

**THE DELVIN MILLER ADIOS STAKE NO. 53  
and Quinton Patterson Adioo Volo (Filly Division)  
For 3-Year-Old Pacers In 2019**

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**Owned and Sponsored By:**

Washington Trotting Association, Inc.

**Serviced By:**

The Hambletonian Society, Inc.

**For:**

Foals of 2016 (subject to USTA Foaling Date Rules)

**To Be Raced As:**

Two races. The Delvin Miller Adios for 3-Year-Old Pacers (Open) and the Adioo Volo for 3-Year-Old Pacing Fillies (Filly Division).

**To Be Raced At:**

The Meadows, Meadow Lands, Pa. ("Track"). during the Grand Circuit week. Definite dates will be published in the USTA Stakes Guide in the year of the races. If for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable, in the opinion of The Hambletonian Society (Society), to hold either one or more of these races at the Track designated, the Society reserves the right to change the date and/or the location of the Track for either any or all races.

**Cancellation:**

The Sponsor further reserves the right to cancel either or both of the races if for reasons beyond its control it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Sponsor to conduct said race or races. If an event is not raced due to circumstances beyond its control, the Sponsor's responsibility and liability will be limited to refunding without interest nomination, sustaining and entrance fees collected toward canceled events that have not been disbursed at the time of cancellation. If canceled after the first 2-year-old payment, these monies will be prorated among the owners of the horses eligible at the time of cancellation. If canceled prior to the first 2-year-old payment, the nomination fees will be refunded to the nominators.

**Estimated Purse:**

The Delvin Miller Adios (Open).....\$600,000 (estimated)  
Adioo Volo (Filly Division) ..... \$151,000 (estimated)

**Actual 2016 total purses were:**

The Delvin Miller Adios ..... \$450,000 (2 eliminations)  
Adioo Volo.....\$110,950 (1 division)

**Added Money:**

Washington Trotting Association, Inc. will add a minimum of \$125,000 to the Open and will add \$25,000 to the Filly Division.

**Nomination Fee:**

May 15, 2017..... \$10 (U.S. Funds only)

Nominated horses must be properly identified to the satisfaction of The Hambletonian Society at the time of nomination.

**Supplemental Nominations:**

There are no supplemental nominations allowed for either the Open or the Filly Division.

**Future Payments (U.S. Funds only):**

| On 2-Year-Olds                         | OPEN          | FILLIES |
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| March 15, 2018 Sustaining Fee .....    | \$400 .....   | \$200   |
| On 3-Year-Olds                         |               |         |
| February 15, 2019 Sustaining Fee ..... | \$600 .....   | \$300   |
| Entrance Fee .....                     | \$5,000 ..... | \$1,000 |

**Declaration:**

The Delvin Miller Adios (Open):

Entrance fee shall be due with declaration to start at the track where the race is being held at the time and date posted on the Condition Sheet.

Adioo Volo (Filly Division):

Entrance fee shall be due with declaration to start at the track where the race is being held at the time and date posted on the Condition Sheet.

Entrance fee shall be due at time of declaration and payable not later than one hour prior to post time of the first elimination heat (if eliminations are necessary) or the race to be contested, as the case may be. All entrance fees shall be made payable to The Meadows.

At the time of declaration a starter must show at least one clean charted line (no breaks) within 30 days prior to the date of declaration.

Regardless if elimination(s), no re-entry is required for the final. After declaration to start has been made no qualifying horse shall be withdrawn except by permission of the judges.

**Filly Notice:**

A filly which is properly nominated and sustained, but not declared to start in the Filly Division, may start in the Open race upon 1) proper declaration and 2) payment of a) the entrance fee required for the Open race plus b) the difference between any lower nominating and sustaining fees for the Filly Division and the higher nominating and sustaining fees for the Open race. In such event previous payments in the Filly Division shall remain therein and shall be forfeits. A filly may not declare or enter in both races.

Filly Declaration for the Open .....\$500 plus Entrance Fee

**Supplemental Declarations:**

There are no supplemental declarations allowed for either the Open or the Filly Division.

**Payment Distribution:**

Nomination fees will be divided equally between the Open and the Filly Division. All other payments will be credited to the specific race.

**Notice:**

USTA Rule 12.04 provides: "Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event." The Hambletonian Society, Inc. will construe payment to require that cash or check duly honored upon presentation be received at the time specified in USTA Rule 12.02.

**Waiver:**

As a condition of participation in the Delvin Miller ADIOS STAKE NO. 53 (the Open and/or Filly Division), the Owner(s) of the nominated horse(s) hereby grants to the Sponsor, its representatives, successors, and assigns the absolute right to copyright and publish, use or reuse still and motion photographic images of its horses, drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents, in whole or in part, in composite or in distorted character, with or without use of names, in color or otherwise, for the purpose of promotion, advertising, trade or other lawful purpose in any and all media. Owner(s) waives any right to inspect and/or approve the finished product or the copy that may be used in connection therewith or the use to which it might be applied. Owner(s) further agrees to inform his drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents of the authority granted to the Sponsor herein, to hold Sponsor harmless from any and all liability and damages, and to indemnify the Sponsor from same should any such owner(s), driver(s), trainer(s), employee(s), officer(s) and agent(s) challenge Sponsor's rights herein as set forth above.

**Racing Conditions:**

All events to be raced as one dash at one mile. If 11 or fewer are declared in to start, the Adios or the Adioo Volo will be raced as a

single dash at one mile. If 12 or more declare to start, the Adios or the Adioo Volo may be raced in elimination heats or divisions. If elimination heats are raced, in either the Adios or the Adioo Volo, horses in each elimination heat shall qualify for the Final and under the conditions as specified below.

The eliminations, if necessary, will race for no less than \$25,000 each, the amount to be determined by the Sponsor. Elimination heats may be held on the same program as the Final, or scheduled at least five (5) days prior to the Final as determined by the Sponsor.

If there are two (2) elimination races the first four (4) finishers in each elimination will return for the Final plus the horse with the highest lifetime money earnings as determined by the USTA from the two (2) fifth place finishers will be drawn in for a Final field of nine (9).

If there are three (3) or more elimination heats, not more than three (3) horses shall qualify for the Final from each elimination heat.

If four (4) eliminations or more are required, eligible horses will be selected for a Final field of nine (9) in a method consistent with the above procedures.

If the eliminations are necessary, post positions in the Final may be determined by one of the following methods as determined by the Sponsor:

a.) by an open draw, or b.) earned by the official order of finish in the eliminations, or c.) the elimination winners, in an order determined by lot, may choose their post position for the Final. The trainer of each winner must select the post position by a time specified by the Racing Secretary, or that elimination winner will be placed in the open draw with the rest of the Final field.

In addition, at the discretion of the Race Secretary, two horses may be selected from those in the eliminations that do not qualify for the Final to be designated "Also Eligible" ("AE") for each Final to replace horses excused by the judges by the designated "scratch" time. The preference to determine which is the first "Also Eligible" ("AE1") shall be determined by taking the horse that placed highest in the official order of finish of all elimination divisions, but did not qualify for the Final. The other horse will be the second "Also Eligible" ("AE2").

In the event horses are tied (i.e. equal in the finish position, including a dead heat) in qualifying for the Final or in determining the Also Eligibles, preference will be determined by the highest lifetime money earnings; if equal in money earnings, final preference will be determined by lot among such tied horses. If the need occurs to

replace a horse or horses qualified for the Final, it will be done in a manner consistent with these conditions regarding the determination of eligibility and preference for the Final.

If, because of an accident in an elimination, an insufficient number of horses finish the elimination race and qualify for the Final, the remaining finalist(s) and "also eligible(s)" will be selected (in the preference of the highest lifetime earnings as determined above) from the remaining non-offending horses in that elimination where the accident occurred.

The Sponsor at its sole discretion reserves the right to conduct this race in a format either with eliminations in the previous week to the final as published above, in divisions, or on a single date with "top eight" (8) format and possibly, at the discretion of the sponsor, a consolation race or races as determined by the number of entries. The format will be published the year prior to the first payment in the year of the race.

All starters are subject to the detention policy of the race track.

#### **Money Division:**

Purses for both the Open and the Filly Divisions will be divided 50-25-12-8-5% for each heat or dash.

#### **Drivers and Trainers Fees:**

The drivers and trainers fees may be disbursed in accordance with the policy of the track at the time of the race.

#### **Disputes:**

In the case of any dispute as to the interpretation of these conditions, the decision of the Sponsor shall be final. All fees and payments in any race are accepted on the condition that all claims, objections and appeals arising out of these races or with respect to any interpretation of any rules or conditions of the races, or otherwise shall be decided by the Sponsor.

#### **Rules:**

Unless otherwise specified and except as may be affected by a state or provincial racing Commission or Board, USTA rules not in conflict with these conditions or the future amended conditions in the year of the race to govern, as well as the Track rules & regulations. The conditions and rules and regulations shall be those in effect at the time of the race.

#### **Make Nomination and Sustaining Checks Payable To and Send To:**

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