# **Keystone Classics**

## Eight Pennsylvania-Sired Events For 2- and 3-Year-Olds, Both Sexes & Gaits

#### Note:

The Meadows reserves the right to add to, amend or delete the conditions of all or any part of the Keystone Classics, without liability.

## Owned and Sponsored By:

The Meadows

## Serviced By:

The Hambletonian Society, Inc.

#### For:

Pennsylvania-sired Foals of 2021 and 2022 (Subject to USTA Rule 26, Section 23 (d). Each foal must be by a stallion standing in Pennsylvania for a full season of service during which the mare was bred to produce that foal.

## To Be Raced As:

Eight races. Separate Colt (including geldings) and Filly divisions for 2-year-old and 3-year-old trotters and 2-year-old and 3-year-old pacers.

#### To Be Raced At:

The Meadows, Meadow Lands, Pennsylvania. Definite dates will be published in the USTA Stakes Guide in the year of the races. If for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable, in the opinion of the Sponsor, to hold any or all of these races at the track designated, the Sponsor reserve the right to change the date and the location of any or all of the races.

## **Cancellation:**

The Sponsor further reserves the right to cancel any or all of the races if for reasons beyond their control it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Sponsor to conduct said race(s). If an event is not raced due to circumstances beyond their control, the Sponsor's responsibility and liability will be limited to refunding without interest nomination, sustaining and Entrance Fees collected toward canceled event that have not been disbursed at the time of cancellation. These monies will be prorated among the owners of the horses eligible as of the time of cancellation.

## **Actual 2023 Total Purses:**

2-Year-Old Colt Pace	\$82,700 (2 divisions)
2-Year-Old Filly Pace	\$78,700 (2 divisions)
2-Year-Old Colt Trot	\$80,500 (2 divisions)
2-Year-Old Filly Trot	\$69,900 (2 divisions)
3-Year-Old Colt Pace	\$69,100 (2 divisions)
3-Year-Old Filly Pace	\$78,100 (3 divisions)
3-Year-Old Colt Trot	\$48,950 (2 divisions)
3-Year-Old Filly Trot	\$52,750 (1 division)

## **Added Money:**

The Meadows will add a minimum of \$12,000 to all 2-year-old events and a minimum of \$12,000 to all 3-year-old events.

## Payments (U.S. Funds only):

On 2-Year-Olds:

March 15, 2024 – 1st payment (nomination)	\$200
May 15, 2024 – 2nd payment (sustaining)	\$400
Entrance Fee	\$400
On 3-Year-Olds:	
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February 15, 2024 – 1st payment (nomination)\$20	00
March 15, 2024 – 2nd payment (sustaining)\$40	00
Entrance Fee\$4	00

The sponsor reserves the right to deduct from the paid in nominating and sustaining fees funds to pay the Hambletonian Society fees for administration of the races and for any trophies for these races.

#### **Declaration:**

Entrance Fee shall be due with declaration to start at the track where the race is being held at the time and date posted on the Condition Sheet.

Entrance Fee shall be due at time of declaration and payable not later than one hour prior to post time of the first elimination heat (if eliminations are necessary) or the race to be contested, as the case may be. All Entrance Fees shall be made payable to The Meadows.

At the time of declaration a starter must show at least one clean charted line (no breaks) within 45 days prior to the date of declaration of the race and meet existing time standards.

## **Supplemental Nominations and Declarations:**

There are no supplemental nominations or declarations allowed for any of these races.

## **Payment Distribution:**

All payments will be credited to the specific race.

## Notice:

USTA Rule 12.04 provides: "Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event." The Hambletonian Society, Inc. will construe payment to require that cash or check duly honored upon presentation be received at the time specified in USTA Rule 12.02.

#### Waiver:

As a condition of participation in the 2024 Keystone Classics, the Owner(s) of the nominated horse(s) hereby grants to the Sponsor, its representatives, successors, and assigns the absolute right to copyright and publish, use or reuse still and motion photographic images of its horses, drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents, in whole or in part, in composite or in distorted character, with or without use of names, in color or otherwise, for the purpose of promotion, advertising, trade or other lawful purpose in any and all media. Owner(s) waives any right to inspect and/or approve the finished product or the copy that may be used in connection therewith or the use to which it might be applied. Owner(s) further agrees to inform his drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents of the authority granted to the Sponsor herein, to hold Sponsor harmless from any and all liability and damages, and to indemnify the Sponsor from same should any such owner(s), driver(s), trainer(s), employee(s), officer(s) and agent(s) challenge Sponsor's rights herein as set forth above.

## **Racing Conditions:**

One dash at one mile. In the event more than ten (10) horses declare to start in any event, The Meadows may race the event in divisions. The Meadows reserves the right to reject and return the entry fee. All races will be drawn by lot, except that entries will be separated whenever possible. Post positions for all races will be determined by an open draw.

All starters are subject to the detention policy of the race track.

## **Money Division:**

Purses for these races will be divided 50-25-12-8-5%.

#### **Drivers and Trainers Fees:**

The drivers and trainers fees may be disbursed in accordance with the policy of the track at the time of the races.

## **Disputes:**

In the case of any dispute as to the interpretation of these conditions, the decision of the Sponsor shall be final. All fees and payments in any race are accepted on the condition that all claims, objections and appeals arising out of these races or with respect to any interpretation of any rules or conditions of the races, or otherwise shall be decided by the Sponsor.

The Meadows, at its sole discretion as to what it determines to be in the best interest of the Races, reserves the right to refuse the participation of any entry or proposed entry. Any horse owned or trained by an owner or trainer who is arrested, indicted or is the subject of a filed governmental criminal information charging such person with administering, selling, sponsoring or encouraging the sale or use of illegal medications or the illegal or unethical treatment of animals will be ineligible to race in any of the races owned by The Meadows. Such ineligibility shall commence on the date of such arrest, indictment or information and continue for a minimum of 60 days from the time of the transfer of ownership of the horse and/or the change of trainers to a bona fide separate and unrelated licensed owner or trainer, as the case may be. All payments may be subject to forfeiture.

## Rules:

Unless otherwise specified and except as may be affected by a state or provincial racing Commission or Board, USTA rules not in conflict with these conditions or the future amended conditions in the year of the race to govern, as well as the Track rules & regulations. The conditions and rules and regulations shall be those in effect at the time of the race.

## Make Nomination and Sustaining Checks Payable To and Send To:

The Hambletonian Society, Inc. 109 South Main, Suite 18 Cranbury, NJ 08512-3174