

## MARITIME BREEDERS STAKE CONDITIONS 2025

**SPONSOR:** Maritime Breeders Association (MBA).

**CONTRIBUTORS:** Others, as may be arranged, who might contribute money, goods, or services.

**AUTHORITY:** Rules of the Atlantic Provinces Harness Racing Commission (APHRC) and Standardbred Canada (SC) apply.

**TO BE RACED AS:** Two and three-year-old pacing colts, two and three-year-old pacing fillies, two and three-year-old trotters. Trotting events will separate filly and colt divisions of the same age group if there is a minimum of three horses of the same sex in each division.

**TO BE RACED AT:** Maritime Provinces racetracks as determined by the sponsor.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Foals sired by eligible sires as determined by the sponsor standing in the Maritime Provinces of Canada or Newfoundland and Labrador.

### **CONDITION CHANGES for 2025:**

- A) The fund split for the stake will consist of nomination fees together with any portion of stallion owners' and other contributors' funds as determined by the MBA and shall be divided as follows:
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| Two-Year-Old Pacing Colts:     | 20% |
| Two-Year-Old Pacing Fillies:   | 20% |
| Two-Year-Old Trotters:         | 10% |
| Three-Year-Old Pacing Colts:   | 20% |
| Three-Year-Old Pacing Fillies: | 20% |
| Three-Year-Old Trotters:       | 10% |
- B) Breeder's awards will be paid from a breeder's fund of \$20,000 annually.

**PAYMENTS:** The following payments are required to become and remain eligible:

#### **Three-Year-Old Payments**

Sustaining Fee: February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, \$200

Late Sustaining Fee: February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, \$600

#### **Two-Year-Old Payments**

Late Nomination Fee: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, \$800 (if yearling nomination missed, includes 2 yr. old sustaining fee)

Sustaining Fee: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, \$200

Late Sustaining Fee: (if yearling nomination fee paid in 2024) March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, \$600.

#### **Yearling Payments**

Nomination Fee: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, \$75

Late Nomination Fee: August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, \$150 (if May payment missed)

All payments must be made to Standardbred Canada apart from starting fees.

Starting fees are due at the host track one hour prior to post time of the event.

All payments under this program are forfeits.

**TRACK CONTRIBUTIONS:** Tracks shall contribute \$3000 per division.

**PURSES:** Notwithstanding the provision of breeders' awards, purses will consist of a portion of the payments from eligible sire owners, a portion of contributors' funds as may be arranged from time to time, nomination and sustaining payments, and track contributions.

**BREEDER AWARDS:** Breeder's awards shall be paid at two and three to horses who earned a purse cheque in the stake from a \$20,000 breeder's fund. The fund will be split equally between each age group (\$10,000 at two and \$10,000 at three). Individual breeder's awards will be calculated as follows: portion of the breeder's fund allocated to the age group divided by total purses paid to the age group and multiplied by the purse money earned by the horse that the individual breeder bred. Those breeders whose horses finish out of the purse money in the stake will not receive a breeder's award.

**STARTING FEES:** Starting fees must be paid at tracks hosting the event one (1) hour prior to post time. The owner(s) of a horse declared to start in an MBA event shall be liable to pay the starting fees for that race whether the horse starts and failure to do so will result in suspension from MBA participation for all horses owned in whole or in part by any owner(s) so liable until the required payment is made. The amount of starting fees are as follows:

<b>Three-Year-Old Pacing Colts:</b>	\$300
<b>Three-Year-Old Pacing Fillies:</b>	\$300
<b>Two-Year-Old Pacing Colts:</b>	\$300
<b>Two-Year-Old Pacing Fillies:</b>	\$300
<b>Two and Three-Year-Old Trotters:</b>	\$200

**FUND SPLIT:** Nomination fees together with any portion of stallion owners' and other contributors' funds as determined by the MBA shall be divided as follows:

<b>Two-Year-Old Pacing Colts:</b>	20%
<b>Two-Year-Old Pacing Fillies:</b>	20%
<b>Two-Year-Old Trotters:</b>	10%
<b>Three-Year-Old Pacing Colts:</b>	20%
<b>Three-Year-Old Pacing Fillies:</b>	20%
<b>Three-Year-Old Trotters:</b>	10%

<b>PURSE DIVISION:</b>	If 5 or more finishers:	45%	25%	15%	10%	5%
	If 4 finishers:	50%	25%	15%	10%	
	If 3 finishers:	50%	30%	20%		
	If 2 finishers:	60%	40%			
	If one finisher:	100%				

**DECLARATION:** Declarations shall be made in accordance with APHRC rules.

**QUALIFICATION:** All declared entries must have met and continue to meet qualifying standards as set forth by the Atlantic Standardbred Breeders Association or as amended by the participating racetrack with the approval of the Maritime Breeders Association.

**DIVISIONS:** If more horses declare to start than are permitted in one dash on the track where the race is to take place, the event shall be split into divisions with entries determined by Standardbred Canada electronic draw. No division shall consist of more than eight entries. If two or more divisions are required, the host track shall add the track contribution to each division.

**NOTICES:** The only notice required to be given under this stake program will be the dates and locations. The Maritime Breeders Association will determine form of notice.

**GENERAL:**

1) APHRC assumes no liability for purses, injury, damages, or loss to participants in this event.

2) Each event is to be contested at one mile (1609 m).

3) All payments are forfeits. The Board of Directors of the MBA reserves the right to reject any nomination or entry and to reschedule any race. If a race is cancelled, the available funds will be evenly distributed among entries still eligible.

4) The Maritime Breeders Association Board of Directors, within its sole discretion, may from time to time make amendments to the terms, conditions, and/or to the purse structure of the Maritime Breeders Stake of any kind whatsoever, including added money, as well as nomination and sustaining payments and starting fees with the approval of the APHRC and proper notice given to the industry, and the person nominating and/or sustaining agrees to be bound by such changes.

5) Standardbred Canada and the MBA assume no responsibility for nominations or payments made by mail which are not received. **Sending payments by Registered Mail is recommended.** All payments **must be post-marked** no later than the said due date.

6) In the event that an explicit interpretation of these conditions might not be acceptable to all parties, the Board of Directors of the MBA reserves the right to interpret these conditions in an implicit manner in accordance with the goals and objectives of the organization as may be established and amended from time to time with the approval of the APHRC and proper notice given to the industry.

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**ADMINISTRATOR:** All nominating and sustaining payments are payable to and must be sent to:

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Stakes Department  
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Mississauga, ON  
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