

Spirit of Massachusetts Trot

For 3-Year-Old and Older Trotters

Note:

Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment LLC reserves the right to add to, amend or delete the conditions of all or any part of the Spirit of Massachusetts Trot, without liability.

Owned & Sponsored By:

Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment LLC (“PGR”) (“Sponsor”)

Served By:

The Hambletonian Society, Inc. (“Society”)

For:

Foals of 2021 and Older (Subject to USTA Rule 26, Section 23 (d.)

To Be Raced As:

Spirit of Massachusetts Trot for 3-year-old and older trotters.

To Be Raced At:

Plainridge Park Casino, Plainville, MA. (“Tracks” or “Track”) Definite dates 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 PGR (Plainridge), to hold either one or both of these races at the track designated, PGR reserves the right to change the date and the location for the races.

Cancellation:

The Sponsors further reserve the right to cancel the race if for reasons beyond their control it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Sponsors to conduct said race. If an event is not raced due to circumstances beyond their control, the Sponsors’ responsibility and liability will be limited to refunding without interest nomination, sustaining and Entrance Fees collected toward canceled event that have not been disbursed at the time of cancellation. These monies will be prorated among the owners of the horses eligible as of the time of cancellation.

Guaranteed Purse:

The Sponsors will guarantee a total of \$250,000 in purse money for the race.

Payments (U.S. Funds only):

February 15, 2024 – 1st payment (nominating).....	\$1,000
March 15, 2024 – 2nd payment (sustaining)	\$1,500
Entrance Fee	\$2,500

The sponsor reserves the right to deduct from the paid in nominating and sustaining fees funds to pay the Hambletonian Society fees for administration of the races and for any trophies for the race

Declaration:

Entrance Fee shall be due with declaration to start at the track where the race is being held at the time and date posted on the Condition Sheet.

Entrance Fee shall be due at time of declaration and payable not later than one hour prior to post time of the race to be contested.

Supplemental Nominations and Declarations:

Horses may supplement by paying \$20,000 at time of entry.

Payment Distribution:

All payments will be credited to the specific race.

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

Waiver:

As a condition of participation in the Spirit of Massachusetts Trot, the Owner(s) of the nominated horse(s) hereby grants to the Sponsor, its representatives, successors, and assigns the absolute right to copyright and publish, use or reuse still and motion photographic 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 Sponsor herein, to hold Sponsor harmless from any and all liability and damages, and to indemnify the Sponsor from same should any such owner(s), driver(s), trainer(s), employee(s), officer(s) and agent(s) challenge Sponsor’s rights herein as set forth above.

Racing Conditions:

One dash at one mile. Each race will be limited to nine (9) horses, the eight (8) highest money earners based on combined 2023 and 2024 earnings amongst those that meet the current qualifying standard at Plainridge Park Casino and that enter as of the published declaration date and time, as well as an “at-large” ninth entry that will be determined by the Harness Horseman’s Association of New England, The Hambletonian Society and the Sponsor. A properly nominated and declared horse shall have preference over a horse which has supplemented at entry time. Exception - no more than two horses with common ownership or a common trainer may draw into the race. There will be two (2) “also eligibles” (AE’s) drawn for the race.

All other nominees (including AE’s) qualified and entered to race will receive a refund of all nominating and sustaining payments.

The Owner and/or Host Track reserves the right to reject and return the entry fee for any reason. All starters are subject to the detention policy of the Host Track and subject to Host Track Horsemen’s Guide.

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Money Division:

All starters finishing in 6th through 9th place shall receive \$2,500 each from the guaranteed purse amount. Of the amounts remaining purse after such deductions for the race will be divided 50-25-12-8-5%.

Drivers and Trainers Fees:

The drivers and trainers fees may be disbursed in accordance with the policy of the Host Track at the time of the race.

Disputes:

In the case of any dispute as to the interpretation of these conditions, the decision of the Sponsors shall be final. All fees and payments in any race are accepted on the condition that all claims, objections and appeals arising out of these races or with respect to any interpretation of any rules or conditions of the races, or otherwise shall be decided by the Sponsors.

Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment LLC, 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 Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment LLC. 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:

Unless otherwise specified and except as may be affected by the rules of the state Commission or Board, USTA rules not in conflict with these conditions to govern, as well as the track rules & regulations of the Host Track. The rules shall be those in effect at the time of race.

Make Nomination and Sustaining Checks**Payable To and Send To:**

The Hambletonian Society, Inc.
109 South Main Street, Suite 18
Cranbury, NJ 08512-3174