

# Breeders Crown® 2023

## All Twelve Events at Harrah's Hoosier Park 2-Year-Old, 3-Year-Old, Open and Mare Races for Trotters and Pacers

### Note:

For the convenience of all concerned, the following conditions have been combined from the nomination conditions for Breeders Crown No. 35, No. 36 and No. 37 with additional detail provided, as in the past, in the year of the race. For a copy of the original text, consult the published conditions in the nomination years for these foals in the USTA Stakes & Futurities Nomination Book. As provided in these conditions as originally published, The Hambletonian Society reserves the right to add to, amend or delete the conditions of all or any part of the Breeders Crown program, without liability.

### Owned and Serviced By:

The Hambletonian Society, Inc. ("the Society")

### For:

Eligible foals (subject to USTA foaling date rules) whose sires were nominated to the Breeders Crown for their foaling crop, or who are made eligible, in accordance with the conditions below. The foals of 2021 (Breeders Crown No. 37) will be eligible to 2-year-old events in 2023; foals of 2020 (Breeders Crown No. 36) will be eligible to 3-year-old events in 2023 and Open events in 2023; Foals of 2019 (Breeders Crown No. 35) and older will be eligible to Open events in 2023, in accordance with the conditions of these specific races.

### To Be Raced As:

Twelve events in Breeders Crown 2023 ("Race" or "Races", which include all the Breeders Crown events, races, eliminations and finals, in 2023). Separate colt (including geldings) and filly races for 2-year-old and 3-year-old trotters and pacers. Fillies not eligible to the colt races except as provided below. Four separate open ("Open") races in 2023: Breeders Crown Trot and Breeders Crown Pace (open to 3-year-olds & older, regardless of sex) and Breeders Crown Mare Trot and Breeders Crown Mare Pace (open to fillies & mares, 3-year-olds & older).

### To Be Raced At:

Races to be held at the host track ("Track") or the tracks to which they are awarded by the Society. The date and location will be published in the USTA Stakes Guide in the year of the races. If for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Society to hold any one or more of these races at the track designated, the Society reserves the right to change the date and/or location of either any or all races. For all of the races in 2023 the host track and dates are:

Harrah's Hoosier Park.....Friday, October 27 &  
& Saturday, October 28  
Eliminations (if necessary).....Thursday, October 19  
Friday, October 20 & Saturday, October 21

### Cancellation:

The Society further reserves the right to cancel either one or more of the races if for reasons beyond its control it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Society to conduct said race or races. If an event is not raced due to circumstances beyond its control, the Society's responsibility and liability will be limited to refunding without interest: nomination, sustaining (including future eligibility payments) and starting fees, as specified below, that have been collected toward canceled events and that have not been disbursed at the time of cancellation.

**Two-year-old Races:** If canceled after the February 15th 2-year-old payment and prior to the Breeders Crown races that year, the sustaining and entrance fees collected (as well as the 2-year-old

supplemental nominations and the 2-year-old future eligibility payments if not already disbursed as provided herein) will be prorated among the owners of the 2-year-olds eligible at the time of cancellation.

**Three-year-old Races:** If canceled after the February 15th 3-year-old payment and prior to the Breeders Crown races that year, the sustaining and entrance fees collected (as well as the 3-year-old supplemental nominations if not already disbursed as provided herein) will be prorated among the owners of the 3-year-olds eligible at the time of cancellation. Owners who make their horses eligible with a supplemental entrance fee will only be entitled to the refund of the amount of that supplemental entrance fee and will not share in the other accumulated sustaining and entrance fees.

**Open Races:** If canceled after the February 15th Open payments and prior to the Breeders Crown races that year, the sustaining payments for older horses and entrance fees collected will be prorated among the owners of older horses eligible to the Open at the time of cancellation, with the exception that, owners who make their horses eligible with a supplemental entrance fee will only be entitled to the refund of the amount of that supplemental entrance fee and will not share in the other accumulated sustaining and entrance fees. This would include 3-year-olds that have declared to start if canceled after the date of declaration.

For purposes of these conditions, stallion nomination fees, nomination fees, 2-year-old supplemental nomination fees and future eligibility payment fees collected for these foals that are eligible to the Breeders Crown races in 2023 were disbursed in prior years as provided by the conditions. See BREEDERS CROWN STALLION FUND DISTRIBUTION and YEARLING NOMINATION, SUPPLEMENTAL NOMINATION AND FUTURE ELIGIBILITY PAYMENT DISTRIBUTION below.

### Purses:

At the time of the yearling nomination, it was estimated that the purses will be no less than \$300,000. The Society, however, reserves the right to scale back the prescribed minimum estimated purses.

Prior to accepting any payments for 2023 and based on 2022 payment levels, it is estimated that purses for the Final races ("Finals") of the races in 2023 are estimated as: (U.S. Funds)

	TROT	PACE
2-Year-Old Colt .....	\$700,000.....	\$700,000
2-Year-Old Filly .....	\$700,000.....	\$700,000
3-Year-Old Colt .....	\$600,000.....	\$600,000
3-Year-Old Filly .....	\$600,000.....	\$600,000
Open.....	\$600,000.....	\$600,000
Open Mare .....	\$400,000.....	\$400,000

All Finals in each of the Breeders Crown 2023 events will be raced for an amount that is no less than the sum total of the sustaining payments plus the amount of the entrance fees less the purses of the necessary elimination races. Elimination races ("Eliminations"), if necessary, will be raced for a minimum of \$25,000 each.

Purses for all races in 2023 will consist of the 2023 sustaining payments and all of the entrance fees which will be credited to the specific races. The Society will add purse monies from stallion nomination and other Breeders Crown fees collected in 2023 and in prior years to fund purse levels as determined by the Society.

**Stallion Nomination Fee:**

Stallion nominations for these races are closed. Nominations were due and payable by the published deadline each year in the amount of the advertised stud fee for the breeding season (\$500 U.S. funds minimum) -- plus an additional surcharge as published -- provided, however, that for first-year stallions placed in commercial service (which would not include test breedings), the nomination must have been paid within 60 days after the stallion first breeds a mare.

Stallion nominations for Breeders Crown No. 40 for foals of 2024 -- matings of 2023 -- are due January 15, 2023. However, for first-year stallions placed in commercial service (which would not include test breedings) after January 15, the nomination must be paid within 60 days after the stallion first breeds a mare. For more information regarding the Breeders Crown stallion nominations for these races in 2023 and for foals of 2024 (Breeders Crown No. 40), contact The Hambletonian Society, Inc. or go to www.hambletonian.com.

**Breeders Crown Stallion Fund Distribution:**

Stallion nomination fees for Breeders Crown No. 35 were disbursed in 2018 Breeders Crown races; stallion nomination fees for Breeders Crown No. 36 were disbursed in 2019 Breeders Crown races; stallion nomination fees for Breeders Crown No. 37 were disbursed in 2020 Breeders Crown races. However, the Society, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to allocate a portion of the stallion fees collected in 2023 (as in prior years) to future Breeders Crown races when it determines such allocation to be in the best interests of the Breeders Crown program.

If the Host Track adds any money to the 2023 Breeders Crown purses, the Hambletonian Society reserves the right to deduct an equal amount from the Breeders Crown No. 40 stallion nomination fees and fees collected in prior years but disbursed for administrative, promotional and television production expenses.

Additionally, the Society reserves the right to deduct up to 25 percent (%) of the Breeders Crown stallion nomination fees each year, including 2023, to fund promotional expenses and presentation of the events.

Except as provided in the published conditions for stallion nomination, under no circumstances will stallion nomination fees be refunded.

**Yearling Nomination, Supplemental Nomination and Future Eligibility Payment Distribution:**

Breeders Crown yearling nomination fees for these foal crops were disbursed as determined by the Society in the year of collection as provided in the nomination conditions. Yearling nomination fees for Breeders Crown No. 35 were disbursed in 2020 Breeders Crown races; yearling nomination fees for Breeders Crown No. 36 were disbursed in 2021 Breeders Crown races and yearling nomination fees for Breeders Crown No. 37 were disbursed in 2022 Breeders Crown races. Likewise, Breeders Crown supplemental nomination and future eligibility payment fees were disbursed as determined by the Society in the year of collection as provided herein and in previously published conditions. The Society, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to allocate a portion of these fees collected in 2023 (as in prior years) to future Breeders Crown races when it determines such allocation to be the best interests of the Breeders Crown program. If the host track adds any funds to the purses of the Breeders Crown in 2023, the Society reserves the right to deduct up to an equal amount from Stallion Nomination fees or other Breeders Crown payments for administrative, promotional and television expenses.

**Nomination And Eligibility To The 2-Year-Old and 3-Year-Old Divisions:**

All foals whose sires were nominated to the Breeders Crown for their foaling crop must also be nominated to be eligible to race as a

2-year-old and/or a 3-year-old either by a yearling nomination fee or a supplemental nomination fee, except for those horses that are entered with a supplemental declaration.

For foals by nominated sires to be eligible to the 2-year-old races, the May 15th yearling fee, or August 15th supplemental nomination payment, and the 2-year-old sustaining payments must be made. To be eligible as a 3-year-old, the May 15th yearling nomination and the March 15th 2-year-old future eligibility payment, as well as the 3-year-old sustaining payments must be made except as otherwise provided by a supplemental entry.

Two-year-old foals by nominated sires, but not paid-up with a May 15th yearling nomination payment or the August 15th yearling supplemental nomination payment, may be made eligible by a 2-year-old supplemental nomination fee of \$1,000, due on or before February 15. If it is the intention to keep the horse eligible to race as a 3-year-old, but not as a 2-year-old, a March 15th 2-year-old supplemental payment of \$1,500 may be made (This March payment includes the future eligibility payment of \$500 which must be paid.) These supplemental nomination payments are in addition to the normal schedule of sustaining payments for the 2-year-old and 3-year-old races.

Three-year-old foals by nominated sires, but not paid-up with either the May 15th yearling payment, August 15th supplemental nomination payment, or February 15th or March 15th 2-year-old supplemental nominations above, may be made eligible by a 3-year-old supplemental nomination fee of \$10,000, due on or before February 15. This supplemental nomination payment is in addition to the normal schedule of sustaining payments for the 3-year-old races.

Four-year-old and older horses by nominated sires, but not paid-up with either the May 15th yearling payment, August 15th yearling supplement payment, February 15th or March 15th 2-year-old payment, or the February 15th 3-year-old supplemental nominations above, may be made eligible by a supplemental nomination fee for foals 4-years-old and older of \$2,000 for horses or geldings, \$1,000 for mares, due on or before February 15. This supplemental nomination payment is in addition to the normal schedule of sustaining payments for the open/mare races.

**Nomination Fees (Due at the Time of Nomination, U.S. Funds only):**

- May 15th Yearling Nomination Fee ..... \$150
- August 15th Supplemental Yearling Nomination Fee ..... \$750
- ...or as a 2-Year-Old
- February 15th 2YO Supplemental Nomination Fee.....\$1,000
- March 15th 2YO Supplemental Nomination Fee
- to race as a 3YO..... \$1,500
- (Note: this includes the 2YO March 15th Future Eligibility payment.)
- ...or as a 3-Year-Old
- February 15th 3YO Supplemental Nomination Fee.....\$10,000
- ...or as a 4-Year-Old or Older Horse/Gelding
- February 15th Older Supplemental Nomination Fee .... \$2,000
- ...or as a 4-Year-Old or Older Mare
- February 15th Older Supplemental Nomination Fee .....\$1,000
- (Note: the above payment is in addition to the 1st sustaining payment that year.)

Nominated horses (including those that have otherwise entered by supplemental nomination or supplemental declaration (as provided herein) must be properly identified to the satisfaction of the Society at the time of nomination, including but not limited to certifying that the nominated horse is registered as a twin or is the only foal of the mare that year. The Society will not recognize foals as twins if produced through embryo/ovum transfer. If produced through embryo/ovum transfer, only the donor mare's first born foal that year will be eligible for nomination. The Owner(s)

of the nominated horse agree to indemnify and hold the Society and the Track harmless from any and all claims, suits or damages, including attorney's fees, arising out of or related in any way to such certification.

#### **Continuing Eligibility To The Open Division In 2023 and To The Open Divisions Subsequent To 2023:**

Foals of 2019, whose sires were nominated to the Breeders Crown No. 35, as well as foals of 2018 and older, whose sires were nominated to the Breeders Crown for their particular foaling crop, will be eligible to the Open races in 2023 and to the Open races, if any, in subsequent years upon payment of the specified payments (including nomination of that foal) for the particular year's Open events.

Eligible pacing mares will have the option of entering either the Breeders Crown Pace, or the Mare Pace to which they have been nominated. Eligible trotting mares will have the option of entering either the Breeders Crown Trot, or the Mare Trot to which they have been nominated.

For foals of 2019 or older by nominated stallions for their particular crop, that were not nominated as yearlings or as a 2-year-old, or were not nominated or supplemented previously as a 3-year-old or older to an event prior to 2023, an additional amount of \$2,000 for horses and geldings and \$1,000 for mares will be required with the February 15 payment.

For horses previously nominated, only the stallion nomination, in addition to the normal schedule of sustaining payments in the year of the race, is necessary for a foal to remain eligible to the Open races.

#### **Eligibility Of 3-Year-Olds To The Open Division:**

Three-year-olds kept eligible by the specified payments in Breeders Crown No. 36 will also be eligible to the Open division in 2023. Eligible 3-year-old trotting colts (and geldings) will have the option of entering the Breeders Crown Trot or the 3-year-old colt race to which they have been nominated. Eligible 3-year-old pacing colts (and geldings) will have the option of entering the Breeders Crown Pace, or the 3-year-old colt race to which they have been nominated. Eligible 3-year-old trotting fillies will have the option of entering the Breeders Crown Trot, or Mare Trot, or the 3-year-old Filly race to which they have been nominated. Eligible 3-year-old pacing fillies will have the option of entering either the Breeders Crown Pace, or Mare Pace, or the 3-year-old Filly race to which they have been nominated. The Open entrance fee must be paid for any 3-year-olds entered in an Open division.

#### **Payments To The 2-Year-Old and 3-Year-Old Divisions (U.S. Funds Only):**

To race as 2-Year-Olds in 2023

2-Year-Old Payments:

February 15, 2023 - 1st Sustaining Fee .....	\$300
March 15, 2023 - 2nd Sustaining Fee.....	\$400
April 15, 2023 - 3rd Sustaining Fee .....	\$500
May 15, 2023 - 4th Sustaining Fee.....	\$600
Entrance Fee for the 2-year-old races.....	\$5,000

To race as 3-Year-Olds in 2024

Additional 2-Year-Old Payment in 2023:

March 15, 2023 - Future Eligibility Fee	
to Race as a 3YO in 2024 .....	\$500
(Note: the above payment is not the March 15 payment to race as a 2YO)	

To race as 3-Year-Olds in 2023

3-Year-Old Payments in 2023:

February 15, 2023 - 1st Sustaining Fee .....	\$600
March 15, 2023 - 2nd Sustaining Fee.....	\$800
April 15, 2023 - 3rd Sustaining Fee .....	\$900
Entrance Fee for the 3-year-old races .....	\$7,500

#### **Payments For The Open Events (U.S. Funds only):**

4-Year-Old and Older Males to race in 2023

February 15, 2023 - Supplemental Nomination Fee* ...	\$2,000
February 15, 2023 - 1st Sustaining Fee.....	\$1,500
March 15, 2023 - 2nd Sustaining Fee.....	\$1,500
April 15, 2023 - 3rd Sustaining Fee.....	\$1,500
Entrance Fee for the Open Trot.....	\$10,000

4-Year-Old and Older Mares to race in 2023

February 15, 2023 - Supplemental Nomination Fee* ....	\$1,000
February 15, 2023 - 1st Sustaining Fee.....	\$1,000
March 15, 2023 - 2nd Sustaining Fee.....	\$1,000
April 15, 2023 - 3rd Sustaining Fee .....	\$1,500
Entrance Fee for the Open Mare Pace .....	\$5,000

*\*For foals of 2019 or older by nominated stallions for their particular crop that were not nominated as yearlings, or were not nominated or supplemented previously to an event prior to 2023, an additional amount of \$2,000 for horses and geldings and \$1,000 for mares will be required with the February 15 payment.*

#### **Declaration To Start and Entrance Fee:**

The declaration to start shall be due at the Track where the race is being held by the prescribed time and date scheduled by the Society. At the time of declaration, a horse must: have a charted line within 45 days of the scheduled date of the elimination race which meets the qualifying standards of the Track for age and gait; not be on the judge's list, or otherwise ineligible to race. The requirement that such a performance line be charted will be waived for horses coming from outside North America. Elimination races, if necessary, may be held on the same program as the Final race, or in the previous ten days as determined by the Society.

The Society, at its sole discretion as to what it determines to be in the best interest of the Races, reserves the right to refuse the participation of any entry or proposed entry.

The entrance fee (formerly called either a declaration fee or a starting fee) shall be due at the time of declaration and payable not later than one hour prior to the post time of the race or the first elimination race, as the case may be. The entrance fee will not be refunded once the horse is declared to start unless the horse dies between the time of declaration to start and the start of the race or elimination race in which the horse was to compete.

#### **Supplemental Entries For The Three-Year-Old and Open Divisions:**

Three-year-old and older horses that are otherwise ineligible to the Breeders Crown 2023 may be made eligible to the 3-year-old races in 2023 or the Open races in 2023 with a declaration to start accompanied by payment of a supplemental entrance fee no later than October 16th at noon Eastern Standard Time. The declaration is due at the Track where the race is being held. The supplemental payment due will be 12% of the advertised purse for each division and will be published two weeks prior to the race date. The percentage of supplemental payments added to the purse will be determined by The Hambletonian Society.

For horses for which the supplemental entrance fee is paid, no other fee of any kind is required. The supplemental entrance fee is non-refundable once the horse is declared to start unless the horse dies between the time of declaration to start and the start of the race or the elimination race in which the horse was to compete, as the case may be. All supplemental entrance fees shall be made payable to The Hambletonian Society.

#### **Eligibility To The 2023 Open Division For Foals Of 2019 and Older That Have Been Supplemented To The Races in Prior Years:**

Horses which were made eligible to the Breeders Crown in previous years by a payment of a supplemental entrance fee (formerly "declaration" fee), will be eligible to the Open races in 2023 under the normal schedule of payments beginning on February 15, 2023 as described above and the normal entrance fee as provided in these conditions.

### **Special “Win and You’re In” Eligibility for Two-Year-Old Trotters:**

The officially declared winners of the Peter Houghton Memorial for 2-year-old trotting colts and the Jim Doherty Memorial for 2-year-old trotting fillies, if they are Breeders Crown eligible as of June 1, 2023, will be eligible to advance directly to the final of their respective Breeders Crown divisions. They are also entitled to be put into the post position draw for the opportunity to draw between post 1 through 5, the same as elimination winners, if eliminations are required. These two winners are not required to pay an entry fee and are not eligible to race in the elimination. They must enter at the prescribed time as all other entries and meet the qualifying standards as outlined in the conditions of Breeders Crown No. 37. The entry status is not transferable and only applies in the year of both events.

### **Special Eligibility For Foreign Winners:**

The Society, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to invite up to two (2) foreign-based horses, that have won a Group [i.e. Grade] 1 International Race outside North America to race in the Open Trot and, likewise, the right to invite up to two (2) foreign-based horses, that have won a Group 1 International Race in Australia or New Zealand, to race in the Open Pace. An “International” Race is an event that is not restricted to only horses bred and/or owned from a specific region, country, state or province. Should any of the above invitees subsequently decline, or be otherwise unable to enter, the Society reserves the right to invite other such Group 1 winners. The Society will consider “foreign-based” horses as those horses that normally race outside of the United States and Canada.

Additionally, the Society reserves the right to invite the winners of the John Cashman Memorial (formerly Nat Ray Trot), the Maple Leaf Trot or the Yonkers International Trot, if such winners are foreign-based, foreign-sired, owned exclusively by residents outside North America and not eligible to the Open Trot.

Each of these winners whose owners accept the invitation will be eligible to start in the Open Trot, or Open Pace, subject to the payment of an entrance fee plus an additional amount equal to the sustaining fees of \$4,500 (\$2,000 for mares) and must be entered at the time and date designated by the Society. An invited foreign winner that has been kept eligible as of April 15, having made the required sustaining payments, must pay only the amount of the entrance fee. The entrance fee for the Open Trot is \$10,000; the entrance fee for the Open Pace is \$10,000.

If an elimination or eliminations are required, the invited horses, properly declared, automatically advance to the Final and cannot start in the eliminations. If one or more of the foreign invitees are entered, the North American-based horse with the highest seasonal money earnings in 2023, as determined by the U.S.T.A., will likewise automatically advance to the Final unless the trainer instead elects to race in the elimination.

### **Notice:**

USTA Rule 12.04 provides: “Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event.” The Hambletonian Society, Inc. will construe payment to require that cash or check duly honored upon presentation be received at the time specified in USTA Rule 12.02.

### **Testing Waiver And Consent:**

As a further condition of participation in the Breeders Crown 2023 (“Race” or “Races”, which includes all the Breeders Crown races, eliminations and finals, in 2023), which is a private event owned by the Society, the Owner (“Owner”, which includes all beneficial owners at the time) of the nominated horse (“Horse”) which has been declared (i.e. entered) to start in the Race hereby grants to the Society, its representatives, employees and agents, including a licensed veterinarian designated by the Society, and assigns the absolute right and authority to:

- 1.) Conduct one or more physical examinations of the Horse at any time prior to the Race, regardless of where it is stabled;
- 2.) Draw blood, hair and other specimens one or more times from the Horse for immediate testing;
- 3.) Freeze or otherwise preserve split-samples of the specimens for future testing and send such samples to a laboratory designated by the Society and;
- 4.) Require, at the sole discretion of the Society, the Horse to stable on the grounds of the racetrack (“Track”) where the Race is being contested or other designated premises for a reasonable period of time prior to the Race which will be specified by the Society.

After declaration and until the day of the Race, the detection in the Horse of evidence of blood doping agents including, but not limited to, the following: human recombinant erythropoietin, darbepoetin, continuous erythropoietin receptor activator (CERA), Mircera®, Aranesp®, Oxyglobin®, or Hemopure®, shall be considered a violation of these conditions and will result in scratching or disqualification of the Horse from the Race and forfeiture by the Owner of the Entrance Fee, whether or not actually paid but which is due at the time of declaration:

Note: The Hambletonian Society may interpret “evidence of blood doping agents” to include elevated titers of anti-recombinant antibodies of these agents.

If such evidence is detected after the Eliminations but prior to the Final of the Race, this shall result in the disqualification of the Horse in the official result of the Elimination, the loss of the purse, if any, and the immediate return of any forfeited purse funds to the Society for redistribution and the Horse will not be allowed to start in the Final. If the evidence is detected after the Final of the Race but prior to the distribution of the purse of the Final, this shall be considered a violation of these conditions and will result in the disqualification of the Horse in the official results of the Elimination and the Final, the loss of the purse, if any, and the immediate return of any forfeited purse funds earned to the Society for redistribution.

If any such evidence is detected in future testing of the split-sample taken from the Horse, it shall be considered a violation of these conditions and will result in the disqualification of the Horse, the loss of the purse, if any, and shall require immediate return of any forfeited purse funds to the Society for redistribution.

Should the Society determine that, as a result of any of the above procedures or otherwise, a possible violation of the rules of the state or provincial racing Commission or Board, including but not limited to rules concerning prohibited substances and/or procedures has occurred, the matter will be referred to the racing Commission or Board for possible additional action.

The Owner agrees to fully co-operate with the Society to require that his trainer, employees or agents identify and make the Horse available to have blood drawn or procure other specimens on demand and/or be examined as described above without prior notice.

The Owner understands and agrees that failure to provide access to the Horse or otherwise not co-operating with the Society, its representatives, employees and agents, including a licensed veterinarian designated by the Society, in the exercise of the rights granted herein, may result in scratching the Horse from the Race and forfeiture of the Entrance Fee.

The Owner further agrees to notify his drivers, trainers, veterinarians, employees, officers and agents of the authority granted to the Society herein, to hold the Society and the Track harmless and indemnify the Society, the Track, their representatives, agents, officers, directors and employees from any and all claims, liability, damages and attorneys fees which may result from any challenge

by any such Owner, drivers, trainers, veterinarians, employees, officers and agents or other third parties to the Society's rights as set forth above.

In the event of a post-Race disqualification and redistribution of purse funds paid out, the Owner also agrees to indemnify the Society, the Track, their representatives, officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all claims, liability, damages, expenses and attorneys fees which any of them may incur in attempting to recover the funds from the Owner, trainer and driver and to redistribute said funds. The owners, trainers and drivers of these horses which are due these funds under the disqualification also agree that the Society and the Track, their representatives, officers, directors, employees and agents, have no liability for any delay in the recovery or transmission of the funds.

#### **Image Waiver:**

As a condition of participation in the Breeders Crown 2023, the Owner(s) of the nominated horse(s) hereby grants to the Society, its representatives, successors, and assigns the absolute right to copy-right and publish, use or reuse still and motion, photographic and digital, images of its horses, drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents, in whole or in part, in composite or in distorted character, with or without use of names, in color or otherwise, for the purpose of promotion, advertising, trade or other lawful purpose in any and all media. Owner(s) waives any right to inspect and/or approve the finished product or the copy that may be used in connection therewith or the use to which it might be applied. Owner(s) further agrees to inform his drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents of the authority granted to the Society herein, to hold the Society harmless from any and all liability and damages, and to indemnify the Society from same should any such owner(s), driver(s), trainer(s), employee(s), officer(s) and agent(s) challenge the Society's rights as set forth above.

#### **Racing Conditions:**

All races to be raced one dash at one mile. None of these events shall be held in divisions. If the number of horses declared into any race is large enough to require more than one trailing horse in the second tier, an elimination, or eliminations, will be held for that race to "qualify" only enough horses that can be accommodated by the number of positions in the front tier of the starting gate plus one trailer (i.e. ten (10) at Hoosier Park) and there will be no more than one trailing horse in second tier in the any Final race. If the number entered is ten (10) or less, there will be no eliminations necessary. Eliminations, if necessary, will race for a minimum purse of \$25,000 each for all age groups. Such elimination races will be held in accordance with USTA Rule 13, except as provided below.

**One Elimination:** If eleven (11) are entered, there will be a single elimination to "qualify" only enough horses that can be accommodated by the number of positions in the front tier of the starting gate plus one trailer (10) as follows:

- a.) In the Open Trot and Open Pace, the horses from outside North America invited by the Society as provided herein, that are declared, shall automatically advance to the Final regardless of earnings. If eliminations are required and one or more of the foreign invitees automatically advance to the Final, the North American-based horse with the highest seasonal money earnings in that year, as determined below, may elect to, likewise, automatically advance to the Final.
- b.) From the other declared horses, those with the least total earnings in the period from January 1 of that year up to time of declaration, will be selected to race in a single elimination field with no more starters than can score in a single tier with no trailers. Money earnings for races

outside the U.S. will be calculated at the exchange rate for U.S. dollars as determined by the USTA.

- c.) The remaining declared horses, if any (i.e. those with the higher money earnings that cannot be accommodated in the front tier of the elimination field), may elect to automatically advance to the Final ("receive a bye"). If any of the higher money earners, as determined above, elect instead to race in the elimination, other declared horses, in preference of the greatest earnings, may be selected to automatically advance to the Final. If no horses elect take the "bye" and to advance to the final, that elimination will be conducted with two trailers (11).
- d.) The best finishers in the single elimination plus those that have automatically been advanced to the Final will make up the field for the Final with one trailing horse (10) in the second tier.

If two or more eliminations are necessary, horses either owned by common interests or trained from the same stable will be separated as much as possible.

**Two or More Eliminations:** If twelve (12) or more horses enter into any race is such that, if divided at the time of the draw the fields would provide at least six (6) horses in each of the eliminations, then that race will be split into two or more eliminations with no trailers.

The Society reserves the right to seed up to the four (4) richest entrants based on their seasonal earnings, as calculated by the USTA. Entered horses will be assigned a tier based on their earnings in 2023 and the number of eliminations.

For example, if there are 18 horses, there will be two (2) elimination divisions and two (2) horses in each of the two (2) tiers, and the other fourteen (14) horses will be separated randomly as provided below:

- a.) The horses with the highest and the second highest seasonal money earnings will be assigned tier "A" and separated in the draw; Horses ranked third (3rd) and fourth (4th) would be assigned tier "B" and separated randomly recognizing common interests as much as possible;
- b.) The remainder of the elimination fields (those not tiered) will be separated by lot, again with consideration for horses either owned by common interests, or trained from the same stable, which will be separated from previous tiered higher money earners as much as possible. Thus, priority for separation will be: 1.) tiering; 2.) common ownership; 3.) common stable.

Similarly, if there are 24 horses, there will be three (3) elimination divisions and the three (3) richest horses will be separated, one each in each elimination and the other 21 horses separated randomly recognizing common interests as much as possible.

If enough horses enter to require four elimination races, the four (4) richest horses will be separated, one each in each elimination, and the other entrants will be separated randomly recognizing common interests as much as possible.

Horses either owned by common interests or trained from the same stable will be separated as much as possible.

**Elimination Winners to Draw for the Inside Post Positions in the Final:** If the eliminations are contested in the week prior to the Final, post positions in the Final will be determined by an open draw with the exception that the Elimination winners in an order determined by lot, will draw for post positions number one (#1) through five (#5) in the final. All other finalists will be placed in an open draw for the remaining post positions. Those horse(s) that receive a bye into the Final will be in the open draw for post positions in the Final.

**Also Eligibles:** In addition, two horses will be selected from those in the eliminations that do not qualify for the Final to be designated “Also Eligible” (“AE”) for each Final. The preference to determine which is the first “Also Eligible” (“AE1”) shall be determined by taking the horse that placed highest in the official order of finish of all elimination divisions, but did not qualify for the Final; in the event horses are equal in the finish position, final preference will be determined by the highest money earnings in that year. The other horse will be the second “Also Eligible” (“AE2”).

**Replacing Scratched Horses:** Scratched horses in the Final will be replaced in the following manner: a.) If post positions have not been drawn the AE horse will take its place in the normal draw; b.) If post positions have already been drawn, if a horse was scratched from the front tier the AE horse will assume the position on the outside of the remaining starters in the front tier of the starting gate, in the order determined in the above paragraph. If the scratched horse is the trailer, the AE horse will take its place as the trailer. The AE2 horse, if drawn in by a second scratched horse, will start outside the AE1 horse in the front tier or as the trailer depending on the position of the scratched horse. No horse will be moved into the Final as a replacement after the publication of the official program, unless the “also eligible” horse(s) have been published in the official program in accordance with racing commission rules and has participated in the pre-race detention/retention procedure with the other starters in that race. The Society reserves the right to conduct the post-position draw of any or all of the Finals at any time or date after the eliminations as it determines is in the best interest of the Races.

**Breaking Ties or Dead Heats in the Eliminations:** Should two or more horses tie for the last position(s) by virtue of their finish in the elimination(s) above, such tied horses shall be eliminated from the Final by giving preference to the horse(s) with the highest earnings in that year, as compiled by the USTA and including the elimination earnings. In the event of a dead heat for the last position(s) in one or more of the eliminations to qualify or advance to the Final, a horse in another elimination finishing in the same position and not in a dead heat, regardless of earnings, would have preference over a horse finishing in a dead heat. (i.e. With two eliminations, a horse finishing fifth has preference over the two horses that were dead heated for fifth.) Finally, if tied horses have equal seasonal earnings, then the finalist(s) will be drawn by lot with each of the horses having a trainer or representative present at that draw.

**Accidents in the Eliminations:** If, because of an accident in an elimination, an insufficient number of horses finish the elimination race and qualify for the Final, the remaining finalist(s) and “also eligible(s)” will be selected (in the preference of the highest earnings in that year as determined above) from the remaining non-offending horses in that elimination where the accident occurred.

**Retention, Detention and Testing:** All starters in the eliminations and the Final are subject to the policy of the Track as well as the Testing Procedures specified in these Conditions.

#### **Money Division:**

Purses for the Eliminations, if necessary, will be divided 50-25-12-8-5% for the horses finishing first through fifth.

All starters in the Finals will receive purse money. The winner of the Race will receive 50% of the purse; one percent (1%) of the total purse will be paid to the owners (including trainers & drivers) of each finalist finishing 6th through last including horses that are declared a non-starter for pari-mutuel purposes during the Race by the judges, or those that don't finish the Race. The remainder of the purse for the Race will be divided 50-24-16-10% for the horses finishing second through fifth.

#### **Drivers and Trainers Fees:**

The drivers and trainers fees may be disbursed in accordance with the contractual or statutory obligations of the Track at the time of the race.

#### **Transfer:**

Any eligible horse that changes gait may be transferred at any time. Sustaining payments already made remain with the originally nominated race.

#### **Protests, Investigations and/or Disputes:**

In the event of any protest, investigation or dispute with respect to the results of the Breeders Crown or any races related thereto, the Society may, if it is in possession of the purse, at its option deliver the purse, or the disputed portion thereof, to the Track which shall hold such purse in a segregated interest-bearing bank account, to be disbursed by the Track following the final binding and non-appealable determination of any such protest, investigation or dispute. Further, the Owner shall hold the Society and the Track, their officers, directors, members, employees and agents harmless from, against and in respect of any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, liabilities, judgment, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements) resulting from any such protest, investigation or dispute.

In the case of any dispute as to the interpretation of these conditions, the decision of the Executive Committee of The Hambletonian Society, Inc. shall be final. All fees and payments in any race are accepted on the condition that all claims, objections and appeals arising out of the Breeders Crown races or with respect to any interpretation of any rules or conditions of the Breeders Crown races, or otherwise shall be decided by the Executive Committee of the Hambletonian Society, Inc., which decision shall be final and not subject to appeal. Any appeal rights which the owner shall otherwise have are waived.

Harrah's Hoosier Park and the Society, at its sole discretion as to what it determines to be in the best interest of the Races, reserves the right to refuse the participation of any entry or proposed entry. Any horse owned or trained by an owner or trainer who is arrested, indicted or is the subject of a filed governmental criminal information charging such person with administering, selling, sponsoring or encouraging the sale or use of illegal medications or the illegal or unethical treatment of animals will be ineligible to race in any of the races owned by the Hambletonian Society. Such ineligibility shall commence on the date of such arrest, indictment or information and continue for a minimum of 60 days from the time of the transfer of ownership of the horse and/or the change of trainers to a bona fide separate and unrelated licensed owner or trainer, as the case may be. All payments may be subject to forfeiture.

#### **Rules:**

The Hambletonian Society reserves the right to add to, amend or delete the conditions of all or any part of the Breeders Crown program, without liability including but not limited to:

- a.) classes and divisions of races, eligibility of horses, fees and payments, and the amount of purses to be awarded to each race, elimination race and Final race;
- b.) time and/or date of declarations and the time and/or date of the supplemental declarations;
- c.) dates and/or the location of any or all of the races including the date of the elimination races;
- d.) other matters that the Society determines to be necessary and appropriate for the proper administration, promotion and implementation of the Breeders Crown program.

Unless otherwise specified and except as may be affected by a state or provincial racing Commission or Board, U.S.T.A. rules not in conflict with these conditions of the Breeders Crown 2023 to govern, as well as the Track rules and regulations. The conditions, and rules and regulations, shall be those in effect at the time of the race.

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Breeders Crown No. 33 (foals of 2017), No. 34  
(2018), No. 35 (2019), No. 36 (2020) and No. 37  
(2021)**

A Rocknroll Dance (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Alarm Detector (2020, 2021)  
All Bets Off (2020, 2021)  
Always A Virgin (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Always B Miki (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
American Ideal (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Andover Hall (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Andoversure (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Angus Hall (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)  
Aracache Hanover (2019, 2020)  
Archangel (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Art Director (2020)  
Art Major (2017, 2018)  
Art Official (2017, 2018, 2019)  
Artiscape (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Artspeak (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Bar Hopping (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Beckham's Z Tam (2021)  
Betterthancheddar (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Betting Line (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Bettor's Delight (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Bettor's Wish (2021)  
Big Bad John (2017, 2018)  
Big Jim (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Big Stick Lindy (2017, 2021)  
Bolt The Duer (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Boston Red Rocks (2020, 2021)  
Break The Bank K (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Bring On The Beach (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)  
Broadway Hall (2017, 2018)  
Cantab Fashion (2021)  
Cantab Hall (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Captain Crunch (2021)  
Captaintreacheraus (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Cash Hall (2019, 2020)  
Centurion ATM (2020)  
Chapter Seven (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Check Six (2020, 2021)  
Class Included (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Classic Card Shark (2017, 2018, 2019)  
Control The Moment (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Conway Hall (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)  
Courtly Choice (2021)  
Crazed (2017, 2018, 2019)  
Creatine (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

Credit Winner (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
De La Crème (2021)  
Dejarmbro (2017, 2018, 2019)  
Devious Man (2019, 2020, 2021)  
Deweycheatumnhowe (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)  
Domethatagain (2019, 2020)  
Donato Hanover (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)  
Don'tyouforgetit (2017, 2018)  
Dover Dan (2019, 2020, 2021)  
Downbytheseaside (2019, 2020, 2021)  
Dragon Again (2017, 2018)  
Dude's The Man (2019, 2020, 2021)  
E L Rocket (2019, 2020)  
E L Titan (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Encore Encore (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Enterprise (2021)  
Explosive Matter (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)  
Father Patrick (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Fear The Dragon (2019, 2020, 2021)  
Flex The Muscle (2017)  
Fourth Dimension (2020, 2021)  
Fred And Ginger (2018, 2019)  
From Above S (2017, 2018)  
Glidemaster (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Googoo Gaagaa (2018)  
Greenshoe (2021)  
Guccio (2017, 2018, 2019)  
He's Watching (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Helpisontheway (2020, 2021)  
Here Comes Herbie (2017, 2018)  
Heston Blue Chip (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Holiday Road (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Huntsville (2019, 2020, 2021)  
If I Can Dream (2020)  
Il Sogno Dream (2018)  
In The Arsenal (2020)  
International Moni (2020, 2021)  
Jimmy Freight (2021)  
Jk Endofanera (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Johnny William (2017, 2018)  
Justice Hall (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)  
Kadabra (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Keystone Velocity (2020, 2021)  
Lather Up (2021)  
Lazarus N (2020, 2021)  
Lionhunter (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Lis Mara (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Long Tom (2019, 2020, 2021)  
Lookslikeeachpdale (2020, 2021)  
Lost For Words (2019, 2020)  
Lost In Time (2021)  
Love You F (2018, 2019)  
Luck Be Withyou (2019, 2020, 2021)  
Lucky Chucky (2017, 2018)  
Lyonsomewhere (2020, 2021)  
Mach Three (2017)  
Maharajah S (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Manningly (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)  
Manofmanymissions (2017)  
McArdle (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
McWicked (2021)  
Met's Hall (2020, 2021)  
Mister Big (2017, 2018, 2019)  
Mr Web Page (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Mr Wiggles (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

Muscle Hill (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Muscle Mass (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Muscle Massive (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Muscle Network (2017)  
Muscle Up The Goal (2021)  
Muscles Yankee (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)  
Musclesprincetonian (2017, 2018)  
Musical Rhythm (2020, 2021)  
My MVP (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Net Ten Eom (2017, 2018)  
Nothing But Class (2020, 2021)  
Nuncio (2019, 2020, 2021)  
Nutcracker Sweet (2020, 2021)  
Odds On Equuleus (2019, 2020, 2021)  
Pacific Renegade (2020)  
Palone Ranger (2021)  
Panspacificflight (2017)  
Panther Hanover (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Pet Rock (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Pilot Discretion (2021)  
Ponder (2017, 2018, 2019)  
Possess The Will (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Prayer I Am (2017)  
Prestidigitator (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
R C Royalty (2017, 2018)  
Racing Hill (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Readly Express S (2018, 2020, 2021)  
Ready Cash F (2017)  
Real Artist (2017)  
Real Desire (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Resolve (2019, 2020, 2021)  
Rock N Roll Heaven (2017, 2018, 2019)  
Rockin Amadeus (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Rockin Image (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Roll With Joe (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Royal Mattjesty (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Royalty For Life (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Santa Fe Beachboy (2020)  
Sebastian K S (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Shadow Play (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Six Pack (2021)  
So Surreal (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Somebeachsomewhere (2017, 2018, 2019)

Southwind Frank (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Sportswriter (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Stag Party (2021)  
State Treasurer (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Stay Hungry (2020, 2021)  
Straight Shooting (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Sunshine Beach (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Swan For All (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Swan In A Million (2020, 2021)  
Sweet Lou (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Tactical Landing (2020, 2021)  
Tellitlikeitis (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
The Bank (2021)  
Thinking Out Loud (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Third Straight (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)  
Triumphant Caviar (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Trixtion (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Uncle Peter (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Up The Credit (2017, 2019)  
Villiam S (2019)  
Vintage Master (2017, 2018)  
Volstead (2021)  
Walner (2019, 2020, 2021)  
We Will See (2017, 2018, 2019, 2021)  
Well Said (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)  
Western Ideal (2017, 2018, 2019)  
Western Vintage (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
What The Hill (2019, 2020, 2021)  
Whataworkout (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Wheeling N Dealin (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Winning Mister (2017, 2018, 2019)  
Wishing Stone (2017, 2018, 2019)  
World Of Rocknroll (2017, 2018)  
Yankee Cruiser (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)  
Yankee Glide (2017, 2018, 2019)  
You Know You Do (2020, 2021)  
Zola Boko S (2017, 2018)

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