

**CLEVELAND TROTTING CLASSIC**  
**Open For 4-Year-Olds and Older Trotters in 2018**  
**Early Closing Event**

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**Sponsored By:**

Northfield Park

**Owned By:**

The Hambletonian Society Inc.

**For:**

Foals of 2014 and older (Subject to USTA Foaling Date Rules)

**To Be Raced As:**

One race "(Race)" for 4-year-old and older trotters.

**To Be Raced At:**

Saturday, June 30, at Northfield Park, Northfield, Ohio. If for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable, in the opinion of the Sponsor, to hold the race at the track designated, the Sponsor reserves the right to change the date and the location of the race.

**Cancellation:**

The Sponsor further reserves the right to cancel the race if for reasons beyond their control it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Sponsor to conduct said race. If an event is not raced due to circumstances beyond their control, the Sponsor's responsibility and liability will be limited to refunding without interest Nomination, sustaining and entrance fees collected toward canceled event that have not been disbursed at the time of cancellation. These monies will be prorated among the owners of the horses eligible as of the time of cancellation.

**Estimated Purse:**

Final .....\$175,000 (estimated)

**Added Money:**

Northfield Park will add \$100,000.

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

February 15, 2018 1st payment (nominating) ..... \$1,000  
March 15, 2018 2nd payment (sustaining) ..... \$1,500  
Entrance Fee ..... \$2,000

Nominated horses must be properly identified to the satisfaction of the sponsor and the Hambletonian Society at the time of nomination. Payment fees must accompany all nominations. (U.S. funds only) Nomination, sustaining and entrance fees are non-refundable except as provided below.

**Supplemental Nominations:**

Horses otherwise not nominated in February may be made eligible to the race by a supplemental nomination of \$6,000 due on or before May 15, 2018.

May 15, 2018 Supplement Nomination.....\$6,000

**Declaration:**

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 of Northfield Park.

Entrance fee shall be due at time of declaration and payable not later than one hour prior to post time of the race. There will be no refund of entrance fees for horses that do not start. All entrance fees shall be made payable to "Northfield Park."

Horses must show at least one (1) clean charted line (no breaks) within forty five (45) days prior to the advertised date of the race and meet the existing time standard.

**Supplemental Declarations and Fees:**

Horses may supplement by paying \$20,000 plus the entrance fee of \$2,000 at the time of entry. If a horse is supplemented and is not in the top eight (8) money earners in 2017/18, the supplement fee will be returned.

**Payment Distribution:**

All payments will be credited to the 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 this 2018 Cleveland Trotting Classic, the Owner(s) of the nominated/supplemented 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:**

One dash at one mile.

The Race will be limited to the eight (8) highest money winning horses in 2017/18 of those that enter as of the published declaration date and time. There will be two (2) "also eligibles" drawn for the final. If a horse entered fails to be amongst the top eight (8) money earners in 2017/18, all payments will be refunded to the owner of the horse at time of declaration, provided, however, the horse meets the current qualifying standards at Northfield Park.

Northfield Park reserves the right to reject any entry and return entrance fee, declare off any event if conditions warrant. Further If fewer than twelve (12) horses nominate or sustain, or fewer than seven (7) horses enter the the Cleveland Trotting Classic, Northfield Park reserves the right to cancel the event and return all fees.

Only two (2) nominees from one (1) stable, owner or trainer may participate in the final, so no refund will be given for third, fourth, etc. horses entered by the same connections.

All horses shipping to Northfield Park must have a negative Coggins Test within one year of the race date.

All starters are subject to the detention policy of the racetrack.

**Money Division:**

Purses for the race will be divided 50-25-12-8-5%.

**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 races.

**Disputes:**

A nomination to these events is an agreement to all above conditions. 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 the rules of the Ohio Racing Commission, USTA rules not in conflict with these conditions to govern, as well as the track rules and regulations of Northfield Park. The rules shall be those in effect at the time of race.

**Nomination and Sustaining Checks Payable To and Mail To:**

The Hambletonian Society, Inc.  
Cranbury Gates Office Park  
109 South Main Street, Suite 18  
Cranbury, NJ 08512-3174