



## **\*\*Important Notice for New York Sire Stakes & Excelsior Finals\*\***

### **New York Sire Stakes Finals—Friday, Sept. 10, 2021, Yonkers Raceway**

- All horses must be entered at Yonkers Raceway by **Monday, Sept. 6, 2021, no later than 3:00 p.m.** for the New York Sire Stakes Finals. There is no Consolation in 2021. The draw will occur at 5:00 p.m. and will be live streamed on the New York Sire Stakes Facebook page. Eight horses will be drawn in each division.
- Purses for the New York Sire Stakes Finals will be \$200,000 for each division. There is no declaration fee, but the New York State starting fee of \$26.30 will be due.
- There will be a detention barn at Yonkers Raceway for these events; horses must enter between 12noon and 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 9. See full protocols for details.

### **Excelsior Series Finals—Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, Vernon Downs**

- All horses must be entered at Vernon Downs by **Monday, Sept. 6, 2021, no later than 9:00 a.m.** for the Excelsior Finals, held on Saturday, Sept. 11. Nine horses will be drawn with two also eligibles.
- Purses for the Excelsior A Finals will be \$50,000 for each division. There is no declaration fee, but the New York State starting fee of \$26.30 will be due.

### **Racing Reminders**

- 1) To enter, horsemen are reminded that horses must still meet the requirements of:
  - (a) a charted satisfactory performance line within the specified number of days of declaration that meets the qualifying standards in the conditions (45 days for 2YO NYSS, 30 days for 3YO NYSS, 30 days for all Excelsior Series), and
  - (b) cannot have two consecutive breaks in the last two charted performance lines.If a horse does not meet these criteria, it must qualify before being entered.
- 2) Horses must start in at least three legs of the Sire Stakes or Excelsior Series to be eligible for the finals. If not enough horses with three starts enter, the highest point earner which entered with two starts will be selected, etc., to fill the first tier.
- 3) Only two entries from a common owner will be permitted to race in the final events. There is no limit on horses from the same training stable with separate ownership. Any horse that changes ownership within 30 days before the date of entry for the finals must have these changes approved by the Fund to race in the final events.
- 4) If there is a tie in the point standings for the last entry in a final event, the judges will draw by lot from the horses tied.
- 5) A horse may only race in one final event—NYSS Final, Excelsior Final or County Fair Final.

**\*\*NOTE:** This is a summary of conditions related to the NYSS Finals and Excelsior Series meant to assist with the most frequent questions by participants and is not meant to replace or supplant the conditions governing the New York Sire Stakes and New York Excelsior Series. The NYSS Finals and Consolations and the Excelsior Finals are governed by the conditions of the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund and the rules of the New York State Gaming Commission.

**Questions regarding the NYSS or Excelsior Series Finals should be directed to Kelly Young, Executive Director of the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund at 518-388-0224 or [Kelly.young@gaming.ny.gov](mailto:Kelly.young@gaming.ny.gov).**