

# Charles I. Smith Trotting Classic 2015 & Helen Smith Filly Division

**Sponsor:** Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of NJ, Inc.

**For:** New Jersey Sired Foals of 2012.

**To Be Raced As:** 3-Year-Old Trotters in 2015

**Nominations:** \$35 Open/\$25 Filly due May 15, 2013

**Supplementary Nomination:** \$400 by March 15, 2014 for eligible horses not nominated by May 15, 2013.

**To Be Raced At:** Freehold Raceway, Freehold, NJ. Dates to be announced.

**Estimated Purse:** *Charles I. Smith Trotting Classic* - \$80,000 - *The Helen Smith Filly Division* - \$60,000

**Added Money:**

Freehold Raceway may add up to \$50,000 but not less than.....	\$25,000
The NJ Sire Stakes Board of Trustees will add up to.....	\$25,000
The Standardbred Breeders & Owners Association of NJ may add up to.....	\$50,000

**Sustaining Payments (U.S. Funds Only):**

**On 2-Year-Olds in 2014**

March 15, 2014..... \$250

**On 3-Year-Olds in 2015**

February 15, 2015..... \$200

April 15, 2015..... \$300

All monies from sustaining payments will follow sex. All 2- and 3-year-old payments must be made to remain eligible to start. A filly may only start in one division.

**Substitutions or Refunds:** There will be no substitutions or refunds if it is later proven that the foal is not eligible to be nominated to the *Charles I. Smith Trotting Classic* or the *Charles I. Smith Filly Division*.

**Starting Fee:** \$2,500 for the Open Division or \$1,500 for the Filly Division is due at time of declaration. Time of declaration to be determined by prevailing time at track.

**Eligibility:**

1. All horses nominated must be sired by a New Jersey Registered Stallion and so designated by the registrar, the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey.
2. Nomination payments for the *Charles I. Smith Trotting Classic* and the *Helen Smith Filly Division* are restricted to horses that made the NJ Sire Stakes nomination payment and so officially recorded.

**Racing Conditions:** One (1) dash distance of one (1) mile. Post positions for the Final will be drawn by lot, including two (2) Also Eligibles.

Starters to declare in at the same time in practice for overnight events at the track where the race is to be contested. Only those horses that declare in this event will be eligible for the Final. HORSES MUST MEET TRACK QUALIFYING STANDARDS.

**Elimination Events:** Each elimination will race for \$10,000. Monies for the eliminations to be provided from the total amount paid in the *Charles I. Smith Trotting Classic* and the *Charles I. Smith Filly Division*. Remaining monies will go toward the Final.

All races will be at one (1) mile and all races will be drawn by lot, except that entries will be separated whenever possible. Post positions for all races will be determined by an open draw.

All starters are subject to the detention policy of the racetrack.

The Charles I Smith Trotting Classic and Helen Smith filly division may be held with eliminations and may be held on the same program as the final heat, or in the previous ten days as determined by the Sponsor.

Elimination races, if necessary, as determined solely by the Sponsor and consistent with the Rules and Regulations of the U.S.T.A. or the New Jersey State Racing Commission, except as provided herein.

If the eliminations are scheduled in the previous ten days and the number of horses declared requires more than one (1) trailing horses in second tier, but not enough to split into eliminations of at least six (6) separate pari-mutuel interests in each of two eliminations, that race will be held with a single elimination heat to "qualify" only enough horses that can be accommodated by the number of positions in the front tier of the starting gate as follows:

- a.) From the other declared horses, those with the least total earnings in the period from 90 days prior to time of declaration, will be selected to race in single elimination field with no more starters than can score in a single tier with no trailers. Money earnings for races outside the U.S. will be calculated at the exchange rate for U.S. dollars as determined by the U.S.T.A.
- b.) The remaining declared horses, if any (i.e., those with the higher money earnings that cannot be accommodated in the front tier of the elimination field), may elect to automatically advance to the Final. If any of the higher money earners, as determined above, elect instead to race in the elimination, other declared horses, in preference of the greatest earnings, may be selected to automatically advance to the Final. If no horses elect to advance to the final, that elimination will be conducted with trailers.
- c.) The best finishers in the single elimination plus those that have automatically been advanced to the Final will make up the field for the Final. Except for those automatic finalists, preference to qualify for the Final will be given to the horses in their official order of finish in the eliminations.

**If** the number of horses declared into any race is such that, if divided at the time of the draw the fields would provide at least six (6) separate pari-mutuel interests in each of the eliminations, then that race will be split into two or more eliminations with no trailers.

**If** there are two (2) elimination races, the first four (4) finishers in each will return for the final; the two (2) fifth place finishers will be drawn by lot for, "Also Eligible."

**If** there are three (3) elimination races the first two (2) finishers in each elimination will return for the final. The remaining two eligibles will be drawn by lot from the three (3) horses finishing third in the eliminations. The remaining third place finisher will be the first "Also Eligible." The second "Also Eligible" will be drawn by lot from the three (3) fourth place finishers.

**If** four (4) eliminations or more are required, eligible horses, and two (2) "Also Eligibles" will be selected for a final field of eight (8) in a method consistent with the above procedures.

However, whenever there is a draw by lot for the final or as an "Also Eligible", a non-entry horse will have preference over a horse creating an entry. If the need occurs to replace a horse or horses qualified for the final, it will be done in a manner consistent with the published conditions concerning the determination of eligibility to the final.

In the event of a dead heat among the horses qualifying for the final or as an "Also Eligible", preference will be determined by lot among such tied horses. If the need occurs to replace a horse or horses qualified for the final, it will be done in a manner consistent with the published conditions regarding the determination of eligibility to the final.

**If,** because of an accident in an elimination heat, an insufficient number of horses finish the heat and qualify for the Final, the remaining finalist(s) and "also eligible(s)" will be selected by lot from the remaining non-offending horses in that elimination where the accident occurred.

**If** eliminations are necessary without giving byes to any starters, the elimination winners will draw from post 1 thru 5. The second place winner will draw 1 thru 6 (eliminating the post position already drawn), third place finishers will draw 1 thru 7 (eliminating positions already drawn); and the 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers draw from the remaining pool of entries to complete the 8 horse field.

All horses making the final will automatically be entered by the Race Secretary.

Scratched horses in the Final will be replaced by the "also eligible" horses in the following manner: a) if post positions have not been drawn, the horse will take its place in the normal draw; b) If post positions have already been drawn, the horse will assume the position of the scratched horse in the order the scratches are received by the judges. No horse will be moved into the Final as a replacement after the official "scratch time" deadline for publication of the program.

In the event there is a broadcast (audio-visual transmission) of the *Charles I. Smith Trotting Classic* or the *Charles I. Smith Filly Division*, it is the expressed desire that the profits derived thereof be subject to the terms of the SBOANJ-Raceway contract in effect at the time of the race. The SBOA-NJ share of such profits shall be added to the purse structure of said event.

Be it also understood that the nominator or owner of each horse in said race assign to the SBOANJ the right to act on their behalf in order to further enhance the purse structure of the *Charles I. Smith Trotting Classic* and the *Charles I. Smith Filly Division*.

**Money Division:** 50-25-12-8-5%

**Rules:** Unless otherwise specified, all events are to be raced under the rules of the New Jersey Racing Commission and the United States Trotting Association. The host racetrack shall have the final decision on all matters pertaining to the racing of this stake. **Checks Payable (In US Funds Only) To:** Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey, 64 Business Route 33, Manalapan, NJ 07726. Ph: 732-462-2357.