

**2024**  
**MHHA**  
**STAKING**  
**GUIDE**

## 2024 PROGRAM DUE DATES AT A GLANCE

Program Payment	No. of Horses	Amount	Total	Due Date
Colt Stakes MIXED-COMPANY Nominations (MI BRED AND SIRE HORSES)		\$ 500		Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>
Colt Stakes SIRE-COMPANY Nominations (SIRE HORSES)		\$ 500		Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>
Spartan Stakes Nominations (SIRE HORSES)		\$200		March 15 <sup>th</sup>
Great Lakes Stakes Nominations (SIRE HORSES)		\$200		March 15 <sup>th</sup>
Michigan Sires Stake Sustaining (SIRE HORSES)		\$200		March 15 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Colt Stakes MIXED-COMPANY <u>LATE</u> Nominations (Payment only necessary if Feb 15<sup>th</sup> nomination was missed)</i>		\$ 1,000		April 15 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Colt Stakes SIRE-COMPANY <u>LATE</u> Nominations (Payment only necessary if Feb 15<sup>th</sup> nomination was missed)</i>		\$ 1,000		April 15 <sup>th</sup>
Spartan Stakes LATE Nominations <i>(Payment only necessary if March 15<sup>th</sup> nomination was missed)</i>		\$400		April 15 <sup>th</sup>
Great Lakes Stakes LATE Nominations <i>(Payment only necessary if March 15<sup>th</sup> nomination was missed)</i>		\$400		April 15 <sup>th</sup>
Sire Stakes LATE Sustaining <i>(Payment only necessary if March 15<sup>th</sup> sustaining payment was missed)</i>		\$400		April 15 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Sire Stakes Nominations (Foals of 2023) MI Sired horses only</i>		\$25		June 30 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Sire Stakes LATE Nominations (Foals of 2023) (Payment only necessary if the June 30<sup>th</sup> nomination was missed)</i>		\$100		Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>

Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND BREEDER'S AWARDS

### Michigan Eligibility Definitions

**Michigan Sired** is defined as a foal from a Standardbred stallion properly registered with the USTA that resides in Michigan, is owned or leased by a Michigan resident(s) and that did not serve a mare at a location outside of this state from February 1 through July 31 of the calendar year in which the conception occurred. All foals from a mare that is owned by a resident or non-resident of Michigan at the time of conception either in state or outside of Michigan by means of transported semen from a properly registered Michigan Standardbred stallion.

**Michigan bred** is defined as a foal from a mare that was owned or leased exclusively by a Michigan resident(s) at the time of conception and is listed on the registration papers as the breeder with the USTA at the time of nomination.

### Michigan Breeder's Awards

The Horse Racing Act of 1995 allows for "a sum to pay breeders' awards in an amount not to exceed 10% of the gross purse to breeders of Michigan bred Standardbred harness horses for each time the horse wins a race at a licensed race meeting or fair in this state."

For purposes of Breeder's Awards, Michigan bred Standardbred harness horse means a horse from a mare owned by a resident or residents of this state at the time of conception, that was conceived after January 1, 1992 and sired by a Standardbred stallion registered with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development that was leased or owned by a resident or residents of this state and that did not serve a mare at a location outside of this state from February 1 through July 31 of the calendar year in which the conception occurred.

To be eligible, make sure all the proper paperwork has been filed with the USTA as the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development used the USTA to verify eligibility. For you to receive any Michigan Breeders' and/or Owners' Award payments you, each of your business entity(s), and/or partnerships must complete and submit a W9 form to the State of Michigan. You may submit completed W9 forms by email to Hetherington, Michael at [hetheringtonm1@michigan.gov](mailto:hetheringtonm1@michigan.gov) or mail paper copies of the form to:

Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development  
Attn: Tracy Ebels  
[ebelst@michigan.gov](mailto:ebelst@michigan.gov)  
P.O. Box 30017  
Lansing, MI 48909

# 2024 Michigan Early Closing MICHIGAN SIRED Colt Stakes Conditions

For Two-Year-Olds (Foals of 2022) and Three-Year-Olds (Foals of 2021)

The program consists of an 8 Week event circuit for 2/3-year-old *Michigan Sired* horses.



**Nominations Close February 15, 2024**

**2 and 3-year-old 8 Week Program**

Nominating Payment of \$500 is Due February 15, 2023

Late Supplemental Nomination Payment of \$1,000 is Due April 15, 2023



**HORSES ELIGIBLE FOR BOTH MIXED and MI Sired- ONLY COLT STAKES PROGRAMS**

**WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO RACE ONCE PER PROGRAM WEEK**

**- A program week will be defined by the MHHA in the fair book.**

### Estimated Purses and Starting Fees

3-year-old Estimated Purse \$11,000\*; Starting Fee \$150

2-year-old Tier 1 Estimated Purse \$10,000\*, Starting Fee \$150

2-year-old Tier 2 Estimated Purse \$5,000\*; Starting Fee \$100

\*subject to revenue received

### Fair Circuit: \*

(Tier 1: 2FT, 2CT, 2FP, 2CP)\* - \$10,000 Est.

(Tier 2: 2FT, 2CT, 2FP, 2CP)\* - \$5,000 Est.

(3FT, 3CT, 3FP, 3CP)\* - \$11,000 Est.

All nominating payments and starter/entry fee less administrative fees will be divided equally among the race program.  
To be raced at a Michigan county fair track or pari-mutuel track as approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture

1. The Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association, in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Agriculture, reserves the right to define the specific dates of the racing weeks and all race dates are subject to change based on fair availability, weather, and other factors. Eligibility: All Michigan sired
  - a. Michigan Sired is defined as a foal from a Standardbred stallion properly registered with the USTA that resides in Michigan, is owned or leased by a Michigan resident(s) and that did not serve a mare at a location outside of this state from February 1 through July 31 of the calendar year in which the conception occurred. All foals from a mare that is owned by a resident or non-resident of Michigan at the time of conception either in state or outside of Michigan by means of transported semen from a properly registered Michigan Standardbred stallion.
  - b. Foals from a mare owned by a resident or non-resident of Michigan at the time of conception either in state or outside the state of Michigan by means of transported semen from a properly registered Michigan stallion with the USTA during the year of conception.
  - c. Eligibility will be verified with the USTA at time of nomination 2/15/2024.
  - d. If there is a question on eligibility you will be contacted by the MHHA.
2. Any nominating payment returned for insufficient funds (NSF) will automatically be considered failure to nominate. Any late nominating payment returned for insufficient funds (NSF) will be considered failure to nominate. A processing fee of 3.5% will be added to all credit card payments.
3. Unless otherwise noted in the conditions, the Michigan Early Closing Colt Stakes conducted at a county fair track are raced under the rules of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the United States Trotting Association. The Michigan Early Closing Colt Stakes conducted at a pari-mutuel track are raced under the rules of the Michigan Gaming Control Board.
4. Prior to declaration to race, each colt must be properly identified in accordance to USTA registration rules and registration number shall be on file with the MHHA.
5. Each owner, shareholder, lessee, managing partner of a fractional owner group, and trainer of each colt nominated shall remit with nomination, a program service fee of \$50.00 to cover administrative, insurance and processing costs. This fee is waived for current members of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association. **Declarations to start will not be accepted until this fee is paid as outlined above.** Further, all owners, shareholders or lessees of each colt must provide the MHHA with a Social Security number or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) for the purpose of reporting race earnings.
6. If a horse has been determined ineligible to the program it was nominated to and you believe this is an error, you have 30 days from the date of the ineligibility letter to contact the MHHA office to discuss. If after 30 days the MHHA office has not received any objections to those notified of ineligibility, the horse(s) are deemed ineligible, and no additional recourse can take place to make the horse eligible.
7. Refunds: All requests for refunds must be made in writing to the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association by June 1, 2024. Requests will be considered for: a.) Horse declared ineligible b.) Duplication of payment c.) Clerical error.
8. Any eligible colt changing gait after April 15, 2024, will be eligible to race at the gait adopted upon notifying MHHA of the change.
9. All races one mile. If the event is to be contested at a county fair track and more than 8 starters declare into race in any one of the eight divisions, that race will be divided and raced in divisions and each division shall race one heat for an equal share of the purse. If the event is to be contested at a half-mile pari-mutuel track, and more than 9 starters declare in to race in any one of the eight divisions, that race will be divided and raced in divisions and each division shall race one heat for an equal share of the purse. There will be no more than 3 starters from the 2nd tier for races contested at a county fair track and no more than 1 starter from the 2nd tier for races contested at a pari-mutuel track.
10. All colts entering to race on the live betting card at a pari-mutuel track must have a current charted line within 45 days AT TIME OF ENTRY Races scheduled at a pari-mutuel track may be raced as betting or non-betting races at the discretion of the host track. In the event a race is non-betting or raced on a date when the pari-mutuel track is not hosting a live betting card race date - the 45-day charted line rule may be waived. The MHHA recommends all horses have a 45-day charted line to prevent scratches.
11. Purse Distribution: Five or more starters – 50%-25%-12%-8%-5%. If less than five starters, all non-contested monies will be paid to the winner.
12. The starting fee must be paid on a scratched colt, and that colt may not enter any other Michigan Early Closing Colt Stake race in that Race Week. There is no penalty for a withdrawal before the entry box closes. Entry will not be accepted for a horse whose owner or trainer is indebted for a previous starting fee to any event administered by MHHA.
13. In the event a starter fee is returned for insufficient funds (NSF), the horse is not eligible for entry in any other Michigan Early Closing Colt Stake, Spartan Stake, Sire Stake elimination and Final, Great Lake Stake race until the insufficient funds starter fee is paid including a \$50 NSF penalty. 2 insufficient fund starter fee payments made at any point during the 2024 summer racing season will result in future entry fees to be paid in cash for the remainder of the 2024 racing season.

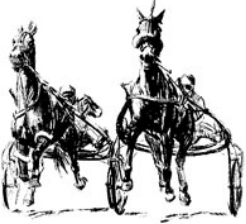
14. Phenylbutazone (Bute) and/or Lasix are permitted medications for 3-year-old Michigan Early Closing Colt Stake races that are held at a pari-mutuel track. Phenylbutazone (Bute) and/or Lasix are not permitted medications for any race that takes place a county fair. No medications are allowed in a 2-year-old in Michigan.
15. Horses racing in Michigan must have negative Coggins results posted on electronic eligibilities in current year. Proof of EHV vaccination within six months is required prior to entering horses to race at a Michigan pari-mutuel track.
16. If a race is called off and unable to be rescheduled due to unavoidable causes, weather, etc, starting fees paid shall be returned less administrative fees.
17. Monies will be deducted for administrative and program expenses.
18. All payments must be made in U.S. funds.
19. All of the events, dates, and the advertised purses herein are contingent upon approval and funding by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. If it becomes necessary to cancel any event (or part thereof) or if funds are not available for the full advertised purse because the Michigan Department of Agriculture is unable to provide the necessary funds MHHA shall not be held responsible.

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# 2024 Michigan Early Closing MIXED-COMPANY Colt Stakes Conditions

For Two-Year-Olds (Foals of 2022) and Three-Year-Olds (Foals of 2021)

The program consists of an 8 Week event circuit for 2/3-year-old *Michigan Sired and/or Michigan-bred horses*.



**Nominations Close February 15, 2024**

**2 and 3-year-old 8 Week Program**

Nominating Payment of \$500 is Due February 15, 2024

Late Supplemental Nominating Payment of \$1,000 is Due April 15, 2023



**HORSES ELIGIBLE FOR BOTH MIXED and MI Sired- ONLY COLT STAKES PROGRAMS**

**WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO RACE ONCE PER PROGRAM WEEK**

**- A program week will be defined by the MHHA in the fair book.**

Michigan Sired horses may enter to race in the mixed program event if they were properly nominated to the 2024 8-week MI Sired program.

### **Estimated Purses and Starting Fees**

Estimated Purse \$ 8,000\*

Starting Fee \$150

\*subject to revenue received

Fair Circuit: \*

(2FT, 2CT, 2FP, 2CP)\* - \$8,000 Est.

**Due to budget constraints, there will be no Fair Final planned in 2024 at this time.**

All nominating payments and starter/entry fee less administrative fees will be divided equally among the race program.

To be raced at a Michigan county fair track or pari-mutuel track as approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

The Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association, in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Agriculture, reserves the right to define the specific dates of the racing weeks and all race dates are subject to change based on fair availability, weather, and other factors.

1. Eligibility: All Michigan bred or sired
  - a. Michigan Sired is defined as a foal from a Standardbred stallion properly registered with the USTA that resides in Michigan, is owned or leased by a Michigan resident(s) and that did not serve a mare at a location outside of this state from February 1 through July 31 of the calendar year in which the conception occurred. All foals from a mare that is owned by a resident or non-resident of Michigan at the time of conception either in state or outside of Michigan by means of transported semen from a properly registered Michigan Standardbred stallion.
  - b. Michigan bred is defined as a foal from a mare that was owned or leased exclusively by a Michigan resident(s) at the time of conception and is listed on the registration papers as the breeder with the USTA at the time of nomination.
  - c. Eligibility will be verified with the USTA at time of nomination 2/15/2024.
  - d. If there is a question on eligibility you will be contacted by the MHHA.
2. Any nominating payment returned for insufficient funds (NSF) will automatically be considered failure to nominate. Any late nominating payment returned for insufficient funds (NSF) will be considered failure to nominate. A processing fee of 3.5% will be added to all credit card payments.
3. Unless otherwise noted in the conditions, the Michigan Early Closing Colt Stakes conducted at a county fair track are raced under the rules of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the United States Trotting Association. The Michigan Early Closing Colt Stakes conducted at a pari-mutuel track are raced under the rules of the Michigan Gaming Control Board.
4. Prior to declaration to race, each colt must be properly identified in accordance to USTA registration rules and registration number shall be on file with the MHHA.
5. Each owner, shareholder, lessee, managing partner of a fractional owner group, and trainer of each colt nominated shall remit with nomination, a program service fee of \$50.00 to cover administrative, insurance and processing costs. This fee is waived for current members of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association. **Declarations to start will not be accepted until this fee is paid as outlined above.** Further, all owners, shareholders or lessees of each colt must provide the MHHA with a Social Security number or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) for the purpose of reporting race earnings.
6. If a horse has been determined ineligible to the program it was nominated for and you believe this is an error, you have 30 days from the date of the ineligibility letter to contact the MHHA office to discuss. If after 30 days the MHHA office has not received any objections to those notified of ineligibility, the horse(s) are deemed ineligible, and no additional recourse can take place to make the horse eligible.
7. Michigan Sired horses may enter to race in the mixed program event if they were properly nominated to the 2024 8-week MI Sired program.
8. Refunds: All requests for refunds must be made in writing to the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association by June 1, 2023. Requests will be considered for: a.) Horse declared ineligible b.) Duplication of payment c.) Clerical error.
9. Any eligible colt changing gait after April 15, 2024, will be eligible to race at the gait adopted upon notifying MHHA of the change.
10. All races are one mile. If the event is to be contested at a county fair track and more than 8 starters declare into race in any one of the eight divisions, that race will be divided and raced in divisions and each division shall race one heat for an equal share of the purse. If the event is to be contested at a half-mile pari-mutuel track, and more than 9 starters declare in to race in any one of the eight divisions, that race will be divided and raced in divisions and each division shall race one heat for an equal share of the purse. There will be no more than 3 starters from the 2nd tier for races contested at a county fair track and no more than 1 starter from the 2nd tier for races contested at a pari-mutuel track.
11. All colts entering to race on the live betting card at a pari-mutuel track must have a current charted line within 45 days AT TIME OF ENTRY Races scheduled at a pari-mutuel track may be raced as betting or non-betting races at the discretion of the host track. In the event a race is non-betting or raced on a date when the pari-mutuel track is not hosting a live betting card race date - the 45-day charted line rule may be waived. The MHHA recommends all horses have a 45-day charted line to prevent scratches.
12. Purse Distribution: Five or more starters – 50%-25%-12%-8%-5%. If less than five starters, all non-contested monies will be paid to the winner.
13. The starting fee must be paid on a scratched colt, and that colt may not enter any other Michigan Early Closing Colt Stake race in that Race Week. There is no penalty for a withdrawal before the entry box closes. Entry will not be accepted for a horse whose owner or trainer is indebted for a previous starting fee to any event administered by MHHA.



14. In the event a starter fee is returned for insufficient funds (NSF), the horse is not eligible for entry in any other Michigan Early Closing Colt Stake, Spartan Stake, Sire Stake elimination and Final, Great Lake Stake or Fair Final race until the insufficient funds starter fee is paid including a \$50 NSF penalty. 2 insufficient fund starter fee payments made at any point during the 2024 summer racing season will result in future entry fees to be paid in cash for the remainder of the 2024 racing season.
15. Phenylbutazone (Bute) and/or Lasix are permitted medications for 3-year-old Michigan Early Closing Colt Stake races that are held at a pari-mutuel track. Phenylbutazone (Bute) and/or Lasix are not permitted medications for any race that takes place at a county fair. No medications are allowed in a 2-year-old in Michigan.
16. Horses racing in Michigan must have negative Coggins results posted on electronic eligibilities in the current year. Proof of EHV vaccination within six months is required prior to entering horses to race at a Michigan pari-mutuel track.
17. If a race is called off and unable to be rescheduled due to unavoidable causes, weather, etc., starting fees paid shall be returned less administrative fees.
18. Monies will be deducted for administrative and program expenses.
19. All payments must be made in U.S. funds.
20. All of the events, dates, and the advertised purses herein are contingent upon approval and funding by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. If it becomes necessary to cancel any event (or part thereof) or if funds are not available for the full advertised purse because the Michigan Department of Agriculture is unable to provide the necessary funds MHHA shall not be held responsible.
21. Due to budget constraints, there will be no Fair Final planned in 2024 at this time.

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**2024 SPARTAN STAKE**  
**Foals of 2022 (2 yr. olds) and Foals of 2021 (3 yr. olds)**  
**That are Michigan sired only**

**1. To be raced as in 8 races:**

2022	2021
Purse \$20,000 est.	Purse \$20,000 est.
2 yr. old Filly Trot	3 yr. old Filly Trot
2 yr. old Colt & Gelding Trot	3 yr. old Colt & Gelding Trot
2 yr. old Filly Pace	3 yr. old Filly Pace
2 yr. old Colt & Gelding Pace	3 yr. old Colt & Gelding Pace

**2. To be raced at:**

A Michigan county fair track or pari-mutuel track as approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and/or Michigan Gaming Control Board.

**3. Eligibility:**

- a. Foals sired by a Michigan stallion properly registered with the USTA during the year of conception, that resides in Michigan that is owned or leased by Michigan resident(s), and that did not serve a mare at a location outside of this state from February 1 through July 31 of the calendar year in which the conception occurred
- b. Foals from a mare owned by a resident or non-resident of Michigan at the time of conception either in state or outside the state of Michigan by means of transported semen from a properly registered Michigan stallion with the USTA during the year of conception.
- c. Eligibility will be verified with the USTA at time of nomination. If there are questions on eligibility, you will be contacted by the MHHA.
- d. If there are questions about eligibility you will be contacted by the MHHA.

**NOMINATING FEE\*: \$200 USD Due March 15, 2024**

**\*ANY NOMINATING CHECK RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE CONSIDERED FAILURE TO NOMINATE. A 3.5% processing fee will be applied to all credit card payments.**

**LATE NOMINATION FEE:** *If the March 15, 2024 deadline is missed, a supplemental payment of \$400 may be made by April 15, 2024 to maintain eligibility in the Michigan Spartan Stake.*

**4. No Sustaining Payments.**

**5. Starting Fees:**

\$200 USD. Due at the time and place designated by MHHA.

6. Unless otherwise noted in the conditions, the Spartan Stakes conducted at a county fair track are raced under the rules of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the United States Trotting Association. The Spartan Stakes conducted at a pari-mutuel track are raced under the rules of the Michigan Gaming Control Board.
7. Prior to declaration to race, each colt must be named, registered, and tattooed or freeze branded and such registration number shall be on file with the MHHA.
8. Each owner, shareholder, lessee, managing partner of a fractional owner group, and trainer of each colt nominated shall remit with nomination, a program service fee of \$50.00 to cover administrative, insurance and processing costs. This fee is waived for current members of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association. Declarations to start will not be accepted until this fee is paid as outlined above. Further, all owners, shareholders or lessees of each colt must provide the MHHA with a Social Security number or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) for the purpose of reporting race earnings..
9. If a horse has been determined ineligible to the program it was nominated for and you believe this is an error, you have 30 days from the date of the ineligibility letter to contact the MHHA office to discuss. If after 30 days the MHHA office has not received any objections to those notified of ineligibility, the horse(s) are deemed ineligible, and no additional recourse can take place to make the horse eligible.
10. Refunds: All requests for refunds must be made in writing to the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association by June 1, 2024. Requests will be considered for: a.) Horse declared ineligible b.) Duplication of payment c.) Clerical error.
11. Any eligible colt changing gait after April 15, 2024, will be eligible to race at the gait adopted upon notifying MHHA of the change.
- 12 All races one mile. If the event is to be contested at a county fair track and more than 8 starters declare into race in any one of the eight divisions, that race will be divided and raced in divisions and each division shall race one heat for an equal share of the purse. If the event is to be contested at a half-mile pari-mutuel track, and more than 9 starters declare in to race in any one of the eight divisions, that race will be divided and raced in divisions and each division shall race one heat for an equal share of the purse. There will be no more than 3 starters from the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier for races contested at a county fair track and no more than 1 starter from the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier for races contested at a pari-mutuel track.
- 13.All colts entering to race on the live betting card at a pari-mutuel track must have a current charted line within 45 days AT TIME OF ENTRY Races scheduled at a pari-mutuel track may be raced as betting or non-betting races at the discretion of the host track. In the event a race is non-betting or raced on a date when the pari-mutuel track is not hosting a live betting card race date - the 45-day charted line rule may be waived. The MHHA recommends all horses have a 45-day charted line to prevent scratches.
14. Purse Distribution: Five or more starters – 50%-25%-12%-8%-5%. If less than five starters, all non-contested monies will be paid to the winner.
- 15.The starting fee must be paid on a scratched colt prior to entering any standalone stake races. There is no penalty for a withdrawal before the entry box closes. Entry will not be accepted for a horse whose owner or trainer is indebted for a previous starting fee to any event administered by MHHA.

16. In the event a starter fee is returned for insufficient funds (NSF), the horse is not eligible for entry in any other Michigan Early Closing Colt Stake, Great Lakes Stake, Sire Stake elimination and Final, Breeders Stake or Fair Final race until the insufficient funds starter fee is paid including a \$50 NSF penalty. 2 insufficient fund starter fee payments made at any point during the 2024 summer racing season will result in future entry fees to be paid in cash for the remainder of the 2024 racing season.
17. Phenylbutazone (Bute) and/or Lasix are permitted medications for 3-year-old Spartan Stake races that are held at a pari-mutuel track. Phenylbutazone (Bute) and/or Lasix are not permitted medications for any race that takes place a county fair. No medications are allowed in a 2-year-old in Michigan.
18. Horses racing in Michigan must have negative Coggins results posted on electronic eligibilities in current year. Proof of EHV vaccination within six months is required prior to entering horses to race at a Michigan pari-mutuel track.
19. If a race is called off and unable to be rescheduled due to unavoidable causes, weather, etc. starting fees paid shall be returned less administrative and program expenses
20. Monies will be deducted for administrative and program expenses from the starter fee.
21. All payments must be made in U.S. funds.
22. All of the events and the advertised purses herein are contingent upon approval and funding by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. If it becomes necessary to cancel any event (or part thereof) or if funds are not available for the full advertised purse because the Michigan Department of Agriculture is unable to provide the necessary funds MHHA shall not be held responsible.

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**2024GREAT LAKES STAKE**  
**Foals of 2022(2 yr. olds) and Foals of 2021(3 yr. olds)**  
**That are Michigan sired only**

**1. To be raced as in 8 races:**

2022	2021
Purse \$20,000 est.	Purse \$20,000 est.
2 yr. old Filly Trot	3 yr. old Filly Trot
2 yr. old Colt & Gelding Trot	3 yr. old Colt & Gelding Trot
2 yr. old Filly Pace	3 yr. old Filly Pace
2 yr. old Colt & Gelding Pace	3 yr. old Colt & Gelding Pace

**2. To be raced at:**

A Michigan county fair track or pari-mutuel track as approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and/or Michigan Gaming Control Board.

**3. Eligibility:**

- a. Foals sired by a Michigan stallion properly registered with the USTA during the year of conception, that resides in Michigan that is owned or leased by Michigan resident(s), and that did not serve a mare at a location outside of this state from February 1 through July 31 of the calendar year in which the conception occurred
- b. Foals from a mare owned by a resident or non-resident of Michigan at the time of conception either in state or outside the state of Michigan by means of transported semen from a properly registered Michigan stallion with the USTA during the year of conception.
- c. Eligibility will be verified with the USTA at time of nomination. If there are questions on eligibility, you will be contacted by the MHHA.
- d. If there are questions about eligibility you will be contacted by the MHHA.

**NOMINATING FEE\*: \$200 USD Due March 15, 2024**

**\*ANY NOMINATING CHECK RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE CONSIDERED FAILURE TO NOMINATE.**

**A 3.5% processing fee will be applied to all credit card payments.**

**LATE NOMINATION FEE:** *If the March 15, 2024 deadline is missed, a supplemental payment of \$400 may be made by April 15, 2024 to maintain eligibility in the Michigan Spartan Stake.*

**4. No Sustaining Payments.**

**5. Starting Fees:**

\$200 USD. Due at the time and place designated by MHHA.

6. Unless otherwise noted in the conditions, the Great Lakes Stakes conducted at a county fair track are raced under the rules of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the United States Trotting Association. The Great Lakes Stakes conducted at a pari-mutuel track are raced under the rules of the Michigan Gaming Control Board.
7. Prior to declaration to race, each colt must be named, registered, and tattooed or freeze branded and such registration number shall be on file with the MHHA.
8. Each owner, shareholder, lessee, managing partner of a fractional owner group, and trainer of each colt nominated shall remit with nomination, a program service fee of \$50.00 to cover administrative, insurance and processing costs. This fee is waived for current members of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association. Declarations to start will not be accepted until this fee is paid as outlined above. Further, all owners, shareholders or lessees of each colt must provide the MHHA with a Social Security number or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) for the purpose of reporting race earnings.
9. If a horse has been determined ineligible to the program it was nominated for and you believe this is an error, you have 30 days from the date of the ineligibility letter to contact the MHHA office to discuss. If after 30 days the MHHA office has not received any objections to those notified of ineligibility, the horse(s) are deemed ineligible, and no additional recourse can take place to make the horse eligible.
10. Refunds: All requests for refunds must be made in writing to the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association by June 1, 2024. Requests will be considered for: a.) Horse declared ineligible b.) Duplication of payment c.) Clerical error.
11. Any eligible colt changing gait after April 15, 2024, will be eligible to race at the gait adopted upon notifying MHHA of the change.
- 12 All races one mile. If the event is to be contested at a county fair track and more than 8 starters declare into race in any one of the eight divisions, that race will be divided and raced in divisions and each division shall race one heat for an equal share of the purse. If the event is to be contested at a half-mile pari-mutuel track, and more than 9 starters declare in to race in any one of the eight divisions, that race will be divided and raced in divisions and each division shall race one heat for an equal share of the purse. There will be no more than 3 starters from the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier for races contested at a county fair track and no more than 1 starter from the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier for races contested at a pari-mutuel track.
- 13.All colts entering to race on the live betting card at a pari-mutuel track must have a current charted line within 45 days AT TIME OF ENTRY Races scheduled at a pari-mutuel track may be raced as betting or non-betting races at the discretion of the host track. In the event a race is non-betting or raced on a date when the pari-mutuel track is not hosting a live betting card race date - the 45-day charted line rule may be waived. The MHHA recommends all horses have a 45-day charted line to prevent scratches.
14. Purse Distribution: Five or more starters – 50%-25%-12%-8%-5%. If less than five starters, all non-contested monies will be paid to the winner.
15. The starting fee must be paid on a scratched colt prior to entering any standalone stake races. There is no penalty for a withdrawal before the entry box closes. Entry will not be accepted for a horse whose owner or trainer is indebted for a previous starting fee to any event administered by MHHA..

16. In the event a starter fee is returned for insufficient funds (NSF), the horse is not eligible for entry in any other Michigan Early Closing Colt Stake, Spartan Stake, Sire Stake elimination and Final, Breeders Stake or Fair Final race until the insufficient funds starter fee is paid including a \$50 NSF penalty. 2 insufficient fund starter fee payments made at any point during the 2024 summer racing season will result in future entry fees to be paid in cash for the remainder of the 2024 racing season.
17. Phenylbutazone (Bute) and/or Lasix are permitted medications for 3-year-old Great Lakes Stake races that are held at a pari-mutuel track. Phenylbutazone (Bute) and/or Lasix are not permitted medications for any race that takes place at a county fair. No medications are allowed in a 2-year-old in Michigan.
18. Horses racing in Michigan must have negative Coggins results posted on electronic eligibilities in current year. Proof of EHV vaccination within six months is required prior to entering horses to race at a Michigan pari-mutuel track.
19. If a race is called off and unable to be rescheduled due to unavoidable causes, weather, etc. starting fees paid shall be returned less administrative and program expenses
20. Monies will be deducted for administrative and program expenses from the starter fee.
21. All payments must be made in U.S. funds.
22. All of the events and the advertised purses herein are contingent upon approval and funding by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. If it becomes necessary to cancel any event (or part thereof) or if funds are not available for the full advertised purse because the Michigan Department of Agriculture is unable to provide the necessary funds MHHA shall not be held responsible.

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**Phone: (517) 349-2920 email: info@mhha.com**  
**Please make checks payable to: MHHA**

2024 Michigan Early Closing **SIRED ONLY** Colt Stakes – Nominating Payment Due February 15, 2024

Two and Three-Year Olds that are **MI Sired ONLY** (Use additional sheets if needed)

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Two-Year-Old Foals of 2022						
Horse Name	Reg #	Sire	Dam	Sex	Gait	\$500

Three-Year-Old Foals of 2021						
Horse Name	Reg #	Sire	Dam	Sex	Gait	\$500

**MHHA Membership or Administrative Fee**

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Name	USTA #	Phone	Email	MHHA Member -ship	Admin Fee	\$50

Owner’s Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

USTA# \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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Two and Three-Year Olds that are **MI BRED** (Use additional sheets if needed)

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Two-Year-Old Foals of 2022						
Horse Name	Reg #	Sire	Dam	Sex	Gait	\$500

Three-Year-Old Foals of 2021						
Horse Name	Reg #	Sire	Dam	Sex	Gait	\$500

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Name	USTA #	Phone	Email	MHHA Membership	Admin Fee	\$50

Owner's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

USTA# \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2024 Michigan Stakes Payments Due: March 15, 2024

Indicate with an 'x' in the appropriate box for the program the horse is being sustained and/or nominated to. Use additional sheets if needed

**Michigan Sire Stakes:** Sustaining fee: \$200. For 2-year-olds – can only be made if yearling nomination payment was received by 12/31/2023. For 3-year-olds, can only be made if 2-year-old sustaining payment was made in 2023. **Michigan Sired ONLY**

**Spartan Stakes:** Nomination fee: \$200. **Michigan Sired ONLY**

**Great Lakes Stakes:** Nomination fee: \$200. **Michigan Sired ONLY**

Horse Name	Reg #	Sire	Dam	Age	Sex	Gait	Sire Stakes \$200	Spartan Stakes \$200	Great Lakes \$200	Total Amount

Owner Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ USTA# \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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2024 Michigan Early Closing **SIRED ONLY** Colt Stakes –  
**LATE** Supplemental Nominating Payment Due April 15, 2024

Two and Three-Year Olds that are **MI Sired ONLY** *(Use additional sheets if needed)*

Two-Year-Old Foals of 2022						
Horse Name	Reg #	Sire	Dam	Sex	Gait	\$1,000

Three-Year-Old Foals of 2021						
Horse Name	Reg #	Sire	Dam	Sex	Gait	\$1,000

MHHA Membership or Administrative Fee						
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Name	USTA #	Phone	Email	MHHA Member -ship	Admin Fee	\$50

Owner's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Due April 15, 2024

Two and Three-Year Olds that are **MI BRED** (Use additional sheets if needed)

Two-Year-Old Foals of 2022						
Horse Name	Reg #	Sire	Dam	Sex	Gait	\$1,000
Three-Year-Old Foals of 2021						
Horse Name	Reg #	Sire	Dam	Sex	Gait	\$1,000
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