



ROCKY MOUNTAIN TURF CLUB 2023 THOROUGHBRED STAKES

Preferences for SPRING and FALL Stakes

- **NOTE: Preferences 5 & 6 apply only in the Spring Meet they do not apply in the Fall Meet****
- **These preferences apply to all Stakes races - with additional preference for specific Stakes (Alberta Breds and “B” Cup stakes) as listed below.**
- **The Marathon Series and Starter Allowance Sprint Series preferences . 1 to 8 do not apply. See the specific preferences for these series below.**

PREFERENCES

1. Winner in a Stake Race in 2023
 2. Placed 2nd in a Stake Race in 2023
 3. Placed 3rd in a Stake Race in 2023
 4. Winner in an Open Allowance Race in 2023
 5. **Placed 2nd in an Open Allowance Race in 2023****
 6. **Placed 3rd in an Open Allowance Race in 2023****
 7. Winner of an Open Claiming Race in 2023 (highest claiming price preferred)
 8. RMTC starters in 2023 preferred
 - RMTC placed starters in 2023 preferred first if both horses have same preference.
Eg) Both horses have won an open allowance race, the winner at RMTC will be preferred over the other horse. This preference will be considered before the year earnings. Earnings are determined by the Incompass Equibase data reportings.
- Horses with equal preference, starters will be determined based on Equibase reported earnings.
 - Races considered Stakes are if total purse money is \$10,000 or more.
 - Any Stake for less than \$10,000 will be considered an Open Allowance race.
An Open Allowance must be a race that is open with no conditions or restriction.
 - If the purse is less than \$7,000 it will be considered a Claiming race. The total purse will then become a claiming price for the preference. Eg, The purse total of \$3,200 would then be an Open Claiming \$3,200.
 - To be considered a STAKE race, the condition must be OPEN (Exception would be Alberta Bred Stake races, “B” Cup Stake races, ACTRA Alberta Bred Stake races) as long as the total purse is \$10,000+
 - Thoroughbred Stakes are open **only** to Thoroughbred horses.
 - **Money earned in MAIDEN races is not considered for Stake races. This does not apply to 2 yr olds**

ALBERTA BRED STAKES

- To be eligible a horse **must** be foaled in Alberta. Then the above preferences apply.

“B” CUP STAKES (*Jim & Max should we change these preferences*)

- **For horses that have run at Alberta “B” tracks, Lethbridge, Millarville, Grande Prairie**
- A horse **must** have at least 3 starts on a “B” track in Alberta in 2023 of which a minimum of 2 start must be at RMTC then the above preferences apply.
- **2 year olds** must have 1 start on a “B” track in Alberta **OR** have been entered a minimum of 2 times **at RMTC** and the race did not fill (this applies only to 2 year olds for “B” Cup Stakes). Then the above preferences apply.
- “B” Tracks include Lethbridge Spring & Fall meets, Millarville and Grande Prairie

NOTE: The 2 starts at RMTC (3 starts on a “B” track 2 at RMTC applies only to the “B” Cup Stake.

Starter Allowance Sprint and Marathon Series the above 8 preferences do not apply.

STARTER ALLOWANCE SPRINT and MARATHON SERIES

- To be eligible for the Starter Allowance Sprint Series a horse **must** have been eligible to be claimed in 2023 (No Waiver Claiming starts would apply).
- Must have raced for a Claiming tag of \$3,200 or less in 2021 or 2022
- If the race overfills starters will be determined by total earnings are reported to Equibase in 2023.
- For the 2nd leg starters from the 1st leg are preferred. Then remainder of the field will be determined by total earnings in 2023
- For the 3rd leg starters that ran in **both** the 1st and 2nd leg are preferred.
- Then the remainder of the field will be determined by total earnings for 2023 as reported in Equibase.

OTHER

- All original Horse Registration Papers and coggins must be in the race office before entering.
- House Silks are to be worn in all stakes races.
- Other Considerations to fill races may be considered.
- Names of races may be added to accommodate sponsors.
- RMTC reserves the right to cancel, reschedule, change the date, change preferences or make changes on any stake at any time if deemed necessary.
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