

CONDITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

The rules of racing adopted by the Texas Racing Commission govern all races conducted over the course at Sam Houston Race Park. Entries in stakes and all other races are accepted only with the understanding that SHRP reserves the right of refusal of said entries or the acceptance of a transfer of any entry. The stewards or their designees shall decide all disputes arising out of racing or rule interpretation. Their decision is deemed final.

In all stakes races, entries must be made through the entry box by the usual time of closing. Entries are accepted only with the understanding that the horse or horses entered are of good standing at the actual time of the running of the race. SHRP reserves the right to conduct a race without a starting gate.

This stakes race or any other stakes race may be canceled by SHRP at any time prior to the actual running thereof without liability, except for the return of nominating and entry fees, if any.

It is agreed that SHRP shall not be liable for, and that the owner(s) or lessees of said horse will indemnify and hold SHRP harmless against all responsibility, liability, or damage to any person, horse or bit of property, caused by the horse, or agent or employee of the undersigned or by any person, whether by negligence or otherwise on the property of SHRP. Subscriber for himself, his agent, and his employees, hereby assigns to SHRP any and all rights to motion pictures, television, and radio broadcasting in connection with this race or any race held over the course of SHRP.

TIME TRIALS: Each time trial shall consist of no more than ten (10) horses. The time trials shall be raced under the same conditions as the stakes. If time trials are held on the same day, the ten (10) fastest times qualify to start in the finals. If time trials are held on two (2) days, horses with the five (5) fastest times on the first trial day and the horses with the five (5) fastest times on the second trial day qualify to start in the finals.

Horses qualify on the basis of time and order of finish in time trials. The finish times of horses in trial races are determined only to the extent of the timer. Should two (2) or more trial horses have the same qualifying time (to the extent of the timer) for the final qualifying position(s), a draw by random lot shall be conducted under the auspices of the SHRP Board of Stewards. The sole exception of the preceding is when two (2) or more horses have identical times in the same trial race. The order of finish shall also determine preference in qualifying for the finals.

During the running of time trials, should a horse be disqualified due to interference, it shall receive a time of the horse it is immediately placed behind plus one hundredth (0.01) of a second or the maximum accuracy of the electronic timer.

No changes will be made in the recorded times of time trials to account for head wind, tail wind, cross wind, off track, etc. Should the electronic timing device malfunction during any time trial, finalists from that particular trial will be determined by official hand timing. Three (3) reputable and disinterested persons will conduct this hand timing. The average of the three times will be used as the winning times, unless one is clearly wrong where the average time would be based on the two (2) remaining times. If a mechanical failure of the starting gate occurs, or if a horse is inadvertently left behind the gate when the field is dispatched during a trial, such horse shall be declared a non-starter and all nomination, entry, and starting fees shall be refunded. During the running of a final or consolation, said entrant(s) shall also be considered a non-starter and awarded last place purse money.

ALSO ELIGIBLE: There will be no also-eligible list for the finals of this race, except for a disqualification due to a positive drug test, ineligibility of the horse due to a conditions violation, or disqualification due to a rule violation by the stewards. Considering the preceding, the next fastest qualifier shall assume the disqualified horse's position in the finals.

PURSE DISTRIBUTION: FINAL: 40% to First, 16% to Second, 11% to Third, 8% to Fourth, 6% to Fifth, 4.2% to Sixth, 4% to Seventh, 3.7% to Eighth, 3.6% to Ninth and 3.5% to Tenth.

Eligible nominations and sustainments are determined by the time of actual receipt in the Sam Houston Racing Office. Nominations received after the deadline that have U.S. Postal Service marks Or express delivery service billing receipts dated prior to the initial, advertised deadline will be accepted. Metered mail received more than seven (7) calendar days after the closing will not be accepted. Any returned checks will result in disqualification.