

**RENAISSANCE PACE 2018  
2-Year-Old Open Pace No. 2  
and 2-Year-Old Filly Pace No. 2**

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**Sponsor:**

New Jersey Sire Stakes

**For:**

Foals of 2016 (New Jersey Standardbred Development Fund Eligibles)

**To Be Raced As:**

2-year-old Pacers in 2018 (Open and Filly Divisions)

**To Be Raced at:**

Freehold Raceway. If for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable, in the opinion of the New Jersey Sire Stakes Board of Trustees, to hold the race(s) at the advertised track, the New Jersey Sire Stakes Board, while making every effort to adhere as closely as possible to the advertised location, fees, date and purses reserves the right to change any of the foregoing or to cancel the event. Further, it shall not be the responsibility of the New Jersey Sire Stake Board to individually inform Renaissance Pace nominators, agents or trainers of any of the aforementioned changes. However, the Board shall advertise or publicize changes in racing interest trade magazines such as various Standardbred magazines and/or newsletters, and advises all program participants to communicate with the New Jersey Sire Stakes offices.

**Added Money:**

Host Race Track (Open) .....	\$ 25,000
NJSS Board of Trustees (Open) (May add up to).....	\$ 50,000
NJSS Board of Trustees (Filly) (May add up to) .....	\$ 25,000
Minimum Total Added Money .....	\$50,000

**Estimated Purse:**

Open .....	\$ 75,000
Filly .....	\$50,000

**Nomination Fee:**

May 15, 2017 (US Funds Only)

Open .....	\$25
Filly .....	\$15

**Future Sustaining Payments:**

April 15, 2018 (US Funds Only)

Open .....	\$700
Filly .....	\$400

**Declaration Fee:**

Open .....	\$2,000
Filly .....	\$1,000

**Declaration:**

Declaration fees shall be due at time of declaration and payable ..... prior to the start of the race. Declarations close at a date and time to be determined by the track where the race will be contested. This date shall allow for, in the event eliminations are necessary, that eliminations shall precede the Final by at least 6 days. Declarations received after the time declarations close will not be accepted. Only one declaration is accepted for this event and no further declarations will be accepted regardless of whether elimination heat(s) are necessary.

**Eligibility:**

To be Eligible:

1. All horses nominated must either be sired by a Stallion registered as a New Jersey Stallion and so designated by the registrar, Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey or is the result of a breeding between any registered standardbred stallion and a standardbred mare that has spent a minimum of 150 consecutive days in New Jersey and foals in New Jersey during the 150 day period.

2. Nomination payments for the Renaissance Pace are restricted to horses that made the 2017 May 15th Sire Stakes or Standardbred Development Fund nomination payment. Filly Division: Any filly nominated to the Renaissance Pace Filly No. 2 may start in the Open Division of the

Renaissance Open Pace No. 2 by paying an amount equal to the total required of colts and geldings plus the starting fee. Previous payments remain with the filly race. Fillies declaring to start in the Renaissance Pace 2-year-old Open Pace No. 2 become ineligible to start in the Renaissance Pace Filly Pace No. 2.

**Racing Conditions:**

All races at one mile. If more than 8 eligible horses declare to start on a half-mile track elimination(s) will be held. If more than 10 eligible horses declare to start on a mile track elimination(s) will be held. The number of eliminations necessary shall be determined by the Racing Secretary. All starters in both elimination events and the final event must meet track qualifying standards. After eliminations, eight horses and two "Also Eligibles" will be eligible to the final on a half mile track. After eliminations ten horses and two "Also Eligibles" will be eligible to the final on a mile track. No trailers in the final event, Post Positions for the Final will be drawn by lot. All starters must meet track qualifying standards. All starters in the eliminations and finals are subject to the detention policy of the racetrack at which the race is contested.

**Elimination Events:**

Each elimination in the Open Division will race for \$10,000. Monies for the eliminations to be provided from the total amount paid in the Renaissance Pace Open Pace No. 2. Remaining monies will go towards the final. Each elimination for the filly division will race for \$7,500. Monies for the eliminations to be provided from the total amount paid in the Renaissance Pace Filly Pace No. 2. Remaining monies will go towards the final. Such elimination races will be held as provided below:

If the number of horses declared in requires more than one (1) trailing horse in the second tier, but not enough to split into eliminations of at least six (6) separate pari-mutuel betting interests in each of the two eliminations, that race will be held with a single elimination heat to "qualify" only enough horses that can be accommodated by the number of positions in the front tier of the starting gate as follows:

a) From the other declared horses, those with the least total earnings in the period from January 1 of that year up to time of declaration, will be selected to race in a single elimination field with no more starters than can score in a single tier with no trailers. Money earnings for races outside the U.S. will be calculated at the exchange rate for U.S. dollars as determined by the United States Trotting Association.

b) The remaining declared horses, if any (i.e. those with the higher money earnings that cannot be accommodated in the front tier of the elimination field), may elect to automatically advance to the Final. If any of the higher money earners, as determined above, elect instead to race in the elimination, other declared horses, in preference of the greatest earnings, may be selected to automatically advance to the Final. If no horses elect to advance to the final, that elimination will be conducted with trailers.

c) The best finishers in the single elimination plus those that have automatically been advanced to the Final will make up the field for the Final. Except for those automatic finalists, preference to qualify for the Final will be given to the horses in their official order of finish in the eliminations.

d) If the number of horses declared into any race is such that, if divided at the time of the draw the fields would provide at least six (6) separate pari-mutuel interests in each of the eliminations, then that race will be split into two or more eliminations with no trailers.

e) If two eliminations are required, the first four finishers in each division are eligible to the Final. The two fifth place finishers will be drawn by lot for "Also Eligibles".

f) If three eliminations are required, the first two finishers from each division will be eligible to the Final. The remaining two starters and the first also eligible will be drawn by lot from the three horses finishing third in the eliminations. The second "Also Eligible" will be drawn by lot from the three fourth place finishers.

g) If four eliminations are required, the first two finishers from each division will be eligible to the Final. The remaining two eligibles will be drawn by lot from the four horses finishing third in the Eliminations for "Also Eligibles"

h) If five eliminations are required, the first place finishers in each division will be eligible to the Final. The remaining three starters and the two also eligibles will be drawn by lot from the five second place finishers. The remaining two second place finishers will be drawn by lot for "Also Eligibles".

All ties will be determined by lot.

i) If the need exists for six or more eliminations, eligibility to the Final will be determined in a manner consistent with the published conditions.

**Mile Track:**

a) If one elimination heat is required the top 10 finishers will be eligible to the Final. The eleventh place finisher shall be Also Eligible No. 1 and the twelfth place finisher (if any) shall be Also Eligible No. 2.

b) If two eliminations are required, the first five finishers in each division are eligible to the Final. The two sixth place finishers will be drawn by lot for "Also Eligibles".

c) If three eliminations are required, the first three finishers in each division will be eligible to the Final. The remaining one eligible will be drawn by lot from the three fourth place finishers. The remaining two fourth places finishers will be drawn by lot for "Also Eligibles".

d) If four eliminations are required, the first two finishers in each division will be eligible to the Final. The remaining two eligibles will be drawn by lot from the four horses finishing third. The remaining two third place finishers will be drawn by lot as "Also Eligibles".

e) If five eliminations are required, the first two finishers in each division will be eligible to the Final. The two "Also Eligibles" will be drawn by lot from the five horses finishing third.

All ties will be determined by lot.

f) If the need exists for six or more eliminations, eligibility to the Final will be determined in a manner consistent with the published conditions.

**Money Division:**

The purse will be distributed as follows:

50-25-12-8-5..... if 5 starters or more

55-25-12-8 ..... if only 4 starters

60-28-12 ..... if only 3 starters

65-35 ..... if only 2 starters

100 ..... in case of walk over

**Rules:**

Unless otherwise specified, all events are to be raced under the rules of the New Jersey Racing Commission and the United States Trotting Association.

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