

# 2010 Michigan Early Closing Colt Stakes

For Two and Three-Year-Olds (Foals of 2007 and 2008)

Conditions

A 10 Racing Week\* Program for 2 and 3-year-olds

Total Estimated Purses \$1,350,000.



**Nominations Close February 15, 2010**



**Nominating Payment Due 2/15/2010:**

Platinum Circuit & Fair Series (Silver & Bronze Circuits) - \$350.

Fair Series (Silver & Bronze Circuits) - \$250.

**Sustaining Payment Due 4/15/2010:**

Platinum Circuit & Fair Series (Silver & Bronze Circuit)\*\* - \$350.

\*\*Open only to those having made \$350 Platinum Circuit & Fair Series nomination.

Fair Series (Silver & Bronze Circuit)\* - \$250.

\*Open only to those having made \$250 Fair Series or \$350 Platinum Circuit & Fair series nomination.

**Late Supplemental Nominating Payment Due 4/15/2010:**

Platinum Circuit & Fair Series (Silver & Bronze Circuit)\* - \$1,850.

\*If the \$350 2/15/2010 Nominating Payment is missed, this payment can be made in addition to the \$350 4/15/2010 sustaining payment.

**Late Supplemental Sustaining Payment Due 5/15/2010:**

Platinum Circuit & Fair Series (Silver & Bronze Circuit)\* - \$1,850.

\*Open only to those having made the 2/15/2010 payment that missed the 4/15/2010 payment.

## Purses and Starting Fees

**Platinum Circuit**

(2FT, 2CT, 2FP, 2CP, 3FT, 3CT, 3FP, 3CP)

Purse: \$10,000 Added. Starting Fee: \$250. (50% added)

To be raced at a Michigan pari-mutuel track or county fair track as approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

**Fair Series**

**Silver Circuit:**

(2FT, 2CT, 2FP, 2CP, 3FT, 3CT, 3FP, 3CP)

Purse: \$8,000 Added.

Starting Fee: \$160. (\$60 added)

To be raced at a Michigan county fair track or pari-mutuel track as approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

**Bronze Circuit:**

(2FT, 2CT, 2FP, 2CP, 3FT, 3CT, 3FP, 3CP)

Purse: \$4,000 Added.

Starting Fee: \$50. (\$15 added) Minimum Purse: In no event shall a Bronze Circuit race for less than \$1,500 per division of a race.

To be raced at a Michigan county fair track as approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

\*The Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association, in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Agriculture, reserves the right to define the specific dates of the 10 racing weeks which may or may not necessarily be calendar days nor commence on Sundays. The 10 racing weeks will be defined in the nominating catalog, following approval of applications for race dates by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

1. Eligibility: All Michigan sired foals, that are the first foal per year with the exception of twins carried to term by the natural mother are eligible. Michigan sired is defined as a foal sired by a Standardbred stallion registered with the Michigan Department of Agriculture that was leased or owned by a resident or residents of this state: transportation of semen from a registered stallion to a location outside of this state does not affect the eligibility of a Michigan sired Standardbred foal.
2. Unless otherwise noted in the conditions, the Michigan Early Closing Colt Stakes conducted at a county fair track are raced under the rules of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the United States Trotting Association. The Michigan Early Closing Colt Stakes conducted at a pari-mutuel track are raced under the rules of the Office of Racing Commissioner.
3. Prior to declaration to race, each colt must be named, registered and tattooed or freeze branded and such registration number shall be on file with the MHHA.
4. Each owner, shareholder, or lessee of each colt nominated shall remit with nomination, a program service fee of \$35.00 to cover administrative and processing costs. This fee is waived for current members of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association. Declarations to start will not be accepted until this fee is paid for each owner or part owner. Further, all owners, shareholders or lessees of each colt must provide the MHHA with a Social Security number or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) for purposes of reporting race earnings.
5. Refunds: All requests for refunds must be made in writing to the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association by June 1, 2010. Requests will be considered for: a.) Horse declared ineligible b.) Duplication of payment c.) Clerical error.
6. Any eligible colt changing gait after April 15, 2010, will be eligible to race at the gait adopted upon notifying MHHA of the change.
7. All races one mile. If the event is to be contested at a county fair track and more than 8 starters declare into race in any one of the eight divisions, that race will be divided and raced in divisions and each division shall race one heat for an equal share of the purse. If the event is to be contested at a half-mile pari-mutuel track, and more than 9 starters declare in to race in any one of the eight divisions, that race will be divided and raced in divisions and each division shall race one heat for an equal share of the purse. If the event is to be contested at a five-eighths mile pari-mutuel track and more than 11 starters declare in to race in any one of the eight divisions, that race will be divided and raced in divisions and each division shall race one heat for an equal share of the purse.
8. All colts entering to race at a pari-mutuel track must have a current charted line within 45 days at the time of entry. Races scheduled at a pari-mutuel track may be raced as betting or non-betting races at the discretion of the host track.
9. Colts may race only once in any given "racing week". A start in a Futurity is not considered a Colt Stake week start.
10. Purse Distribution: Five or more starters – 50%-25%-12%-8%-5%. If less than five starters, all non-contested monies will be paid to the winner.
11. Starting Fees: Silver Circuit, the starting fees are \$160 (\$60 added). The Bronze Circuit starting fees are \$50 (\$15 added). The Platinum Circuit starting fees are \$250 (\$125 added).
12. The starting fee must be paid on a scratched colt, and that colt may not enter any other Michigan Early Closing Colt Stake race in that Race Week. There is no penalty for a withdrawal before the entry box closes. Entry will not be accepted for a horse whose owner or trainer is indebted for a previous starting fee to any event administered by MHHA.
13. Phenylbutazone (Bute) and/or Lasix are permitted medications for 3-year-old Michigan Early Closing Colt Stake races that are held at a pari-mutuel track. No medication is permitted for use in a 2-year-old regardless of where the race is contested. Phenylbutazone (Bute) and/or Lasix are not permitted medications for any race that takes place a county fair.
14. Horses racing in Michigan must have negative Coggins results posted on electronic eligibilities. Proof of EHV vaccination within six months is required prior to entering horses to race at a Michigan pari-mutuel track.
15. If a race is called off due to unavoidable causes, starting fees paid shall be returned.
16. Monies will be deducted for administrative and program expenses.
17. All of the events and the advertised purses herein are contingent upon approval and funding by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. If it becomes necessary to cancel any event (or part thereof) or if funds are not available for the full advertised purse because the Michigan Department of Agriculture is unable to provide the necessary funds MHHA shall not be held responsible.

**Mail all Payment forms and fees to:**

**Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association**

**P.O. Box 349, Okemos, MI 48805**

**Phone: (517) 349-2920 or (888) 898-6442**

**Please make checks payable to: MHHA Colt Stakes Fund**

