



September 9, 2019

2019 New York Sire Stakes Night of Champions
Batavia Downs—September 14, 2019

Dear Sire Stakes Participants,

Congratulations on an exciting racing season leading to the \$1.8 million New York Sire Stakes Night of Champions at Batavia Downs. As a Sire Stakes participant, this packet contains information to help you prepare in advance for this important day of racing, featuring eight New York Sire Stakes finals worth \$225,000 each.

Horses must be entered for the NYSS Finals (and Consolations) before Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 9:00 a.m. at Batavia Downs. The top eight horses in points will be drawn for the NYSS Finals on Sept. 14 at Yonkers and the entries of any other horses will be automatically transmitted to Batavia Downs to be drawn for the Consolation events raced there on Sunday, Sept. 15. See the draw information sheet enclosed. Connections of horses entered at Batavia Downs may join the draw in person (see attached) on Sept. 11 or may watch it streaming live on the Facebook page of the New York Sire Stakes or our website at www.nysirestakes.com.

The NYS Gaming Commission will be requiring security protocols for all races (see enclosed racing protocols). The security protocols provide additional safeguards to protect the integrity of the sport and ensure the welfare of the horses. If you have any questions regarding the racing protocols, please contact Daniel Haughney, NYS Gaming Commission Director of Investigations, at 518-949-3707.

Please be advised that horses racing in any of the NYSS Finals scheduled for Sept. 14 must be in the detention area by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13, at Batavia Downs. The paddock will open at 12:00 noon to begin accepting horses. This rule will be strictly enforced. A NYS license and the required completed veterinary form must accompany the horse into detention. All horses will be subject to a continuous 24-hour dedicated watch by experienced security personnel leading to post time. During this time, horses will **NOT** be confined to their stalls for 24 hours, but rather will be able to go on to the track during a designated period of time as determined by the Trackman and walk in the detention area.

Also, please be advised that NYSS and Gaming Commission staff will be taking out-of-competition blood samples from participating horses in advance of the Sept. 14 race day. The staff will secure blood samples at locations where the horses are training. If you have any questions regarding the out-of-competition testing, which is provided for in the racing conditions, please contact Kelly Young at 518-388-0178.

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To celebrate the Night of Champions and the entire 2019 New York Sire Stakes season, you are invited to join us on Sept. 14 for a reception at Batavia Downs Grandstands Banquet Room from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Please see the enclosed invitation with additional information, including the RSVP date of Sept. 11. Post time is 6:00 p.m. If you plan on making dinner reservations in the clubhouse, please do so immediately as we expect the dining room to sell out.

Thank you for your continued support of the New York Sire Stakes program, and we look forward to seeing you on Sept. 14 at Batavia Downs for what promises to be an exciting night of harness racing in New York!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Kelly Young". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

M. Kelly Young
Executive Director