

# **2021 KENTUCKY PROUD SERIES CONDITIONS** **(formerly called Harness Racing at County Fairs)**

In order to be eligible for the Kentucky Proud Series, the horse must be a two (2) year old or a three (3) year old that is a Kentucky-bred as defined in 810 KAR 7:040 and has met all requirements of 810 KAR 5:080.

## **Race Dates (Tentative):**

- Saturday, May 29: Washington County at Lebanon
- Saturday June 5: Graves County
- Saturday June 12: Ballard County
- Tuesday June 22: McCracken County
- Tuesday June 29: Marion County
- Wednesday July 7: Woodford County at Lebanon
- Tuesday, July 13: Mercer County at The Red Mile
- Tuesday July 20: Final at The Red Mile.

**Purses:** Purses will be \$1,000 per horse entered plus an additional bonus of \$1,000 per trailer on a ½ mile & 5/8 mile tracks. Purses for the Finals will be \$25,000.

**Minimum Number of Starts:** In addition to the points set forth in 810 KAR 5:080, a horse must have started in at least one-half (50%) of the Kentucky Proud Series in order to be eligible to race in the Kentucky Proud Series Final.

**Fees to participate in 2021:** Paid to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission except when noted.

1. A nomination fee of fifty (\$50) dollars per horse due on or before February 15, 2021;
2. A sustaining fee of \$200 per horse due on or before April 15, 2021;
3. A starting fee of fifty (\$50) dollars per horse, per race, due at the time of entry paid to the Fair; and
4. A \$200 payment shall be due at the time of entry for a horse eligible for the finals.

**Number of Starters and Purse Distributions:** There shall be no more than two (2) trailers in any race.

- On a one (1) mile track, there shall be ten (10) horses on the gate and the race shall split on eleven (11) horses.
- On a half mile track or five-eighths mile track, there shall be five (5) horses on the gate with two (2) trailers, and the race shall split on eight (8) horses.

The purse for each race shall be divided as follows:

- (a) Five (5) starters - fifty (50) percent, twenty-five (25) percent, twelve (12) percent, eight (8) percent, and five (5) percent;
- (b) Four (4) starters - fifty (50) percent, twenty-five (25) percent, twelve (12) percent, eight (8) percent, and the remaining five (5) percent reverts back to the fund;
- (c) Three (3) starters - fifty (50) percent, twenty-five (25) percent, twelve (12) percent, and the remaining thirteen (13) percent reverts back to the fund;
- (d) Two (2) starters - fifty (50) percent, twenty-five (25) percent, and the remaining twenty-five (25) percent reverts back to the fund; and
- (e) One (1) starter - fifty (50) percent, and the remaining fifty (50) percent reverts back to the fund.

**Points Distribution:**

- (1) Points shall be awarded in an early closing race, and any division of an early closing race, as follows:
  - (a) First place finisher - fifty (50) points;
  - (b) Second place finisher - twenty-five (25) points;
  - (c) Third place finisher - twelve (12) points;
  - (d) Fourth place finisher - eight (8) points;
  - (e) Fifth place finisher - five (5) points; and
  - (f) Each starter that finishes out of the money - one (1) point.
- (2) If two (2) horses dead-heat for any position, they shall each receive one-half (1/2) of the points awarded for that position and one-half (1/2) of the points awarded for the next lower position. The same procedure shall be used for the allocation of points if there is a dead-heat of three (3) or more horses.
- (3) A horse that is declared in and then is the subject of a judge's scratch shall be awarded one (1) point based upon the decision of the presiding judge. This decision shall be final.
- (4) If there is a tie among two (2) or more horses with the same number of points, the tie shall be resolved in favor of the horse with the higher earnings in the early closing fair events in which the horses have competed.
- (5) If any division of a race is rained out before the completion of all other divisions of that race, the points for distribution set forth in this section shall not apply, and instead one (1) point shall be awarded to each horse entered in each division of that race that was rained out.

Horses eligible for the Kentucky Proud Series may be eligible for early closing events approved by the Kentucky Sire Stakes Advisory panel from time to time.