

PEI COLT STAKES CONDITIONS 2025

SPONSOR: Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Industry Association (PEIHRIA)

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

ELIGIBILITY: Two and three-year-old pacing colts and fillies and two and three-year-old trotters who are Maritime sired or foaled for which a nomination fee is paid.

TO BE RACED AT: Charlottetown Driving Park and Summerside Raceway.

DECLARATION TO START: At a time and date as established by the race office at the host track. All owners declaring in shall be responsible for payment whether the horse starts. Failure to pay the starting fee by the date of the event shall result in the suspension of all horses owned by said owner from participation in this or any subsequent edition of the PEI Colt Stakes until the fee is paid in full.

FORMAT: Two legs for each of 2 and 3-year-old pacing colts, 2 and 3-year-old pacing fillies and 2 and 3-year-old trotters.
3 yr. old Pacing Colts Summerside
3 yr. old Pacing Fillies Summerside
3 yr. old Trotters Summerside
2 yr. old Pacing Colts Summerside
2 yr. old Pacing Fillies Summerside
2 yr. old Trotters Summerside

3 yr. old Pacing Colts Charlottetown
3 yr. old Pacing Fillies Charlottetown
3 yr. old Trotters Charlottetown
2 yr. old Pacing Colts Charlottetown
2 yr. old Pacing Fillies Charlottetown
2 yr. old Trotters Charlottetown

BREEDERS AWARD: Breeders' awards, as determined by the sponsor, shall be paid to two- and three-year old colts and fillies whose certificate of registration indicates place of foaling to be Prince Edward Island and whose dam resided on PEI for at least 183 days of the foaling year. (Residency requirement to be verified by signed affidavit submitted to PEIHRIA preferably before December 1st of the foaling year). These awards shall be paid by the PEI Harness Racing Industry Association subject to funding made available from Government programs in support of the Island breeding industry.

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

Starting Fees:

Trotting Divisions: \$200 per event

Pacing Divisions: Grassroots Pacing Divisions: \$200 per event
Gold Pacing Divisions: \$300 per event

Payment Schedule:

Three-Year-Old Payments:

Sustaining Fee: February 15th, 2025, \$300

Late Sustaining Fee: February 28th, 2025, \$600

Two-Year-Old Payments:

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

Sustaining Fee: March 15th, 2025, \$200

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

Yearling Payments:

Nomination Fee: May 15th, 2025, \$75

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

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

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

All payments under this program are forfeits.

QUALIFICATION: All horses must qualify to race based on time and performance standards established for the Atlantic Standardbred Breeders Association or as amended by the participating racetrack with the approval of the PEI Standardbred Breeders Association and the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Industry Association.

FUNDING: A minimum of \$475,000 Added (\$237,500 at both 2 and 3) - \$95,000 each for fillies and colts and \$47,500 for trotters - Plus applicable nomination, sustaining, starting, and supplemental fees. All nomination, supplemental, and sustaining fees will be allocated as follows: Nomination fees for foals of a certain year will be split 50% between their two- and three-year-old racing years. Sustaining and supplemental fees are raced for in the year they are paid. Host tracks add \$1,500 per Grassroots Division, \$2,000 per Gold Division, and \$2,000 per Trotting Division

PURSE: The purse shall consist of nominating, sustaining, supplementary fees, Government funding, starting fees, host track contribution, and added sponsorship money. All divisions of any event shall carry the same purse based on total purse divided by the number of divisions. Gold pacing divisions will race for a minimum of double the purse set for the grassroots pacing divisions. Purses will be set at the discretion of the stake administrator.

DIVISIONS: Horses declared in any event shall be divided by SC electronic draw where there are 9 or more declarations to start, and no division shall consist of more than 8 entries. For any event held before August 15th, two-year-old pacers with \$5,000 or less in lifetime earnings at the time of declaration will be eligible to race in a grassroots division and three-year olds with \$15,000 or less in lifetime earnings at time of declaration will be eligible to race in a grassroots division. For any event held after August 15th, two-year-old pacers with \$10,000 or less in lifetime earnings at time of declaration will be eligible to race in a grassroots division and three-year-old pacers with \$20,000 or less in lifetime earnings at time of declaration will be eligible to race in a grassroots division. Owners of horses fitting the proceeding conditions will have the ability to choose between entry in a grassroots or gold division at time of entry. All other horses with earnings exceeding the above thresholds must compete in the gold division. 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. Trotting events are not separated into Gold and Grassroots formats.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

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. Purse distribution for five or more finishers is 45%, 25%, 15%, 10% and 5%, four finishers 50%, 25%, 15%, and 10%, three finishers 50%, 30%, and 20%, two finishers 60% and 40%, and one finisher 100%. Purses shall be paid out by the participating track on behalf of the PEI Standardbred Breeders Association and the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Industry Association.

4. All nominating, sustaining, and starting fees shall be added to the purses with no deduction for clerical or managerial work, advertising, or publicity.

5. 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 regular portion to each division.

6. Any entry changing gait after the sustaining fee(s) have been made will be transferred to the new gait adopted, providing such request is in writing. The starting fees for the said entry shall be applied to the new gait.

7. The PEI Harness Racing Industry Association and the PEI Standardbred Breeders Association, within their sole discretion, may from time to time make changes to the terms, conditions, and/or to the purse structure of the PEI Colt Stakes 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 nominator agrees to be bound by such changes.

8. Should conditions beyond the control of the PEIHRIA and the PEISBA prevent the racing of any event, the PEIHRIA and the PEISBA reserve the right to declare off any event and redistribute the money to those currently eligible, or to transfer the event to another date, or to another track, or to do both.

9. 10. If an explicit interpretation of these conditions might not be acceptable to all parties, the Board of Directors of the PEISBA and the PEIHRIA reserve the right to interpret these conditions in an implicit manner in accordance with the goals and objectives of the organizations as may be established and amended at any time with the approval of the APHRC and proper notice given to the industry.

10. Standardbred Canada, the PEIHRIA, and the PEISBA 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.

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

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Mississauga, ON
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