

MANITOBA STANDARDBRED SIRES AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION  
STAKES CONDITIONS FOR 2012

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**SPONSOR:** Manitoba Standardbred Sires & Breeders Association in association with Manitoba Horse Racing Commission

**FOR:** Standardbred foals of 2009 and 2010 (foaled between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of each respective year).

**TO BE RACED AS:** 2009 Foals: 3-year-old trotting & pacing colts, fillies & geldings in 2012  
2010 Foals: 2-year-old trotting & pacing colts, fillies & geldings in 2012

**TO BE RACED AT:** Manitoba pari-mutuel tracks

**NOMINATION FEE:** **May 15, 2012- \$30.00** – on each foal of 2010 to race as two in 2012 and/or three in 2013. Nomination fees must accompany all nominations. All nomination fees will be added to the purse. All 3-year-olds must have been nominated as a 2-year-old in order to be eligible for any MSSBA 3-year-old stakes.

**SUSTAINING PAYMENTS:** No sustaining payment will be required for foals of:  
2009 to race as 3-year-olds in 2012  
2010 to race as 3-year-olds in 2013

**LATE ENTRY PROVISION:** Where a nominating or sustaining entry is not received (or postmarked) by midnight May 15, 2012, closing date, a late entry will be allowed until midnight on June 30, 2012.  
Late entries are subject to the conditions that:  
- A late entry fee of \$500.00 per entry, in addition to the required normal payment will be applied. Late payment fees must be paid (or postmarked) by midnight on June 30, 2012.  
- The acceptance of late entries and payments will be subject to BOARD APPROVAL in each instance.

**TO MAKE PAYMENTS:** Send all nomination fees, sustaining payments and late payments to: MANITOBA STANDARDBRED SIRES & BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, c/o Tara Isman, Box 663, Gladstone, MB R0J 0T0  
MAKE PAYMENTS PAYABLE TO: MANITOBA STANDARDBRED SIRES & BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

**DECLARATION FEES:** 2% for advertised purses of \$5000.00 and under; otherwise 1% of the advertised purse. Declaration fees must accompany all declarations. All declaration fees will be added to the purse, and, where applicable, will be added to the finals. The MSSBA, as a courtesy, will endeavor to post declaration and race dates but it is the responsibility of the owner/trainer of the eligible colt or filly to ensure that the declaration payment is received on time and that the colt or filly is properly declared by declaration time, whether or not notice has been given.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR MANITOBA SIRES STAKES:** Any foals sired by a stallion that stood the entire breeding season in Manitoba, providing that the stallion has been duly registered for that breeding season with the Manitoba Standardbred Sires & Breeders Association. The nominated foal must be registered with Standardbred Canada at the time of nomination. However, nominations will be accepted on foals registered with the United States Trotting Association, provided a photocopy of the horse's U.S.T.A. registration certificate accompanies the nomination form.

**RACING CONDITIONS FOR ALL STAKES SPONSORED BY MSSBA:**

1. All events will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the Manitoba Horse Racing Commission, Standardbred Canada, and racetrack rules of Assiniboia Downs and the MGWHRC at their respective racetracks, unless otherwise specified under the following conditions.
2. All races at one mile – one dash.
3. Purse distribution: 50%-25%-12%-8%-5%. In all eliminations or legs with finals, in the case of a smaller field, remaining monies will be added to the final (i.e. 4 horse field, 5<sup>th</sup> place money will be added to the final). In semi-finals, or legs without finals, if less than 5 horses are deemed to have started, the remaining premium(s) shall go to the sponsoring association (MSSBA).
4. Declarations for eliminations and legs close as notified below:  
On the MGWHRC declarations close at 12:00 noon on the Sunday prior to the weekend on which the eliminations or legs are scheduled.
5. (i) Other regulations having been met, a horse shall be considered eligible to DECLARE in eliminations, legs, and semi-finals, if it has a charted line within 60 days.  
(ii) A horse will be considered eligible to START in eliminations, legs, semi-finals or finals if it has a charted line with no breaks and its individual time, including applicable allowance for age and gait is:  
A. at least equal to the qualifying standards at the track where it qualified/raced, or

- (ii) B. at least equal to the qualifying standards at the track where declaration is to be made, and  
C. such charted line must be obtained in a purse or qualifying race not more than forty-five (45) clear days AND AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SPECIFIC RACE. QUALIFYING TIME WILL BE: 2:13 for 3-year-olds and 2:14 for 2-year-olds. An allowance to be determined by the officials will be applied for off-track conditions.  
Notwithstanding the above, A CHARTED LINE IN WHICH A HORSE IS DISTANCED FOR REASONS OTHER THAN BREAKING STRIDE, BUT HAS MET QUALIFYING TIME, WILL BE CONSIDERED A CLEAR CHARTED LINE.
- (iii) In addition to the other regulations, in order to start, a horse must be removed from the Judges', Qualifying and Veterinarian's Lists.
6. A horse on the Veterinarian's List, including a horse that has been scratched twice consecutively as a result of a Veterinarian's slip or by a Commission Veterinarian, will be considered eligible to be declared but in order to start, the horse must be removed from the Veterinarian's List whether or not 72 hours has elapsed from the date of the scratch.
  7. POST POSITIONS WILL BE DRAWN BY LOT for eliminations, legs, semi-finals and finals.
  8. Legs will be split into divisions if numbers so warrant and in such cases horses will be drawn by lot for divisions. The advertised purse for legs will be split equally between divisions and no further monies will be added by the MSSBA.
  9. In the event of two eliminations, declarations may be received from the first five in the official order of finish of each elimination but only the top 8 from the received declarations will be eligible to be drawn to start in the final on the MGWHRC. On the MGWHRC, in the event of three eliminations, third place finishers will be drawn by lot to determine two positions for the final. Should eliminations not be required due to insufficient numbers, then only those horses that meet eligibility requirements and are properly declared at the time of declaration for eliminations shall be eligible to declare to the final.
  10. Starters for semi-finals and finals of legs will be determined in accordance to highest accumulated points earned from respective legs. For legs with semi-finals, starters for semi-finals will be determined in accordance to highest accumulated points earned from respective earlier legs and these same horses will be eligible to start in the leg final if all eligibility requirements are met. For legs with finals (without semi-finals), starters for the final will be determined in accordance to highest accumulated points earned from respective earlier legs.  
Points will be assigned as follows: 50-win; 25-second; 12-third; 8-fourth; 5-fifth.  
In the case of tied points earned, starters may need to be determined by lot in accordance to accumulated points. Declarations for leg finals (without semi-finals) and semi-finals may be received from the top ten (10) point earners (a greater number shall be permitted in the case of tied points for the 10<sup>th</sup> placing); however, only the top eight (8) point earners from the received declarations will be eligible to be drawn to start on the MGWHRC.  
Whether or not there is an insufficient number of point earners to complete a full field for a leg semi-final or final, horses without points earned from respective legs will not be eligible to declare to the leg semi-final or final.
  11. No also-eligibles will be carded for semi-finals or finals.
  12. Eliminations, legs, semi-finals and finals will be limited to a maximum of nine (9) horses.
  13. Number of starters on the MGWHRC will be the same as regulations permit for that particular track, but no more than two trailers will be permitted at any time, and the total number of starters will not exceed eight (8).
  14. RECALLS WILL BE ALLOWED FOR TWO-YEAR-OLD STAKES.
  15. If weather conditions or track conditions do not permit eliminations, legs, semi-finals or finals to be conducted on the scheduled date, they will be postponed to alternate dates. If the eliminations are postponed to a different date than originally specified, the original draw for post positions and eliminations will remain in effect for the newly re-scheduled dates. The same regulation will apply to legs, semi-finals and finals. Should any unforeseeable condition prevent the racing of an event, only MSSBA shall have the authority to cancel the event. In such instance declaration monies paid will be refunded. Otherwise, all monies are non-refundable unless a declaration with accompanying declaration fee is withdrawn prior to the deadline of the box closing.
  16. Where a non-eligible horse is entered and its eligibility is not determined until after the running of the race, then the declaration fee will not be refunded.
  17. Any question as to a horse's eligibility will be directed to the MSSBA, and after consulting with the MSSBA, the final decision will be made by the Judges.

INQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO BOARD MEMBERS