

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 pace
 - d. ***Filly and Mares \$5,000 - \$7,500 claiming pace
 - e. ***Horses and Geldings \$8,000 - \$10,000 claiming pace
 - i. (Mares eligible)
 - TROT -----
 - f. ***Horses and Geldings \$4,000 - \$5,000 claiming trot
 - i. (Mares eligible)
 - g. ***Horses and Geldings \$7,500 - \$10,000 claiming trot
 - i. (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. Point 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. Condition horses racing in a condition optional claiming race are not entitled to earning points.
 - d. 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. In the event a horse that has qualified for the finals does not enter, then the #1 AE (based on points earned) for the month for which the horse qualified will be eligible to race. That process will continue until a horse is chosen to race. If all horses from that month have be used and entry spots remain then the tiebreaker is a horse's fastest individual time from the remaining two qualifying months.
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 pointer earners in August, (July 26 – August 31) and September, (September 1- 30) and the top two point earners in October, (October 1- 31) advancing to the November 11 Claiming Championships Finals. Once a new month starts all point earned towards the finals revert back to zero with the exception of July which will carry over 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).
9. There must be at least six separate betting interests in the final. If there are more than two coupled entries eligible to the final the lowest point earners will be drawn out. Should there be a tie amongst the money earners Rule 5 d. 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.

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