

Arden Downs Stake No. 68

*For 2-Year-Old Pacers & Trotters in 2024
For 3-Year-Old Trotters in 2025*

Note:

Washington Trotting Association, Inc. reserves the right to add to, amend or delete the conditions of all or any part of the Arden Downs Stake, without liability.

Owned and Sponsored By:

Washington Trotting Association, Inc.

Serviced By:

The Hambletonian Society, Inc.

For:

Foals of 2022 (Subject to USTA Foaling Date Rules).

To Be Raced As:

Six races as follows:

2-Year-Olds:

The Gov. David Lawrence.....Pacing Colts/Geldings
The Catherine Baker KnollPacing Fillies
The Henry Oliver Trotting Colts/Geldings
The Judge Joe McGraw Trotting Fillies

3-Year-Old Trotters:

The James Manderino..... Trotting Colts/Geldings
The Ned McCarr Trotting Fillies

3-Year-Old Pacers:

No races for 3-year-old pacers. See separate conditions for the Delvin Miller Adios No. 59 (and The Adioo Volo).

To Be Raced At:

The Meadows, Meadow Lands, Pa (“Track”), during the Grand Circuit week. 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 the Sponsor, to hold this race at the Track designated, the Sponsor reserves the right to change the date and/or the location of the Track for either any or all races.

Cancellation:

The Sponsor 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 Sponsor to conduct said race or races. If an event is not raced due to circumstances beyond its control, the Sponsor’s responsibility and liability will be limited to refunding without interest nomination, sustaining and entrance fees collected toward canceled events that have not been disbursed at the time of cancellation. If canceled after the first 2-year-old payment, these monies will be prorated among the owners of the horses eligible at the time of cancellation. If canceled prior to the first 2-year-old payment, the nomination fees will be refunded to the nominators.

2023 Total Purses:

2-Year-Old Colt Pace\$40,696 (2 divisions)
2-Year-Old Filly Pace\$42,496 (2 divisions)
2-Year-Old Colt Trot..... \$40,000 (2 divisions)
2-Year-Old Filly Trot..... \$40,000 (2 divisions)
3-Year-Old Colt Trot \$44,254 (2 divisions)
3-Year-Old Filly Trot \$34,505 (1 division)

Added Money:

A minimum of \$44,000 by Washington Trotting Association, Inc. \$6,000 to each of the four 2-year-old events and \$10,000 to each of the two 3-year-old events or 30% of the amount paid in by horsemen in each event, whichever is greater.

If an event is raced in divisions, the Association will add 20% of the total amount paid in by horsemen in such event to each division, but shall not exceed \$6,000 of added money for each such division of a 2-year-old event or \$10,000 for a division of a 3-year-old event. However, in no case will the total added money for all divisions of an event be less than 30% of the total paid-in amount.

Nomination Fee (U.S. funds only):

May 15, 2023 \$10
Nominated horses must be properly identified to the satisfaction of The Hambletonian Society at the time of nomination.

Supplemental Yearling Nominations:

Otherwise not eligible yearlings may be made eligible by a supplemental fee.
August 15, 2023..... \$50

Future Payments (U.S. funds only):

On 2-Year-Olds
March 15, 2024 Sustaining Fee.....\$200
Entrance Fee.....\$400
On 3-Year-Olds
February 15, 2025 Sustaining Fee.....\$250
Entrance Fee.....\$400

The sponsor reserves the right to deduct up to 10% of the paid in nominating and sustaining fees funds to pay the Hambletonian Society fees for administration of the races.

Future Eligibility:

The March 2-year-old payment as well as the February 3-year-old payment, must be made to remain eligible for the 3-year-old events.

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 first elimination heat (if eliminations are necessary) or the race to be contested, as the case may be. All entrance fees shall be made payable to the Meadows.

At the time of declaration a starter must show at least one clean charted line (no breaks) within 45 days prior to the date of declaration.

Filly Notice:

Fillies are not eligible to the colt races.

Supplemental Declarations:

There are no supplemental declarations allowed for any of these races.

Payment Distribution:

50% of all yearling nominations will go to the four trotting events and be divided as such: 25% to 2-year-old trotting colts; 25% to 2-year-old trotting fillies; 25% allocated to 3-year-old trotting colts and 25% allocated to 3-year-old trotting fillies. 50 % of all yearling nominations will go to pacers and be divided as such: 50% to 2-year-old pacing colts and 50% to 2-year-old pacing fillies.

All other payments will be credited to the specific race, except that \$75.00 of each March 2-year-old payment on a trotter will be credited to the 3-year-old trotting division.

Transfer:

Eligibles changing gait may be transferred at any time prior to the 2-year-old races. Payments already made remain with the original gait.

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 Arden Downs Stake No. 68, 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:

All events to be raced as one dash at one mile. If the number of horses declared in to start exceeds the limits prescribed by the current USTA Rules (12 on a 5/8 mile), that event may be held in elimination heats or divisions.

All starters are subject to the detention policy of the race track.

Money Division:

Purses for all races 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 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 Sponsor 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 Sponsor.

Washington Trotting Association, Inc., 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 Washington Trotting Association, Inc. 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 a state or provincial racing Commission or Board, USTA rules not in conflict with these conditions or the future amended conditions in the year of the race 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.

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

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