

**MESSENGER STAKE 2019  
and the Lady Maud (Filly Division)  
For 3-Year-Old Pacers in 2019**

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**Owned and Sponsored By:**

Yonkers Racing Corporation.

**Serviced By:**

The Hambletonian Society, Inc.

**For:**

Foals of 2016 (Subject to USTA Foaling Date Rules).

**To Be Raced As:**

Two races. Messenger Pace for 3-Year-Old Pacers (Open) and the Lady Maud Pace for 3-Year-Old Pacing Fillies (Filly Division).

**To Be Raced At:**

Yonkers Raceway, Yonkers, N.Y. ("Track"). Definite dates will be published in the USTA Stakes Guide in the year of the race. If for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable, in the opinion of Yonkers Racing Corporation (Yonkers), to hold either one or both of these races at the track designated, Yonkers reserves the right to change the date and the location of either or both races.

**Cancellation:**

Yonkers Racing Corp. 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 Yonkers to conduct said race or races. If an event is not raced due to circumstances beyond its control, Yonkers' responsibility and liability will be limited to refunding without interest, nomination, sustaining, supplemental 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 Messenger Stake.....\$500,000 Final (estimated)  
Lady Maud Pace (Filly Division) ..... \$115,000 Final (estimated)

**Actual 2016 Total Purses Were:**

The Messenger Stake..... \$500,000 (no eliminations)  
Lady Maud Pace (Filly Division) ..... \$109,050 (no eliminations)

**Added Money:**

Yonkers Raceway Corporation will add a minimum of 20% of all nomination, supplemental nomination and sustaining fees paid into each race. Each elimination for the Open will race for a purse of no less than \$40,000 and, if eliminations in the Filly Division, no less than \$20,000.

**Nomination Fee:**

May 15, 2017 .....\$25 (U.S. Funds only)

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

**Supplemental Nominations:**

Otherwise not eligible 3-year-old colts may be made eligible to the Open division by a supplemental nomination fee of \$6,000, due on or before February 15, 2019. 3-year-old fillies that are not eligible may be made eligible to the filly division by a supplemental nomination fee of \$3,000, due on or before February 15, 2019. Such supplemented horses may declare as a 3-year-old, subject to the designated entrance fees. Three-year-old supplemental nominees do not have to pay the normal February 15 sustaining fee.

Feb. 15, 2019 3YO Colt Supplemental Nomination .....\$6,000  
Feb. 15, 2019 3YO Filly Supplemental Nomination .....\$3,000

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

On 2-Year-Olds	COLTS	FILLIES
March 15, 2018 Sustaining Fee.....	\$300.....	\$150
On 3-Year-Olds		
February 15, 2019 Sustaining Fee.....	\$1,000.....	\$500
Initial Entrance Fee .....	\$5,000 .....	\$2,500
Final Entrance Fee.....	\$2,500 .....	\$1,250

**Declaration:**

Initial Entrance Fee shall be due with declaration of intent to start at the prescribed time and day scheduled by Yonkers. If necessary, elimination races may be contested no less than six (6) days prior to the final.

Initial Entrance Fee for the elimination shall be due at time of declaration and payable not later than one hour prior to post time of the elimination race to be contested, or if no elimination is necessary, payable together with the Final Entrance Fee not later than one hour prior to post time of the Final. If a horse qualifies for the Final, regardless whether the horse starts or doesn't start, a Final Entrance Fee shall still be due upon qualifying for the final and payable not later than one hour prior to post time of the Final. All entrance fees shall be made payable to the Yonkers Racing Corporation.

**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 fees 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 is \$650 plus Entrance fees, except for a Filly that was supplemented February 15, 2019, which is \$3,000 plus Entrance fees.

**Supplemental Declarations:**

Three-year-old pacers not otherwise eligible may enter and start in their respective divisions by payment of a supplemental declaration fee due with intent to start in the elimination races, at a prescribed time and day scheduled by the Raceway:

	Eliminations	Final
Messenger Pace (Open).....	\$30,000.....	\$2,500
Lady Maud Pace (Filly Division) .....	\$15,000.....	\$1,250

Supplemental declaration fees and entrance fees shall be payable not later than one hour prior to the post time of the first elimination heat (if eliminations are necessary) or the race to be contested, as the case may be. If a horse qualifies for the final and is not replaced prior to the official "scratch time" deadline for publication of the program, a second entrance fee shall be due at the scratch time and payable not later than one hour prior to post time of the final. There shall be no refunds for horses scratched in either event. All entrance fees shall be made payable to the Yonkers Racing Corporation.

**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 Messenger 2019 (the Open and/or Filly Division), the Owner(s) of the nominated horse(s) hereby grants to Yonkers, 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 Yonkers herein, to hold Yonkers harmless from any and all liability and damages, and to indemnify Yonkers from same should any such owner(s), driver(s), trainer(s), employee(s), officer(s) and agent(s) challenge Yonkers' rights herein as set forth above.

**Racing Conditions:**

**Messenger (Open):**

There may be elimination races held at least six (6) days prior to the final, if necessary. The elimination races will race for a minimum purse of \$40,000 each.

If there are two (2) elimination races the first four (4) finishers in each elimination will return for the final.

If there are three (3) elimination races the first two (2) finishers in each elimination will return for the final and the third place finishers will draw by lot\* for the remaining two (2) spots to comprise a field of eight (8) starters for the final.

If there are four (4) elimination races the first two (2) finishers in each elimination will return for the final.

If there are five (5) or more elimination races the five or more winners will return for the final, with the horses finishing second drawing by lot\* to comprise a field of eight (8) starters for the final.

In addition, at the discretion of the Race Secretary, two horses will be selected from those in the eliminations that do not qualify for the final to be designated "Also Eligible" ("AE") for each final. 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; in the event horses are equal in the finish position, final preference will be determined by lot\*. The other horse will be the second "Also Eligible" ("AE2").

\*However, whenever there is a draw by lot for the final or "Also Eligible", a non-entry horse will have preference over a horse creating an entry or adding additional horse to an existing entry. If the need occurs to replace a horse or horses qualified for the final, it will be done in a manner consistent with the published conditions and the track policy of Yonkers Raceway concerning the determination of eligibility to the final. All horses making the final will automatically be entered by the Race Secretary.

If because of an accident in the elimination race, an insufficient number of horses finish the race and qualify for the final, the remaining finalist and "also eligibles" will be selected by lot\* from the remaining non-of-fending horses in that elimination where the accident occurred.

**Lady Maud Pace (Filly Division):**

The sponsor reserves the right to race the filly race in divisions and/or eliminations conducted in the same manner as the open race.

Each event and all of its races will be at a distance of one mile, and all races will be drawn by lot; all entries will be seeded whenever possible.

If there are eliminations and a final scheduled, the racing conditions above for the Open will apply with the exception that elimination races will race for a minimum purse of \$20,000 each.

All starters in the open and the filly division are subject to the detention policy of the race track.

The Sponsor at its sole discretion reserves the right to conduct one or both of these races 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 of the race.

**Money Division:**

Purses 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 race.

**Disputes:**

In the case of any dispute as to the interpretation of these conditions, the decision of Yonkers 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 Yonkers.

**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 and regulations. The conditions and rules and regulations shall be those in effect at the time of the race

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

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