

**ONTARIO SIRES STAKES NO. 46  
For Foals of 2016**

**Sponsor:**

Ontario Horse Improvement Program, as administered by Ontario Racing (OR).

**For:**

Standardbred foals of 2016 (foaled between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016).

**To Be Raced As:**

Two-year-old trotting and pacing colts, fillies and geldings in 2018 and three-year-old trotting and pacing colts, fillies and geldings in 2019.

**To Be Raced At:**

Ontario pari-mutuel tracks. The assignment of Ontario Sires Stakes (OSS) events to Ontario racetracks will be within the sole discretion of Ontario Racing (OR).

**Eligibility:**

Yearlings (foals of 2016) conceived as the result of a mating between a mare in the Northern Hemisphere and a stallion that stood the entire Northern Hemisphere breeding season in Ontario, providing that the stallion was duly registered with the Ontario Sires Stakes Program for the appropriate breeding season, may be nominated to the Ontario Sires Stakes if they meet the following requirements.

a) The nominated yearling must be registered with Standardbred Canada or the United States Trotting Association at the time of nomination. Any foal registered with the USTA that does not meet the registry requirements set out by Standardbred Canada shall not be eligible to be nominated to the OSS. Yearlings registered off the continent of North America may be accepted on an individual basis provided a copy of the home country registration certificate accompanies the nomination fee.

b) The OSS will not recognize foals as twins if produced through embryo/ovum transfer. If such foals were produced through embryo/ovum transfer, only the donor mare's first born foal, registered with either Standardbred Canada or the USTA, will be eligible for nomination.

c) Foals conceived from frozen semen will be eligible to the OSS program only if the semen was collected and frozen in Ontario and is from a stallion that was registered for the OSS program both at the time of collection and when the mare was inseminated. The semen must have been obtained through the OSS registered owner, lessee or Syndicate.

**Nomination Payment:**

May 15, 2017 ..... \$100

**Supplemental Nominations:**

Nominators failing to make the required May 15 yearling nomination payment are given until July 31, 2017 to fulfill the nomination conditions to OSS No. 46 for a fee of \$500 or March 15 of their 2-year-old season (2018) for a fee of \$1,500.

**Future Payments:**

As a courtesy, the OSS Administration will make every effort to advise nominators of future sustaining payments but it is the responsibility of the owner of the eligible colt, filly or gelding to ensure that future sustaining payments are made, whether or not a notice has been received.

Failure to make a payment when due constitutes automatic withdrawal from racing in the stakes events of that year.

**Two-Year-Old Sustaining Payment:**

March 15, 2018 ..... \$700 (declare gait)

This payment to be made only if you intend to race in 2018.

**Three-Year-Old Sustaining Payment:**

February 15, 2019 ..... \$800 (declare gait)

Each spring, the OSS Administration publishes an OSS Racing Guide which contains the rules for the specific racing season. Any information in the Racing Guide supersedes the information contained in these conditions.

The Ontario Sires Stakes program consists of a GOLD and a GRASS-ROOTS Series with end of season finals for each series.

The format for the 2018 OSS program can be found on the OSS website at [www.ontariosiresstakes.com](http://www.ontariosiresstakes.com).

**Starting Fee:**

The starting fee is due in accordance with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) rules in effect at race time, but in any event, it must be paid before the horse starts. Trainers and/or owners are responsible for verifying declaration times at each track. These times will be strictly adhered to.

**Racing Conditions:**

Each of the events shall be raced at a distance of one mile.

All races shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the AGCO and all participants are strongly advised to make themselves familiar with the rules.

Horses sustained to the OSS program may be subject to testing under the Out Of Competition Program.

Should conditions beyond the control of Ontario Racing prevent the racing of any event, Ontario Racing reserves the right to declare the event off and to distribute the money to the current eligible horses or to transfer the event to another date, or to another track, or to do both.

**Money Division:**

5 or more starters: 50-25-12-8-5%;

4 starters: 50-25-15-10%;

3 starters: 60-30-10%;

2 starters: 65-35%;

1 starter: 100%.

**Gait:**

Any eligible filly, colt or gelding, changing gait after the sustaining payment in either year, will be eligible to race at the gait adopted.

**Currency:**

All amounts mentioned above are in Canadian funds. The U.S. equivalent will be set one month prior to the payment deadline.

**Rules:**

These events shall be contested under the above conditions, and under the AGCO Rules of Standardbred Racing and Directives, as well as individual Track Rules as approved by the AGCO.

Ontario Racing, within its sole discretion, may from time to time make changes to the terms, conditions, and the purse structure of the Ontario Sires Stakes, of any nature and kind whatsoever, including the nomination payments, sustaining payments and starting fees, and the nominator hereby agrees to be bound by such changes.

**It is Recommended That Payments Be Sent By Registered Mail To:**

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