

# TVG Free For All Championship Series

## For 3-Year-Olds & Up

### Owned & 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:

A stand-alone Championship Event for the top point earning horses from the designated stakes listed

### To Be Raced At:

Final at The Meadowlands

### Estimated Purse:

Open Events .....	\$350,000
Mare Events.....	\$175,000

### Cancellation:

The Sponsors reserve the right to cancel any or all races if it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of The Sponsors to conduct said races and the right to change the date and/or the location of the race(s). If an event is not raced, The Sponsors responsibility and liability shall be limited to refunding, without interest, all payments collected toward these events. These 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 in total to the purses for these races.

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

Eligibility requires payment as listed below. All payments are forfeits.

### Payment Schedule (per USTA 12.02):

	OPEN	MARE
February 15 .....	\$1,250	\$500
March 15 .....	\$1,500	\$750
April 15 .....	\$2,000	\$1,000
May 15 .....	\$2,250	\$1,000
Declaration Fee.....	\$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 Championships.

### Notice:

A nomination to and completion of the payments as listed above will grant eligibility to the TVG Championships only. Payments collected and the Added Money shall constitute the purses for these events. Payments to this stake do not grant eligibility to any other stake and any "Point Earning" race will require the horse

to be made eligible to that stake separately by making any and all payments required for that stake.

TVG Championships are restricted to TVG eligible horses, winners of races listed below and invited foreign based horses.

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

### Eligibility/Racing Conditions:

Final Racing Conditions will be published in the Stakes Guide or available from The Meadowlands. To start in the TVG FFA Championship, horses must be declared with the Racing Office by the date and time posted on the condition sheet. The maximum number of starters in the Championships shall be equal to the number of positions on the starting gate of the Host Track with the exception(s) described below. To be guaranteed eligibility for the Championships a horse must be credited with a start in no less than half (50%) of the races listed as "Point Earning Races" scheduled in their division. The top nine (9) point earning horses declared that meet the starts and eligibility requirements are guaranteed a berth in the Championships. The Point leader(s) at the time of the draw for the Championships shall draw from post positions 1-6.

The Meadowlands reserves the right to invite the winner(s) of the races in the order listed below to race in the Championships to reach the maximum number of starters. All invited horses from the races listed below are required to pay the declaration fee to enter the race.

#### Open Final

1. Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Final
2. Breeders Crown Open Final
3. Hambletonian or Meadowlands Pace Final
4. Breeders Crown Open Mare Final
5. Kentucky Futurity / Tattersalls Pace
6. Zweig Memorial
7. Canadian Trotting Classic/North America Cup

#### Mare Final (filly or mare)

1. Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Filly Final
2. Breeders Crown Open or Open Mare Final
3. Hambletonian or Oaks / Meadowlands Pace or Mistletoe Shalee
4. Kentucky Futurity / Tattersalls Pace (open or filly)
5. Zweig Memorial / Zweig Filly
6. Canadian Trotting Classic / Elegantimage / NA Cup / Fan Hanover

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

### Point System:

Should the number of horses eligible as provided in these conditions declared into any Championship exceeds the maximum number as 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 Championship is closed, will determine preference for the Championships

### 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

Horses racing in preliminary leg consolation races will be awarded the same points as those racing in a main event. Horses racing in an elimination race and not advancing to the final will receive credit for a start but no points. In the event the connections of a nominated horse should choose to accept a bye into the final of a preliminary leg rather than race in an elimination, that horse will receive credit for a start but no points. Any horse entering a designated point earning leg 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 Championships, plus credit for a start. A horse scratched from an event which is raced will NOT receive credit/points toward meeting the requirements for the Championships.

### 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:

a) First, the horse(s) with the most starts in the preliminary legs of this series shall receive preference; if after that tiebreaker a tie remains, then: b) The horse(s) with the highest total earnings to date in the current season as compiled by the USTA shall have preference.

### Starters in Less than 50% of the Legs:

In the event a Championship fails to fill to the extent as stated in the conditions above, those with fewer than the minimum starts that are declared will then be considered for inclusion in the Championships. 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.

### Mare Buy Up:

If, after all of the above conditions are exhausted there remain unfilled positions, mares that are eligible to the TVG Mare divisions may buy into and race in the TVG Open. To gain eligibility, the difference in payments between the Mare and Open divisions must be paid along with the Open declaration fee.

### Refunds:

Any horse that is declared for this race but does not draw in due to the above conditions (including a horse drawn as also eligible that does not draw into the race) has a minimum of one start credit and meets the track's qualifying standards for the race will have their nomination and sustaining fees refunded in full and shall NOT be liable for the entry fee.

### Money Division:

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

### Rules:

The choice of drivers for this event will be limited to those drivers who have applied and been approved to drive in Meadowlands stakes and early-closing events. The list of approved drivers will be available from the Racing Office. 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. 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 year of the stake for any stake/event raced during the month of May and by May 15 for all other 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 may 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. Any horse owned or trained by an owner or trainer who is arrested, indicted or is the subject of a filed governmental criminal information charging such person with administering, selling, sponsoring, or encouraging the sale or use of illegal medications or the illegal or unethical treatment of animals will be ineligible to race in any of the races owned or serviced by the Sponsors. Such ineligibility shall commence on the date of such arrest, indictment or information and continue for a minimum of 60 days from the time of the transfer of ownership of the horse and/or the change of trainers to a bona fide separate and unrelated licensed owner or trainer, as the case may be.

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.

### 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. The rules of the Host Track and its state Racing Commission along with the USTA shall govern unless otherwise specified in these conditions. Sponsors reserve the right to amend conditions as deemed necessary without liability.

**Point Earning Races For Open TVG:**

**Pacers**

Roll With Joe  
WR Haughton Memorial  
Sam McKee Memorial  
Canadian Pacing Derby Final  
Allerage Farms  
Dayton Pacing Derby  
Breeders Crown Final

**Trotters**

Arthur Cutler Memorial  
Crawford Farms  
John Cashman Memorial  
Maple Leaf Final  
Allerage Farms  
Dayton Trotting Derby  
Breeders Crown Final

**Point Earning Races For Mare TVG:**

**Pacers**

Roses Are Red Final  
Perfect Sting (*prev Artiscape*)  
Dorothy Haughton Memorial  
Lady Liberty  
Allerage Farms  
Dayton Distaff Derby  
Breeders Crown Final

**Trotters**

Armbro Flight Final  
Six Pack (*prev Joie De Vie*)  
John Steele Memorial  
Miss Versatility Final  
Allerage Farms  
Dayton Oaks Derby  
Breeders Crown Final

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