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New York Sire Stakes Announces Cancellation of May Racing Due to COVID-19

NYSS plans to keep further summer racing on schedule

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. – The New York Sire Stakes announces the cancellation of its race dates in the month of May due to the state's ongoing COVID-19 response and the announcement this week by Governor Andrew Cuomo that [NYS on PAUSE](#) will remain in effect until May 15. These cancellations affect ten scheduled events for 3-Year-Olds, including the Empire Breeders Classic Eliminations and Finals.

May 5	3-Year-Old Filly Trot at Yonkers
May 8	3-Year-Old Colt Trot at Vernon
May 11	3-Year-Old Colt Pace at Monticello
May 12	3-Year-Old Filly Pace at Yonkers
May 15	3-Year-Old Filly Trot EBC Elims at Vernon
May 15	3-Year-Old Colt Trot EBC Elims at Vernon
May 24	3-Year-Old Colt Pace at Saratoga
May 25	3-Year-Old Filly Pace at Vernon
May 25	3-Year-Old Filly Trot EBC Finals at Vernon
May 25	3-Year-Old Colt Trot EBC Finals at Vernon

The NYSS is planning to race events safely this summer, contingent on guidance from state and federal government agencies. Under current conditions, we must acknowledge that it may not be possible to offer a full complement of 8 legs for each of our divisions. We hope to give horsemen and women some certainty by announcing any changes or rescheduling of events on an ongoing basis.

"Our goal is to preserve as many of our scheduled race dates as possible. We will work with the state regulators and racetrack to devise the best plan possible for racing," said Kelly Young, executive director of the Agriculture & New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund. "We realize that horsemen and women are in other states for training and will need to get qualified and will factor that in to the first race date."

The NYSS appreciates the understanding of its horsemen and women and will continue to send updates as we navigate the future of this racing season. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the NYSS by email at info@nysirestakes.com or call 518-388-0178.

About the Agriculture & NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund:

The Agriculture & NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund is a public benefit corporation established in 1965 by the Laverne Law (Laws of New York, Chapter 567 of the Laws of 1965). The mission of the fund is to promote agriculture through the breeding of Standardbred horses and the conduct of equine

research within the state. To carry out its legislative mission, the Fund administers the New York Sire Stakes races, Excelsior/State Fair Series races, and County Fair Races.

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