

BATAVIA DOWNS GAMING RACETRACK

CLAIMING CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

1. This event will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the NYSGC, the US Trotting Association and Batavia Downs.
2. There will be no nomination or entry fee to participate.
3. There will be seven (7) Claiming Class Categories.
 - **PACE** –
 - a. ***Horses and Geldings \$4,000 claiming pace
 - b. ***Filly and Mares \$4,000 claiming pace
 - c. ***Horses and Geldings \$5,000 - \$6,000 claiming
 - d. ***Filly and Mares \$5,000 - \$6,000 claiming
 - e. ***Horses and Geldings \$8,000 - \$10,000 claiming
(Mares eligible)
 - **TROT** –
 - f. ***Horses and Geldings \$4,000 - \$5,000 claiming
(Mares eligible)
 - g. ***Horses and Geldings \$7,500 - \$10,000 claiming
(Mares eligible)
4. All races will be contested at one-mile and post positions will be drawn by lot. Purse distribution will remain as 50% - 25% - 12% - 8% - 5%.
5. Points for the championship final will be awarded to the top five finishers in each class category in the following manner;
 - a. 1st - 25pts, 2nd - 20pts, 3rd - 15pts, 4th - 10pts, 5th - 5pts.
 - b. Points will be awarded to horses that race in each class category. Points cannot be combined. If a horse qualifies for the final in two classes they must race in the higher class they have qualified in.
 - c. In the event of a dead heat for any finishing position all points will be divided equally. In the event of a no-contest no points will be awarded.
 - d. Condition horses racing in a condition optional claiming events are not entitled to earn points.
 - e. In the event of a tie on points for any category (class) the tiebreaker is a horse's fastest individual time, if still tied second fastest individual time, etc, etc, etc.

6. A horse will remain eligible to any event whether or not it is in the possession of the owner of the horse when the series began. There will be no claiming in any series finals.
7. The top eight (8) point earners in each class category will be eligible to compete in the Series Final. Points will be accumulated monthly with the top three point earners in August, (July 25 - August 31) and September, (September 1 - 30) and the top two point earners in October, (October 1 - 31) advancing to the November 12 Claiming Championships Finals. Once a new month starts all points earned towards the finals revert back to zero with the exception of July which will carryover into August.
8. Once the trainer enters his/her horse or horses to the series, no change of trainer can be made except through a claim until the series has concluded for any horses racing in the championship finals.
9. There must be at least six separate betting interests in each championship final. If there are more than two coupled entries eligible to the final the lowest money earners will drawn out. Should there be a tie amongst the money earners, Rule 5 c. applies.
10. The finals for the \$4,000 claiming categories will be \$15,000 including the \$4,000 - \$5,000 trot. All other series finals will be \$20,000.
11. Horses in-to-go are not eligible to race in the Series final.
12. Batavia Downs reserves the right to reject any entry or declare off any event not filling satisfactorily.
13. In case of any act of god or cancellation due to weather or any other circumstances The Claiming Championship series may be rescheduled and redrawn at the discretion of Batavia Downs.
14. All horses must have a current negative Coggins test, current proof of a rabies vaccination and current health certificate. All trainers/drivers/owners must be current with the USTA.

