

CHAPTER 32A
NEW JERSEY STANDARDBRED
DEVELOPMENT FUND CONDITIONS

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. STANDARDBRED DEVELOPMENT
FUND PROGRAM**

2:32A-1.1 General provisions

The Sire Stakes Program Board of Trustees, on behalf of the Standardbred Development Fund Program, hereby adopts and incorporates by reference, as amended and supplemented, the 2013 United States Trotting Association's Racing Guide for Stakes and Futurities. Copies of the most current regulations may be procured online at <http://www.ustrotting.com/pdf/USTARuleBook.pdf> and are available for inspection by contacting the Division of Marketing and Development, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Health-Agriculture Building, John Fitch Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

**SUBCHAPTER 2. NEW JERSEY STANDARDBRED
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2:32A-2.1 Adoption of by-laws

(a) The by-laws of the New Jersey Sire Stakes Program Board of Trustees governing the Standardbred Development Fund Program are hereby adopted as follows:

1. There is hereby established in the State of New Jersey a Standardbred Development Fund Program for Standardbred horses, foaled in the State of New Jersey and the product of a registered New Jersey mare, registered with the New Jersey Sire Stakes Program as such.

2. Those horses eligible to race under the Standardbred Development Fund Program shall be the following:

i. Any foal of any registered New Jersey mare that shall have resided in the State of New Jersey for a minimum of 150 consecutive days prior to the foaling of said eligible horse; or

ii. Any foal sired by a registered New Jersey-based stallion.

3. The Standardbred Development Fund Program shall be administrated by the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Sire Stakes Program.

4. The Board of Trustees of the Sire Stakes Program is authorized to do all that is necessary for the proper administration of the Standardbred Development Fund Program and shall prepare, issue, and promulgate rules providing for:

i. Classes and division of races, eligibility of horses and owners therefore, and prizes and awards to be awarded;

ii. Nominating, sustaining, and entry fees for horses and races;

iii. Such temporary programs including eligibility of horses, breeding, and other matters as may be necessary to make the Sire Stakes Program operable as soon as possible;

iv. Registration and certification of New Jersey stallions, mares bred to such stallions, and foals produced thereby; and

v. Such other matters as the Board determines to be necessary and appropriate for the proper administration and implementation of the Standardbred Development Fund programs.

5. The funds for the Standardbred Development Fund Program and the nominating, sustaining, and entry fees provided for in this chapter, shall be administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture and shall be deposited in a trust account entitled Sire Stakes Fund on behalf of the Standardbred Development Fund Program.

6. All disbursements from the Sire Stakes Fund on behalf of the Standardbred Development Fund Program for the payment of purses and awards, cost of administration, reimbursement of expenses of members of the Board of Trustees, and any other appropriate expenses, shall be made by the Secretary of Agriculture or his or her designee.

7. Standardbred Development Fund races shall be run only at licensed harness tracks in the State of New Jersey. The races, purses, and awards awarded therefore shall be pursuant to the rules of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Sire Stakes in this chapter and the New Jersey Racing Commission.

2:32A-2.2 Qualifying standards

(a) In order to be eligible for nomination to the New Jersey Standardbred Development Fund Program, a foal must be the product of the mating of:

1. A Standardbred mare with a resident New Jersey Sire Stakes stallion meeting the requirements of N.J.A.C. 2:32-2.3; or

2. A Standardbred mare with any Standardbred stallion that is registered with the United States Trotting Association or such other generally recognized Standardbred breed provided the mare resides in the State of New Jersey for a period of at least 150 days prior to foaling. Said mare must register with the New Jersey Standardbred Development Fund Program commencing on September 15 of the year preceding foaling but in any case no later than 150 days prior to the actual foaling date in order for the offspring to be eligible to the Standardbred Development Fund Program. The registration form must be accompanied by a payment of \$100.00.

2:32A-2.3 Fund policy

(a) All purse money will be allocated as determined by the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Sire Stakes.

(b) Advertised purse moneys for all New Jersey Sire Stakes and Standardbred Development Fund races are predicated upon the pari-mutuel handle of New Jersey harness tracks and, therefore, are subject to change without notice. Starting fees may also be adjusted, but will never be more than originally advertised for the current season.

(c) All horsemen's fees are to follow a horse by sex and gait and the fees are to remain in the respective pools.

2:32A-2.4 Transfer of race

(a) If for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable, in the opinion of the New Jersey Sire Stakes Board of Trustees, to hold the race at the advertised track, the New Jersey Sire Stakes Board, while making every effort to adhere as closely as possible to the advertised location, fees, date, and purse, reserves the right to change any of the foregoing or to cancel the event.

(b) It shall not be the responsibility of the New Jersey Sire Stakes Board of Trustees to individually inform Sire Stakes nominators, agents, or trainers of any of the changes in (a) above.

(c) The Board shall advertise or publicize changes in racing interest trade magazines such as the various Standardbred related magazines and/or newsletters, and suggests all program participants communicate with the New Jersey Sire Stakes office.

2:32A-2.5 Yearling nominations

(a) All yearlings to be nominated to the Standardbred Development Fund Program must be registered with the United States Trotting Association or any Standardbred registry recognized by the United States Trotting Association and must hold a certificate of registration dated on or before the time of nomination.

1. Nominations of yearlings to the Standardbred Development Fund shall be received along with the nomination fee payment, by the office of the New Jersey Sire Stakes, not later than May 15 of each yearling year or, if May 15 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, on the next business day following that date. Nominations received after the closing date will not be accepted.

2. Any yearling that has been nominated to the New Jersey Sire Stakes Program shall also be considered nominated to the Standardbred Development Fund Program without further payment of any additional nominating fees.

3. The nomination fee for those yearlings otherwise meeting all Standardbred Development Fund eligibility requirements of this chapter, but which were foaled as a