

2009 Ohio Sires Stakes Conditions: 2- & 3-Year-Olds

1. Nominations. Nominations close: **February 15.** The sustaining payment deadline for 2- and 3-year-olds is **April 15.** Nominations of unnamed horses will not be accepted. If a horse's name is changed after being nominated, the nominator must advise the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund (OSDF).

2. Payments. The declaration fee for all series races is \$500.	Nomination Payment	Sustaining Payment
The fee for any horse nominated to all four races:	\$350	\$350
The fee for any horse nominated to any single race:	\$150	\$150

On all four-race payments made at each track, \$50 will go to series races and \$150 to Championships. On individual race payments, the entire payment of \$150 will go to the series race. All nominating, sustaining and declaration fees must be paid in U.S. currency. Any 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. All payments are forfeited.

3. Entries. Starters in legs or Championships shall declare in at the regular time practiced at that racetrack. Each race is a one-mile dash.

4. Requirements To Start. At time of declaration, 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 listed below. An official workout before the Judges will not be acceptable. An allowance of one second on the time requirements below will be granted on declarations taken through the first leg of each series race.

TROTTERS Half-Mile Track	TROTTERS Five-Eighths or Larger	AGE	PACERS Half-Mile Track	PACERS Five-Eighths or Larger
2:06 or faster	2:04 or faster	2-Year-Olds	2:02 or faster	2:00 or faster
2:03 or faster	2:01 or faster	3-Year-Olds	1:59 or faster	1:57 or faster

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

6. Starting. In any leg for 2-year-olds if 11 or more horses declare in and in any other legs if 12 or more horses declare in, the race will be contested in two divisions. Thereafter, if 20 or more horses declare in, no division shall be raced with more than one trailer except, on five-eighths mile tracks, horses will score eight wide with two trailers. All divisions shall be contested on the advertised race date unless postponed pursuant to condition #10 below.

7. Starters. If less than five horses declare in any leg, the race may be cancelled and declarers so notified. Horse(s) declared in shall be entitled to all entrance money and any forfeits from each horse named. Each declarer shall be awarded 8 points toward the Championship.

8. Purses. All nominating, sustaining, and declaration fees will be added to the purse. The host track will add \$5,000 to each event or 25 percent of the amount allocated to the event by the OSDF, whichever amount is greater (regardless of the number of divisions). Purse distribution for all OSS races and Championships: 50%, 25%, 12%, 8%, 5%. The total purse will be divided equally between divisions. The minimum purse for each division will range from \$16,000 to \$18,000, based upon the number of nominations and available revenue.

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 fillies may enter colt and gelding legs. No foal produced by embryo/ovum transplant shall be eligible.

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

11. Rules/Rulings. Rules of the Ohio State Racing Commission to govern. The OSDF Committee has final authority to determine any questions relating to horse eligibility and interpretation of the conditions. All Ohio Sires Stakes must be scheduled as betting races unless approved by the OSDF

12. All horses entered in Ohio Sires Stakes may be subject to blood gas testing.

CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

Championships are restricted to eight starters provided they represent at least six betting interests. The field may be expanded to ten to provide six separate betting interests. Starters in Championships do not need to meet requirements contained in Condition four (4). All horses receiving points in the legs may declare into a Championship, but only the eight highest point winners of those declared in will be selected as starters. Points will be awarded in each leg or division of such leg of the series as follows: **Win-50, Second-25, Third-12, Fourth-8, Fifth-5, and All 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 purpose of awarding points to qualify for Championship, each division shall be considered a race.

Points shall be awarded according to the placings of the judges and shall be used to determine which horses shall qualify for the Championships. Any pending appeal of the judges' ruling shall not alter their placing. If two or more horses tied in points declare in for the eighth or last position in the Championship, the horse with the highest OSS earnings for the current year will be the eighth starter. If the tie is not broken by earnings, the eighth or 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 in Championships shall declare in at the usual time practiced at that track for overnight entries. All horses entered in the championships shall be required to report to a detention barn by 11:00 am on the morning of the race. Any horse late for detention shall be scratched by the judges.

Declaration Fee for All Championships: \$1,500