



****Important Notice for New York Sire Stakes Program Finals****

New York Sire Stakes Finals and Consolations

- **All horses must be entered at Batavia Downs by Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019, no later than 9:00 a.m. for both the New York Sire Stakes Finals and Consolations.** Batavia Downs will draw post positions for the Finals, to be contested on Saturday, Sept. 14, and transmit the remaining entries to Vernon Downs to draw post positions for the Consolations, to be contested on Sunday, Sept. 15. Horses will be drawn at 12noon at Batavia Downs for the Final, after which horses will be drawn at Vernon Downs for the Consolation.
- Purses for the New York Sire Stakes finals will be \$225,000 for each division. There will be a detention barn at Batavia Downs for these events; horses must enter between 12noon and 4:00pm on Friday, Sept. 13.
- Purses for the Consolations will be \$40,000 for each division. At least four horses must be entered for a Consolation event to be carded.

New York Excelsior A Series Finals

- All horses must be entered at Saratoga Raceway by **Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019, no later than 9:00 a.m.** for the Excelsior A Finals, held on Saturday, Sept. 21.
- Purses for the Excelsior A Finals will be \$55,000 for each division.

Racing Reminders

- 1) To enter, horsemen are reminded that horses must still meet the requirements of:
 - (a) a charted satisfactory performance line within 30 days of declaration that meets the qualifying standards in the conditions, and
 - (b) cannot have two consecutive breaks in the last two charted performance lines.If a horse does not meet these criteria, it must qualify before being entered.
- 2) Horses must start in at least three legs of the Sire Stakes or Excelsior Series to be eligible for the finals. If not enough horses with three starts enter, the highest point earner which entered with two starts will be selected, etc., to fill the first tier.
- 3) Only two entries from a common owner will be permitted to race in the final events. There is no limit on horses from the same training stable with separate ownership. Any horse that changes ownership within 30 days before the date of entry for the finals must have these changes approved by the Fund to race in the final events.

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- 4) If there is a tie in the point standings for the last entry in a final event, the judges will draw by lot from the horses tied.
- 5) A horse may only race in one final event—NYSS Final, Consolation or Excelsior A Final.
- 6) There are no entry fees for any final events in 2019.

****NOTE:** This is a summary of conditions related to the Finals and Consolations meant to assist with the most frequent questions by participants and is not meant to replace or supplant the conditions governing the New York Sire Stakes and New York Excelsior Series. The NYSS Finals and Consolations and the Excelsior Finals are governed by the conditions of the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund and the rules of the New York State Gaming Commission.

Questions regarding the NYSS Finals, Consolations or Excelsior Series Finals should be directed to Kelly Young, Executive Director of the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund at 518-388-0178 or Kelly.young@gaming.ny.gov.