



# NYSS Update

March 2021

## Yearling NYSS Nominations Due May 17

This year the traditional May 15 yearling nomination payment falls on a Saturday, so stakes payments for the NYSS program must be made by Monday, May 17, as per the conditions. Payments will not be accepted after this date, unless they are under the rules of supplemental nominations. Yearling payments must be mailed and are not available online.

Nomination forms are sent as a courtesy in April to the mare owner provided by the stallion owner at the time of mating. This form will also be available online if you do not receive directly.

The \$50 nomination fee makes a New York-bred horse eligible to all three tiers of the NYSS program in the future.



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## 2021 Stakes Schedule Announced; Approximately \$10 Million in Purses Projected

The schedule for New York Sire Stakes and Excelsior Series events has been released and is posted on our website. A pocket card with the schedule is included with April payment forms and available at each harness track in the state for easy reference.

The “New York Night of Champions” will be hosted this year at Yonkers Raceway on Friday, Sept. 10 and each New York Sire Stakes Final will be worth \$200,000. A 24-hour detention barn is planned.

The Excelsior Series Finals will be held at Vernon Downs on Saturday, Sept. 11. Because of the size of the track, a total of nine horses will be able to participate in each \$50,000 event.

Total purses for the three tiers of the NYSS program last year topped \$10.2 million. A similar purse structure is planned in 2021.

The conditions for the 2021 Excelsior Series and County Fair Series are available now and provide purses identical to last year. Excelsior A legs will compete for \$15,000 each division and Excelsior B legs will be \$6,000 plus declaration fees.

We are in the process of planning the County Fair schedule now and purses of \$24,000 per venue will continue. The minimum purse guarantee of \$2,000 per division has been renewed in 2021.

See the full schedule and conditions for all events at [www.nysirestakes.com](http://www.nysirestakes.com).

## Did We Get Your Stakes Payment?



If you are mailing your stakes payment, it's a good idea to have confirmation it arrives in our office by using certified mail or another tracking method. This is particularly true with the mail delivery disruptions and delays that we have seen recently. If your payment is returned for any reason, do not open the envelope—to preserve the original postmark—and call us. We will

walk you through the next steps to ensure your payment is accepted.

We process payments on an ongoing basis and they are updated quickly on our website. Check out “**Eligible Horses**” a few days after your payment should have arrived! We appreciate your patience.

## Don't Forget:

Stakes payments can be made online with a credit card until midnight of the due date at [www.nysirestakes.com](http://www.nysirestakes.com)

*A processing fee does apply.*



## NY MARE RESIDENCY Reminder To Submit Forms On Time

If you are breeding a mare this year who will be in New York State for at least 180 days surrounding conception, be sure to complete your Arrival "Form A" at the beginning of the year and Declaration of 180-Days "Form B" once she has completed 180 days or at the end of the year.

Both forms must be completed each year, even if the mare never leaves the state. Forms must be completed and returned to our office within 30 days of the mare's arrival or departure date (or the beginning or end of the calendar year).

For full guidelines relating to mare residency, visit our website. Establishing mare residency is a requirement to earn Breeders Awards.

Find all forms online!



# County Fair Planning Moving Forward Despite Summer Uncertainties

The New York Sire Stakes program is planning for the county fair racing season again this summer and preparing the full calendar and County Fair Racing Booklet for participants.

County Fair Associations are hopeful that fairs will be able to proceed more normally this year and are in full-planning mode all

across the state. However, if the circumstances on the ground or government mandate prevent the actual fair from moving forward, the NYSS plans to proceed with racing under special rules, similar to last year.

The finals will again be held for \$10,000 each and the full calendar should be released in late April or

early May. Booklets will be mailed shortly afterwards to the first owner of record of each eligible horse.

If you would like to receive a booklet, just notify the office at 518-388-0178 or [info@nysirestakes.com](mailto:info@nysirestakes.com).

The County Fair Hotline will again take all entries at 518-388-0964.

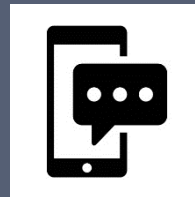
## Are You Getting NYSS Text Alerts?

### Don't Miss A Schedule Change or Payment Reminder

Last year the NYSS program rolled out a new text alert system. This is the best way to make sure you never miss a change in the schedule, a payment reminder or other important information as it is released. Alerts about both breeding and racing may be distributed through this system.

To sign up, text NYSS to 31996 (international numbers, including Canada, text NYSS INT to 833-498-1158).

You can also sign up by clicking on the slider at the top of our website at [www.nysirestakes.com](http://www.nysirestakes.com).



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