

**Standardbred Breed Development
2014 Program –Early Approval of Indiana
Sires Stakes & Indiana Sired Fair Circuit Program**

*Approved by the Standardbred Breed Development Committee – 8/23/13
Approved by the Standardbred Advisory Board – 8/23/13*

In planning the Standardbred Breed Development Program for 2013 concerns were raised by industry participants regarding the timing of the approval of the program each year, noting that it is vital to the industry to have the Indiana Sires Stakes programs set prior to the yearling sales (typically occurring in October of each year). Considering this, the Standardbred Breed Development Advisory Committee and Standardbred Advisory Board began meetings in June of this year to discuss the 2014 Standardbred Breed Development Program. While we realize that it is difficult to have the program completed in its entirety, we focused on the two primary components, the Indiana Sires Stakes and Indiana Sired Fair Circuit. This will enable us to notify horsemen of the structure of the core components of the program prior to the yearling sales. It will also give us the flexibility to make adjustments to the remaining elements once the negotiated percentage has been approved by the IHRC. The following has been crafted working closely with Hoosier Park and Indiana Standardbred Association.

Indiana Sires Stakes

The current structure of the Indiana Sires Stakes was studied to determine if this structure was best under a one track scenario. After input and discussions, we are proposing to abandon the current structure of the Indiana Sires Stakes and adopt the following format:

➤ Structure of the Program as Follows:

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ELIMINATION	\$20,000	ELIMINATION	\$20,000
FINAL	\$50,000	FINAL	\$50,000

Funding for the program will be structured as follows:

- Nomination fees will be retained by the Breed Development Fund. Nomination fees will remain at \$500.
- Entry fee for each leg will be \$500.
- There will not be an entry fee required for each Leg Final/Consolation.
- Breed Development will contribute up to \$50,000 for each leg. If total purses for an elimination exceeds the \$50,000 allocated from Breed Development, track purse account will fund the difference.
- Breed Development will fund the purses for the Leg Finals (\$75,000) and Consolation (\$25,000).
- Breed Development will fund the purse, \$200,000 for the Super Final (for top ten horses from Leg Finals) plus the \$4,000 each 6th through 10th place finisher will receive. For a total payout of \$220,000.
- Hoosier Park agrees to write overnight races for Sires Stakes eligible horses to provide additional racing opportunities. These races will run concurrent with the Sires Stakes program. Breed Development will earmark a minimum of \$500,000 from the funds allocated for IS Overnight/Mini Series Budget.

Indiana Sired Fair Circuit

A total of 18 races programs to be held (not including the Finals at the Indiana State Fair and ISA Elite Program).

Series 1:

Purses - \$3,000 Division
Championship - \$20,000
Consolation - \$8,000

Series 2:

Purses - \$3,000 Division
Championship for Series 2 may be held if funding permits. To be contested at \$10,000 if held.

Conditions for the ISFC program to be modified as follows:

- No horse may compete in any ISFC event who has raced in a **pari-mutuel** ~~an Indiana Sires Stakes (ISS)~~ event on the day of or five (5) days prior to the event.