



# EARLY CLOSING EVENTS FOR 2017

## 2017 EMPIRE BREEDERS CLASSIC

*Sustaining/Supplemental Payment*

*Raced at Tioga Downs*

- #1) THREE YEAR OLD COLT PACE**      **#2) THREE YEAR OLD FILLY PACE**  
 \$12,500E Eliminations: Sunday, Aug 13      \$12,500E Eliminations: Sunday, Aug 13  
 \$250,000E Final: Sunday, Aug 20      \$250,000E Final: Sunday, Aug 20  
 (2016 Purse \$240,000)      (2016 Purse \$240,000)

*Raced at Vernon Downs*

- #3) THREE YEAR OLD COLT TROT**      **#4) THREE YEAR OLD FILLY TROT**  
 \$12,500E Eliminations: Friday, June 9      \$12,500E Eliminations: Friday, June 9  
 \$250,000E Final: Sunday, June 18      \$250,000E Final: Sunday, June 18  
 (2016 Purse \$215,000)      (2016 Purse \$225,000)

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

MARCH 15	\$1,000
SUPPLEMENTAL	\$6,000
ENTRY FEE	\$2,500

## #5) TWO YEAR OLD NOMINATION FOR FOALS OF 2015

*There is no yearling payment required to be eligible to the EBC  
 This 2yo payment makes the nominee eligible to the 2018 EBC.*

NOMINATION DUE MARCH 15	\$350
IN-LIEU-OF-FEE	\$1,000

*A list of eligible 2YO's (foals of 2014) to race in 2017  
 & EBC nominated sires for foals of 2015 to race in 2018  
 are available at Tioga & Vernon Downs' website.*

*See website for forms on Stallion Nomination for foals of 2016  
 to race in the 2019 Empire Breeders Classic.*

## OPEN EVENTS FOR OLDER HORSES & MARES

**ALL FFA EVENTS RACED AT TIOGA DOWNS**

- #6) CRAWFORD FARMS (Open Trot)**      **#7) JOIE DE VIE\* (Mare Trot)**  
 Sponsored by: Crawford Farms      Sponsored by: Joie De Vie Farm  
 Sunday, August 27      \$175,000E      Sunday, August 27      \$175,000E  
 (2016 Purse \$193,000)      (2016 Purse \$170,000)  
*\*Formerly known as the "Muscle Hill"*

- #8) ARTISCAPE (Mare Pace)**  
 Sponsored by: Artiscap Syndicate  
 Sunday, August 27      \$175,000E  
 (2016 Purse \$200,000)

- #9) ROLL WITH JOE (Open Pace)**  
 Sunday, August 20      \$175,000E  
 (2016 Purse \$160,000)

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

March 15	\$2,000
April 15	\$2,000
Entry Fee	\$3,000

*Conditions, nomination forms, racing applications,  
 track rules & policies, and lists of eligible horses are  
 available at, The Tioga & Vernon Downs websites.*

*A nomination to these events is an agreement to all conditions.  
 Race Office (607) 699-7688 \* Fax (607) 699-3901*

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 on your phone. Text "Meadowlands" to  
 84700 on your mobile device. Message &  
 data rates may apply.**

EVENT	HORSE	C/F	SIRE	DAM	AMOUNT
<i>All owners, trainers and drivers of nominated horses must be approved to race or entry may be denied.</i>					<b>TOTAL</b>

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Trainer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks Made Payable to Tioga Downs**  
 Send to: Racing Office c/o Tioga Downs, LLC. 2384 West River Road, Nichols, NY 13812

# THE 2017 EMPIRE BREEDERS CLASSIC

For New York Nominated Foals of 2014  
Three Year Old Pacers & Trotters with a Filly Division for Each

**Sponsored By:** The Agriculture & New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund, NY Stallion Owners, Tioga Downs & Vernon Downs, et al.

**Fees Collected By:** Tioga Downs

**For:** New York Nominated Pacers & Trotters, Foals of 2014 whose New York nominated Stallion has paid into this race (Subject to USTA Rule 26, Section 26 (b), as published July 26, 2002).

**To Be Raced As:** A Stake for New York Nominated Three Year Old pacers & trotters in 2017 with a filly division for each.

**Estimated Purse:** Eliminations: \$12,500; Final: \$250,000E for each division with ten percent of the final amount used for Consolations if needed.

**To Be Raced At:** Tioga Downs and/or Vernon Downs.

**Cancellation:** If an event is not raced, Tioga & Vernon Downs' 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. The Agriculture & NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund's liability shall be limited to only those events that are raced and reserves the right to withdraw its support and funding of these race events at its discretion.

**Added Money:**

The Agriculture & New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund	\$200,000 estimated
NY Stallion Owners	\$100,000 estimated
Tioga Downs	\$100,000
Vernon Downs	\$100,000

These funds, barring any unforeseen circumstances which may preclude this, in addition to all fees paid in by nominating horsemen shall constitute the purses for this event.

**Stallion Nomination:** Stallion owners may nominate their eligible stallions for the 2017 event by making a payment equal to the amount of one service fee for the nominated stallion in the year (2013) in which those three year olds eligible to the 2017 event were bred with the minimum payment being \$1,000. Those stallions breeding fewer than twenty mares in the 2013 season may make their nominated progeny eligible to this event with a payment of \$1,000. Stallion payments are due by March 15, 2015 and payable to Tioga Downs.

**Eligibility:** These events require nominees to have been sired by a stallion standing in the state of New York and registered with The Agriculture & NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund or its agent for the 2013 breeding season when the nominee was bred. The stallion must also have been nominated to the 2017 Empire Breeders Classic events. All nominees must have been nominated as a yearling to the New York State Sire Stakes program or made the supplemental payment to those races as called for in their conditions.

A) If a New York eligible stallion that bred fewer than 20 mares in 2013 fails to pay into this event, the owner of that NY eligible stallion's progeny may pay an "in lieu of stallion" fee of \$1,000 to make a single two year old horse eligible for the 2017 race.

Further eligibility requires completion of the regular sustaining payment schedule for three year olds as listed below.

B) If a New York eligible stallion that bred fewer than 20 mares in 2013 fails to pay into this event, the owner of that NY eligible stallion's progeny may pay a supplemental fee of \$6,000 to make a single three year old horse eligible for the 2017 race.

**Payments:** (US Funds only)

<b>Two Year Old Nominating Payment:</b>	March 15	\$350	<b>OR</b>	<b>Two Year Old "In Lieu Of" Fee:</b>	March 15	\$1,000
<b>Three Year Old Sustaining Payment:</b>	March 15	\$1,000	<b>OR</b>	<b>Three Year Old Supplemental Fee:</b>	March 15	\$6,000
<b>Declaration Fee</b>				<b>\$2,500</b>		

**Declaration:** All declarations for these events will close at the time and date designated on the condition sheet. The 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. 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. Horses are automatically entered for the finals and all horses qualified for the eliminations shall remain qualified for the finals.

**Notice:** USTA Rule 11 Sec 3 provides: "Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event." This event is not a New York Sire Stakes event and finishers will not be awarded points. All stallion and two year old nomination payments collected will be retained by Tioga Downs until dispersed in 2017 with no interest added.

**Racing Conditions:** All events will be one heat at one mile. In the event there shall be elimination races or, at the discretion of the sponsors, a preview race, they will be held approximately one week prior to each of the finals. Should eleven (11) or fewer horses declare to start, there will be no elimination races and all declared will race in the final. If more than eleven (11) declare to start, the host track may adopt any of the methods of dividing the race then current in the rules and regulations. If elimination races are necessary, the number of horses in finals for these events shall be limited to the number of positions on the starting gate at the host track. Any ties so far as continuing from an elimination race to a final shall be decided by a blind draw. In the event that horses eligible for the final should choose not to race, additional horses from the elimination races will be selected from those properly declared by taking the horse(s) placing highest in the order of finish in the elimination races to complete the field for the final. The next two properly declared horses placing highest in the order of finish in the elimination races shall be listed as also eligible for the finals and may draw in before scratch time. Elimination winners draw for Posts 1-6 for the Final in an order determined by lot. The consolation races shall be comprised of the horses with the highest placing in the eliminations that do not make the final and are declared for the consolation. Horses qualifying for the final may not race in the consolation.

**Money Division:** One-percent of the purse for the Final will be awarded to each horse finishing sixth through last in the Final. The balance of the Final purse shall be distributed 50% - 25% - 12% - 8% - 5%.

**Disputes:** All owners, trainers and drivers of horses nominated to this event must be accepted to participate at each 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. If such change is not accepted, it may result in refusal of entry. Sponsors reserve the right to amend these conditions as deemed necessary without liability.

**Rules:** 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. The rules of the Host Track and its state Racing Commission along with the USTA shall govern unless otherwise specified in these conditions. These races are subject to the Stallion Restriction Rule (see website for details). A nomination to these events is an agreement to the above terms and conditions.

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**2018 EMPIRE BREEDERS CLASSIC ELIGIBLE SIRES**

- American Ideal
- Art Major
- Artiscape
- Betterthancheddar
- Chapter Seven
- Conway Hall
- CR Excalibur
- Credit Winner
- Deweycheatumhowe
- Lucky Chucky
- Muscle Mass
- Muscles Yankee
- Mutineer
- Quik Pulse Mindale
- RC Royalty
- Riverboat King
- Rock N Roll Heaven
- Roll With Joe
- So Surreal
- Village Jove

**FOALS BY THESE STALLIONS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE AND MAY NOT BE SUPPLEMENTED**

**PRAYER I AM**

*The stallions listed below did not nominate to the 2018 EBC but bred fewer than 20 mares  
Their 2015 foals may be made eligible to the 2018 EBC by the \$1,000 "In-Lieu-Of" Payment.*

Air Mail Hanover	DW's Sparticus	Quality of Life
Armbro Barron	Fresh Winner Pearl	Regal Visitor
Armbro Chaperon	Gemini Jason	Ricks Fantasy
Artist Stena	Handsome Harry	Riggins
Ashton Seelster	Howd That Feel	Rockincam
Beretta Hall	Lislea	Rudy Valentino
Bertos Dream	Make It Hot	Smooth Talking Guy
Budd For Life	Monte Hall	Spiked Cider
Bullville Powerful	Native Yankee	Sports Trophy
Cams Fortune	Panther Hanover	To Cash A Tune
Celebrity Secret	Passailed	Turbonator
Conway Court	Perfect Road Trip	Visualize
Diamond Goal	Proud Kash	Whitesand Macgyver

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## Declaration Fee \$2,500

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**Disputes:** All owners, trainers and drivers of horses nominated to this event must be accepted to participate at each 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. If such change is not accepted, it may result in refusal of entry. Sponsors reserve the right to amend these conditions as deemed necessary without liability.

**Rules:** 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. The rules of the Host Track and its state Racing Commission along with the USTA shall govern unless otherwise specified in these conditions. These races are subject to the Stallion Restriction Condition (see website for details). A nomination to these events is an agreement to the above terms and conditions.

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## EMPIRE BREEDERS CLASSIC NOMINATION / SUSTAINING / SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

### 3YO's Racing in 2017 INFORMATION:

#### 2017 EBC Sustaining Info:

Further eligibility for those horses (Foals of 2014) made eligible for the 2017 Empire Breeders Classic by a 2YO nomination payment in 2016 (including those 2YO paid in by the 2YO "In-Lieu-Of" fee) requires a 3YO sustaining payment of \$1,000 postmarked on or before March 15, 2017. The payment form can be found on the Tioga Downs or Vernon Downs website under the title "2017 2&3 YO Payment Form".

#### 3YO Supplemental Nominations:

3YO Supplemental nominations are for ***only those horses whose sire bred fewer than 20 mares in 2013 and did not pay the Stallion fee to make their foals eligible for the Empire Breeders Classic and no 2YO "In-Lieu-Of" nomination was made.*** The 3YO Supplement nomination is a one-time payment of \$6,000 and must be postmarked on or before March 15, 2017.

### 2YO's to race in 2018 Information:

#### 2017 EBC Nomination Info:

Nomination for foals of 2015 to the 2018 Empire Breeders Classic requires nominees to have been sired by a stallion standing in the state of New York and registered with The Agriculture & NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund or its agent for the 2014 breeding season when the nominee was bred. The stallion must also have been nominated to the 2018 Empire Breeders Classic events. All nominees must have been nominated as a yearling to the New York State Sire Stakes program or made the supplemental payment to those races as called for in their conditions.

#### 2YO "In-Lieu-Of" Nomination:

2YO "In-Lieu-Of" nominations are for ***only those horses whose sire bred fewer than 20 mares in 2014 and did not pay the Stallion fee to make their foals eligible for the Empire Breeders Classic.*** The "In-Lieu-Of" nomination requires a one-time payment of \$1,000 that must be postmarked on or before March 15, 2017. The regular 3YO sustaining payment must be made in 2018 to continue eligibility.

### Payments: (US Funds only)

#### Three Year Old Sustaining Payment for 2017 EBC:

March 15, 2017 \$1,000    OR    Three Year Old Supplemental Fee: March 15, 2017    \$6,000

#### Two Year Old Nominating Payment for 2017 EBC:

March 15, 2017 \$350    OR    Two Year Old "In-Lieu-Of" Fee: March 15, 2017    \$1,000

**Declaration Fee**

**\$2,500**

# TIOGA & VERNON DOWNS OPEN EARLY CLOSING EVENTS

*Open Pace & Open Trot  
Open Mare Pace & Open Mare Trot*  
**ALL TVG EVENTS**

**Serviced By:** Tioga Downs

**Sponsored By:** Tioga Downs & Vernon Downs, et al.

**For:** Horses & Mares aged three years and up.

**To Be Raced As:** Separate Races

**Estimated Purses:** \$175,000E for each event.

**To Be Raced At:** Tioga or Vernon Downs.

**Cancellation:** The Sponsors reserve the right to cancel any or all of the races if it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of The Sponsors to conduct said races. 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 \$160,000 to these races. These funds, barring any unforeseen circumstance which may preclude this, in addition to all monies paid in by nominating horsemen shall constitute the purses for this event.

**Payments (US Funds only):** A nomination to each event requires payment as listed below. All payments are forfeits.

March 15	\$2,000
April 15	\$2,000
Declaration Fee	\$3,000

**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. Declaration fees shall be made payable to the Host Track and are due at the time of declaration and payable before the horse starts. 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.

**Notice:** USTA Rule 11 Sec 3 provides: *"Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event."*

**Racing Conditions:** The ten (10) highest 2016-17 money winners (*USTA records*) that are declared will race in the main event. If a consolation can be filled with sufficient wagering interests, that may be raced for 25% of the total purse pool before entry fees are added and the main event will race for 75% of the total purse pool before entry fees are added. Entry fee for the consolation will be \$1,000. Any horse that is declared for this race but does not draw in either event due to the above condition (including a horse drawn as also eligible that does not draw into the race) 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:** One-percent of the purse for these races will be awarded to each horse finishing sixth through last in the Final. The balance of the purse shall be distributed 50% - 25% - 12% - 8% - 5%.

**Disputes:** All owners, trainers and drivers of horses nominated to this event must be accepted to participate at each 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. If such change is not accepted, it may result in refusal of entry. Sponsors reserve the right to amend these conditions as deemed necessary without liability.

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