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## New York Sire Stakes and Batavia Downs to Live Stream "Night of Champions" Draw

**BATAVIA, N.Y. –** The New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) and Batavia Downs will be livestreaming the draw for the 2019 "Night of Champions," via Facebook on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Assemblyman Stephen M. Hawley (Batavia) will serve as Honorary Drawmaster.

Wednesday's draw will begin at 12:00 p.m. and can be accessed through the <u>NYSS website</u> and <u>Batavia</u> <u>Downs</u> and <u>NYSS Facebook</u> pages. The draw is open to the public and will take place in the End Zone Room, located just off 34-Rush Sports Bar. No RSVP is required.

The finals for New York State's premier harness racing program for 2- and 3-year-olds are set to take place Saturday, Sept. 14. The eight race event will feature \$1.8 million in purse money.

"We have made an effort this year to expand our live streaming capabilities as we continue to increase access to fans and the harness racing community across the state," said M. Kelly Young, executive director, Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund. "I invite owners and horsemen to join us live or online as the excitement builds toward next Saturday's finals at Batavia."

Updated points standings for all divisions of the NYSS are available at: www.nysspoints.com.

## About the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund:

The Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund is a public benefit corporation established in 1965 by the Laverne Law (Laws of New York, Chapter 567 of the Laws of 1965). The mission of the fund is to promote agriculture through the breeding of Standardbred horses and the conduct of equine research within the state. To carry out its legislative mission, the Fund administers the New York Sire Stakes races, Excelsior/State Fair Series races, and County Fair Races. Additionally, the Fund provides assistance to county agriculture societies and contributes to the statewide 4-H program and to the Harry M. Zweig Fund for Equine Research.