

JOE O'BRIEN MEMORIAL
Foals of 2015

- SPONSOR:** The Province of Prince Edward Island and the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Industry Association.
- AUTHORITY:** Rules of the Atlantic Provinces Harness Racing Commission (APHRC) and Standardbred Canada (S.C.) apply.
- ELIGIBILITY:**
Two and three year old pacing colts whose certificate of registration indicates place of foaling to be Prince Edward Island and whose dam was owned at the time of foaling by a resident of PEI (**RESIDENT:** A resident of PEI is a person whose primary residence is on PEI or one who operates a farm resident to standardbred broodmares, such residency verifiable by such tangible evidence as Property Tax payment, employees, mares on site etc.); and/or

Two and three year old colts whose certificate of registration indicates place of foaling to be Prince Edward Island and whose dam resided on PEI for at least 183 days in the foaling year (residency requirement to be verified by signed affidavit submitted to PEIHRIA before 1 December of the foaling year).
- TO BE RACED AT:** Prince Edward Island pari-mutual tracks after August 15th of the 2 and 3 year old years.
- FORMAT:** Two legs for each of 2 year old pacing colts and 3 year old pacing colts. Typically, Charlottetown Driving Park and Summerside Raceway will each host one leg of each division.
- BREEDERS AWARD:** Breeders' awards, as determined by the sponsor, shall be paid to Prince Edward Island resident breeders (see above) who are registered as the breeders of money winners in any Joe O'Brien Memorial event.
- PAYMENTS:** The following payments are required to become and remain eligible:

Yearling Nomination: \$ 75 due May 15, 2016
2 yo Sustaining Fee: \$100 due March 15, 2017 (if May 15, 2016 payment made)
Late Nomination: \$600 due March 15, 2017 which includes the \$100 2 yo Sustaining Fee (if May 15, 2016 payment missed)
3 yo Sustaining Fee: \$150 due February 15, 2018

Starting Fees: \$300 for Gold events
\$150 for Grassroots events
- All payments will be made to Standardbred Canada with the exception of starting fees.
- Starting payments are due at the host track one hour prior to post time of the event.
- All payments under this program are forfeits. Any payment returned NSF (not sufficient funds) shall be considered as non payment and the entry will not be accepted.
- QUALIFICATION:** All declared entries must have met and continue to meet qualifying standards as set forth by the Atlantic Standardbred Breeders Association as may be amended from time to time.
- FUNDING:** \$60,000 Added (\$30,000 at both 2 and 3). Host tracks add \$1500 per Gold division and \$1000 per Grassroots division..

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. For the purpose of this program, PEI foaled shall be defined as: A foal whose place of birth on the applicable Standardbred Canada/USTA registration certificate is indicated to be Prince Edward Island.
2. Each event is to be contested at a distance of one mile (1609 m).
3. Purse distribution for five or more finishers is 45%, 22%, 15%, 10% and 8%; four finishers is 47%, 24%, 17% and 12%; three finishers 51%, 28% and 21%; two finishers 61% and 39%.
4. All nominating, sustaining and starting fees shall be added to the purses with no deduction for clerical or managerial work, advertising or publicity.
5. Events will be raced in Gold and Grassroots formats. If, at the time of declaration, the entry has earned less than \$5,000 lifetime for 2 year olds and less than \$10,000 lifetime for 3 year olds the entry may, at the owners' discretion, compete in a Grassroots division. All other entries will compete in a Gold division.
6. If more horses declare to start than are permitted in one dash on the track where the race is to take place, the event shall be split into divisions with entries determined by Standardbred Canada electronic draw. If two or more divisions are required the host track shall add the regular portion to each division.
7. Any entry changing gait after the sustaining fee(s) have been made will be transferred to the new gait adopted, providing such request is in writing. The starting fees for the said entry shall be applied to the new gait.
8. The PEI Harness Racing Industry Association, within its sole discretion, may from time to time make changes to the terms, conditions, and/or to the purse structure of the Joe O'Brien Memorial Series of any kind whatsoever, including added money, as well as nomination and sustaining payments and starting fees and the nominator agrees to be bound by such changes.
9. Should conditions beyond the control of the PEIHRIA prevent the racing of any event, the PEIHRIA reserves the right to declare off any event and distribute the money to the current eligibles, or to transfer the event to another date, or to another track, or to do both.
10. Standardbred Canada and the PEIHRIA assume no responsibility for nominations or payments made by mail which are not received. **Sending payments by Registered Mail is recommended.** All payments **must be post-marked** no later than the said due date.
11. In the event that an explicit interpretation of these conditions might not be acceptable to all parties, the Board of Directors reserves the right to interpret these conditions in an implicit manner in accordance with the goals and objectives of the organization as may be established and amended from time to time.

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ADMINISTRATOR:

All nominating and sustaining payments are payable to and must be mailed to:

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