# TVG FREE FOR ALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS for 3-Year-Olds & Up

#### Serviced By:

The Meadowlands

#### Sponsored By:

The Meadowlands, et al.

#### For:

3 Year-Old & Up Pacers & Trotters, with an Open and Mare division for each gait

#### To Be Raced As:

Preliminary legs and a Final

#### **Estimated Purse:**

\$350,000 for each Open Event / \$175,000 for each Mare Event

#### To Be Raced At:

Final at The Meadowlands

#### **Cancellation:**

The Sponsors reserve the right to cancel any or all of the races if it becomes impractical/undesirable in the opinion of The Sponsors to conduct the races. If the Final event is not raced, The Sponsors responsibility and liability is limited to refunding, without interest, all payments collected toward the events. The monies will be pro-rated among those owners of horses eligible at the time of cancellation.

#### Added Money:

Sponsors will add a minimum of \$300,000 to the purse for these races. These funds, barring any unforeseen circumstance, in addition to all monies paid in by nominating horsemen shall constitute the purses for this event

#### Payments (in U.S. Funds only):

A nomination to this event requires payment as listed below. All payments are forfeits.

#### **Payment Schedule:**

Date	Open	Mares
February 15	\$1,250	\$500
March 15	\$1,500	\$750
April 15	\$2,000	\$1,000
May 15	\$2,250	\$1,000
Declaration Fee for Open	Races Designated	l as Legs
_	\$1,000	\$1,000
Declaration Fee for Final	\$5.000	\$2.500

#### **Supplemental Nomination/Declaration:**

There shall be no supplemental nomination or declaration to these events.

#### Declaration:

All declarations for these events will close at the time and date designated on the condition sheet at the Host Track. Declaration fee shall be due at the time of declaration and payable before the horse starts. Declaration fees should be made payable to the Host Track. There are no refunds for scratched horses.

At the time of declaration, horses declared to race in these events must have a past performance line that meets the current qualifying standard for stakes and/or added money races at the Host Track. Any horse eligible via the point standings to race in the final of this event will be considered "Qualified to Race" in the final.

#### Notice:

Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event.

#### **Racing Conditions:**

If more than may be accommodated in a single division declare to start, the Host Track may adopt any of the methods of dividing the race then current in the rules and regulations. Sponsors reserve the right to conduct any of the legs or the final at a distance other than one mile. TVG Opens are restricted to TVG eligible, 3YO winners of races listed below and invited foreign based horses.

#### **Eligibility for Final:**

To start in the TVG FFA Championship Series Finals, horses must be declared with the Racing Office by the time posted on the condition sheet. The maximum number of starters in the Series Final(s) shall equal the number of positions on the starting gate of the Host Track with the exception described below. To be guaranteed eligibility for the Final(s), a horse must start in no less than half (50%) of the preliminary legs scheduled in their Series division. The Point leader(s) at the time of the draw for the final shall draw from post positions 1-6.

In the event that the number of horses eligible as provided in these conditions declared into any final exceeds the maximum number specified above, a point system (listed below), based on the official order of finish: (1) at the Host Track for the applicable preliminary leg and (2) at the time the entry box for the Final is closed, will determine preference for the Final.

The top nine (9) point earning horses declared that meet the starts and eligibility requirements listed are guaranteed a berth in the Final. The Meadowlands reserves the right to invite the winner(s) of the races in the order listed below to race in the Finals to reach the maximum number of starters.

In addition, a foreign-based horse may also be invited to race in any of the TVG Finals. If the invitation to the foreign-based horse is accepted, the field for the TVG Final may be expanded to include one trailing horse and be raced at the distance of one and one eighth miles. All invited horses from the races listed below are required to pay the declaration fee to enter the race. Foreign-based invitees are required to pay an amount equal to the total of all nominating, sustaining and declaration payments.

#### Open Final

- 1. Breeders Crown 3 Year Old Colt Final
- 2. Breeders Crown Open Final
- 3. Hambletonian or Meadowlands Pace Final
- 4. Breeders Crown Aged Mare Final
- 5. Kentucky Futurity Final

#### Mare Final

- 1. Breeders Crown Aged Mare Final
- 2. Breeders Crown 3 Year Old Filly Final
- 3. Hambletonian Oaks or Mistletoe Shalee Final
- 4. Kentucky Filly Futurity Final

If after these conditions are met there remain open positions in the Final, horses with fewer than the required number of series starts will be accepted in the order of point standings until the field has reached the maximum number of starters allowed. See the "Starters in Less than 50% of the Legs" clause listed below.

# TVG FFA Championship Series Point System:

1st Place = 35 Points

2nd Place = 25 Points

3rd Place = 15 Points

4th Place = 10 Points

5th Place = 8 Points

6th Place = 6 Points

7th Place = 4 Points 8th Place = 2 Points

9th Place and all other starters = 1 Point

#### **Dead-Heat:**

Any horses finishing in a "Dead-Heat" for any position will be awarded an equal share of the total number of points for the positions involved in the "Dead-Heat."

#### Tie Breaks:

First, the horse(s) with the most starts in the preliminary legs of this series shall receive preference and if after that tie-breaker a tie remains, then:

The horse(s) with the highest total earnings to date in the current season as compiled by the USTA shall have preference.

Any horse entering a designated point earning series Open which does not fill and is not raced or is excluded in a top money winning format race will receive SEVEN (7) points towards qualifying for the Final, plus credit toward fulfilling the minimum number of starts requirement (see above) and toward tiebreaker "a" regarding eligibility for the finals. In the event eliminations are not necessary and the declared horses advance directly to the final of any series event or if the connections of a nominated horse choose to accept a bye into the final of an event rather than race, points shall not be awarded to those horses unless they are entered into an accompanying series Open. Horses racing in elimination races and not advancing to the final will receive credit for a start but no points. A horse scratched from an event which is raced will NOT receive credit/points toward meeting the requirements for the Final.

# Starters in Less than 50% of the Legs:

All horses wishing to start in the Final must be declared for the Final by the specified declaration time. Notwithstanding any of the above conditions requiring a minimum number of starts in series legs, in the event a Final fails to fill to the extent as described in the above condition, those with fewer than the minimum starts that declare will then be considered for inclusion in the Final. The highest point earners in this group shall have preference in being added to the field, and in the event of ties, the above clause(s) will be used

#### **Money Division:**

Leg purses shall be left to the discretion of the Host Track. One-percent of the purse for the Final will be awarded to each horse finishing sixth through last. The balance of the purse shall be distributed 50% - 25% - 12% - 8% - 5%.

#### Disputes:

All owners, trainers and drivers of horses nominated to this event must be accepted to participate at the Host Track or the nomination/entry may be denied without refund of previous payments. Any change of trainers made fewer than 30 days or within four starts of the date of this race will be reviewed by the sponsor and if not accepted, may result in refusal of entry. Sponsors reserve the right to amend conditions as deemed necessary without liability.

#### Rules:

A minimum of seven (7) separate interests may be required in any event or the event may be cancelled. All starters are subject to the detention policy of the Host Track. The rules of the Host Track and its state Racing Commission along with the USTA shall govern un-

less otherwise specified in these conditions. These races are subject to the Stallion Restriction Condition (SRC) see Meadowlands website for details. Any horse nominated to any Meadowlands stakes/ event must be in the care of an approved trainer by April 15, 2019 for any stake/event raced during the month of May and by May 15 for all other 2019 stakes/events. In addition, any owner who participates in a Meadowlands Stake or Early Closing event (with added money greater than \$25,000) with a trainer who has an outstanding Class 1, Class 2 or TC02 positive test having occurred on or after January 1, 2019 and under appeal in any jurisdiction will be declared ineligible to participate in any Meadowlands Stake or Early Closing event for 12 months following the conviction if such trainer is subsequently found guilty relating to the Class 1, Class 2 or TC02 positive test. Nominator also agrees that any horse paid into any Meadowlands stake/event may be required to be stabled for up to 14 days at an approved facility within a 150 mile radius of The Meadowlands or the Tioga or Vernon Downs stable area or an approved facility in a state that agrees to cooperate in an out of competition testing protocol by the date set by The Meadowlands for that stake/event for the purpose of out of competition testing. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in any agreement created by the acceptance of any stakes payment to be declared void at the discretion of The Meadowlands rendering the horse(s) in question ineligible to race in those stakes/events with no liability to The Meadowlands and no assurance of a refund of payments previously made to the stake/event in question. A nomination to these events is an agreement to the above terms and conditions.

## Make Checks Payable To and Send To:

Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment Attn: Racing Office #1 Racetrack Drive East Rutherford, NJ 07073 Phone (201) 842-5130 Website www.playmeadowlands.com

# **Point Earning Races For Open TVG:**

Pacers Trotters
WR Haughton Memorial Cutler Men
Sam McKee Memorial John Cashr
Roll With Joe Open Crawford F
Canadian Pacing Derby Final Maple Leaf
Allerage Open Pace Allerage Open Breeders Crown Final Breeders Co

### **Point Earning Races For Mare TVG:**

Pacers
Roses Are Red Final
Golden Girls
Lady Liberty
Artiscape Mare Open
Allerage Mare Open
Breeders Crown Final

# Cutler Memorial John Cashman Memorial Crawford Farms Open Maple Leaf Final Allerage Open Trot Breeders Crown Final

Trotters
Armbro Flight Final
John Steele Memorial
Joie De Vie Mare Open
Miss Versatility Final
Allerage Mare Open
Breeders Crown Final