

THE RUS MIDATLANTIC MONTE TROTTING SERIES

An Overnight Series for Trotters Racing Under Saddle

1st Leg – Ocean Downs Sunday, August 20, 2017
2nd Leg – Meadowlands Saturday, September 9, 2017
Final – Rosecroft Raceway Sunday, October 8, 2017

Preliminary legs - \$5,000 estimated and divided
Final - \$5,000 estimated

OWNED & SPONSORED BY: RUS MidAtlantic, Inc.

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FOR: Three-year-old to fourteen-year-old trotters to be "raced under saddle"
(Subject to U.S.T.A. Foaling Date Rules)

TO BE RACED AT: Preliminary legs will be contested at Ocean Downs on August 20, and Meadowlands on September 9. The Final will be held at Rosecroft Raceway on October 8. If for any reason,---n it becomes impractical or undesirable, in the opinion of the Sponsor to hold any or all of these races at the track or dates designated, the Sponsor reserve the right to change the date and/or location of any or all of the races.

ENTRY: Horses are to be entered into the preliminary legs and final by the time and manner listed on the condition sheet at each track.

CANCELLATION: The Sponsor further reserves the right to cancel any or all of the races if for reasons beyond their control it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Sponsor to conduct said race(s).

SPONSOR CHANGES: The sponsor reserves the right to modify the series conditions if necessary prior to the entry box closing for the first leg. Changes will be communicated on the RUS MidAtlantic website.

PURSE: All purses are estimated:

Each preliminary leg..... \$5,000 est and div
Final..... \$5,000 estimated

NOTICE: Each Track reserves the right to reject any, declare off any event if conditions warrant, call off any event not filling satisfactorily and place entries in their eligible class if entered incorrectly.

Each track reserves the right to decline to let a horse start if all W-9s are not on file by post time.

QUALIFYING STANDARDS: Horses must show a charted line without breaks within 90 days of their first start in the series with a time of 2:10 over a half mile oval, 2:08 over the 5/8 oval, or 2:06 on tracks 7/8ths of a mile or larger. Allowances for off-tracks will be considered. Qualifying races may not be offered at all tracks.

RACING CONDITIONS: All races are one dash at one mile with the mobile starting gate being used.

In the event more horses enter than the starting gate allows, they will be divided with each division receiving a proportional share of the total purse.

If a race is divided, the race secretary reserves the right to seed horses as they deem appropriate.

If a track doesn't allow for divisions for eliminations, horses which don't draw in will be awarded starting points and given preference for next elimination.

All draws will be handled by the respective race offices and all post positions will be by open draw.

All horses are required to wear an overcheck and a crupper. No head poles or head numbers allowed.

All races are non-wagering exhibition races unless otherwise stated.

POINTS AWARDED: Points in the preliminary legs will be awarded as follows: fifty (50) points to winner; twenty-five (25) for second; twelve (12) for third; eight (8) for fourth; and five (5) for fifth. All starters will earn twenty-five (25) points for finishing a race in addition to any other points earned. In the event a race does not fill or is not contested for any other reason, twenty-five (25) points will be credited to any horse properly drawn in to races. Horses with the highest total points in the preliminary legs will be eligible to compete in the Final.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR FINAL: A horse must have started or declared in to start in at least one (1) preliminary leg in order to be eligible for the final. Horses must be entered by their respective trainers at the time specified on the condition sheet. The Final will be limited to the nine (9) horses declared in with the highest point totals from the preliminary legs. Should two (2) or more horses tie for the final position(s) by virtue of equal points in the preliminary legs, thereby qualifying more than nine (9) horses, the ninth horse shall be drawn by lot with the remainder drawing for two also-eligible spots. If there is no tie for the last position, the next two highest point earners will draw for two also-eligible spots.

MONEY DIVISION: Purses for races will be divided 50-25-12-8-5% after allowing for \$200 for each starter who finishes out of the top five (5) positions in the preliminary legs. For the final, no \$200 purse payment will be made to those who finish out of the top five (5). If less than five (5) starters, purses will be paid as per USTA rules.

RIDERS AND TRAINERS FEES: The riders and trainer's fees may be disbursed in accordance with the policy of the track at the time of the races.

WAIVER: Owner(s) further agrees to inform his riders, trainers, employees, officers and agents of the authority granted to the Sponsor herein, to hold the Sponsor, the Track, the United States Trotting Association harmless from any and all liability and damages, and to indemnify the Sponsor from same should any such owner(s), driver(s), trainer(s), employee(s), officer(s) and agent(s) challenge Sponsor's rights herein as set forth herein. Owners, trainers, riders and their employees are all entering their horses into these races on their own risk.

DISPUTES: In the case of any dispute as to the interpretation of these conditions, the decision of the Sponsor shall be final. All fees and payments in any race are accepted on the condition that all claims, objections and appeals arising out of these races or with respect to any interpretation of any rules or conditions of the races, or otherwise shall be decided by the Sponsor.

RULES: A U.S.T.A. Racing Under Saddle (RUS) license is required for all riders. Additionally, licensing requirements of each state must be met (contact the respective racing commissions for requirements). Riders must wear approved helmet, safety vest, silk tops (colors) with white pants and a dark boot or half chaps reaching to below the knee. Crops cannot to exceed 28 inches. Riders may not strike horses on the head or behind the saddle. Horses may only be tapped on shoulder.

Riders will be required to weigh-out/weigh-in before and after the race and may be required to participate in pre-race breathalyzer testing.

Horses may be subject to post-race testing.

Further rules and guidelines are on the U.S.T.A. web site.

Unless otherwise specified and except as may be affected by a state or provincial racing Commission or Board, U.S.T.A. rules not in conflict with these conditions or the future amended conditions in the year of the race to govern, as well as track rules & regulations. The conditions and rules and regulations shall be those in effect at the time of the race.

HORSES SHIPPING IN ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A CURRENT COGGINS AND HEALTH CERTIFICATE

