** Four-year-olds and up, trotters and pacers who are sired by a stallion registered with the Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) during year of conception. Any foal produced by embryo/ovum transplant shall be eligible when in compliance with the United States Trotting Association (USTA) Rule Number 26.23.

Eligibility of starters in each of the Veteran Championships are restricted to the eight (on a half-mile track) and nine (on a five-eighths mile track) leading money winners in races conducted at Ohio commercial tracks and Ohio fairs from January 1, 2024, and prior to the day before each respective race's draw, who have raced a minimum of five times in Ohio in 2024 will be given first preference. Leading money winners in races conducted at Ohio commercial tracks and Ohio fairs from January 1, 2024, and prior to the day before each respective race's draw, who have raced a minimum of four times in Ohio in 2024 will be given second preference. If the race doesn't fill after application of the second preference, the race may be re-opened to continue to add horses that have raced in Ohio for fewer than four starts. Horses with a higher number of Ohio starts will be in under this section with entry re-opened to fill the remainder of the field with lower preference eligible horses, except that all eligible horses that met the higher Ohio-preference condition and were declared into that race prior to and after the re-opening shall automatically be drawn into the race. If two or more horses tied in earnings declare in under any preference in the Veteran Championships, the horse with the highest Ohio earnings for the current year will be a starter. If the tie is not broken by earnings when getting to the last entry, the final starter shall be drawn by lot. All horses' earnings will be verified by examination of the official records of the United States Trotting Association (USTA). Purse earnings in other jurisdictions do not count to a horse's Veteran Championship eligibility.

**3. 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

qualifying time requirements at the host track. An official workout before the Judges will not be acceptable.

**4. Purses** All entry fees will be added to each Veteran Championship. No funds for a Veteran Championship shall be allocated to or paid to a permit holder by the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund (OSDF) unless the permit holder adds at least twenty-five (25%) percent to the amount allocated by the OSDF to each Veteran Championship. Purse distribution for each Veteran Championship shall be: 50%, 25%, 12%, 8%, 5%.

**5. Rules** 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. Each Veteran Championship is a one-mile dash.

**6. Starting** If two or more horses tied in earnings declare in for the eighth position on a half mile track or ninth position on a five-eighths mile track, in any Veteran Championship, the last starter shall be drawn by lot. Two also-eligible horses may be drawn, and the same method used in the case of a tie. An also-eligible horse may move into a Veteran Championship if a scratch occurs prior to the designated scratch time at the host track. Starters in Veteran Championships shall declare in at the usual time for overnight entries practiced at the host track. Any horse scratched sick or lame from any purse race shall not race in a Veteran Championship unless seven days have passed from the date of the race from which the horse was scratched.

**7. Cancellations** If circumstances prevent racing any Veteran Championship at the scheduled track on its advertised date, the OSDF Commission may reschedule the race on another date or another track, whenever possible.

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