

# **2026 Kentucky Standardbred Development Fund Race Dates**

## **OAK GROVE**

### ***Oak Grove Early Sire Stakes:***

#### **2YO Race Dates**

Event 1: 6/22 (All Divisions) (6/23 optional)  
Event 2: 7/6 (All Divisions) (7/7 optional)  
Event 3: 7/13 (All Divisions) (7/14 optional)

#### **3YO Race Dates**

Event 1: 6/23 (All Divisions) (6/24 optional)  
Event 2: 7/7 (All Divisions) (7/8 optional)  
Event 3: 7/13 (All Divisions) (7/14 optional)

To be eligible, horses must have met all requirements of 810 KAR 7:040. Entry fee for each Event is \$200.

***Two and Three-Year-Olds will race in a series of three Events raced on the above dates (or optional dates). Each Event will consist of races in each division for the week of the Event. The structure for 2026 will not involve the traditional 2 legs and a final.*** The details for the Events are set forth below.

#### ***Two-Year Olds (a maximum of 8 horses in each race; no trailers)***

- **Event 1**
  - All entered horses race for \$40,000 with an open draw in each division.
- **Event 2**
  - The top horses (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place) in each race within a division from Event 1 move up to a \$60,000 race with an open draw. The exact number of horses moving up will be determined based on the number of divisional races in Event 1 with sufficient horses moving up to establish full fields.
  - The remaining horses within a division in the Event 1 races (i.e. horses finishing 5<sup>th</sup> or behind) remain at the \$40,000 level with an open draw.
  - Any horse that enters in Event 2 that did not race in Event 1, will be entered to race for \$40,000 and are included in the open draw above.
- **Event 3**
  - The top 8 earners in each of the divisional races from Event 1 and Event 2 race for \$80,000 with an open draw.
  - The remaining horses within each division race for \$50,000 with an open draw.
  - Horses that did not enter in Event 1 or Event 2 will have the potential to race in Kentucky Bred Maiden Races for \$30,000 if there are at least 6 horses entered (at the race secretary's discretion).

#### ***Three-Year Olds (a maximum of 8 horses in each race; no trailers)***

- **Event 1**
  - All entered horses race for \$40,000 with an open draw in each division.
- **Event 2**
  - The top horses (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place) in each race within a division from Event 1 move up to a \$60,000 race with an open draw. The exact number of horses moving up will be determined based on the number of divisional races in Event 1 with sufficient horses moving up to establish full fields.
  - The remaining horses within a division in the Event 1 races (i.e. horses finishing 5<sup>th</sup> or behind) remain at the \$40,000 level with an open draw.
  - Any horse that enters in Event 2 that did not race in Event 1, will be entered to race for \$40,000 and are included in the open draw above.

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***For both the 2YOs and 3YOs when starters are being finalized for Event 3, where there is a tie in total earnings from Event 1 and Event 2, an open draw for the final slot(s) will separate the horses with equal earnings to establish the top 8. The Race Association and the KHRG have the final decision on any disputes that might arise.***

### ***Oak Grove 4YO Series:***

#### **4YO Series I Race Dates**

Leg 1: 4/27

Leg 2: 5/4

Final: 5/16

Legs (2): \$50,000 Guaranteed

Final: \$100,000

#### **4YO Series II Race Dates**

Leg 1: 5/25

Leg 2: 6/1

Leg 3: 6/15

Final: 6/22

Legs (3): \$50,000 Guaranteed

Final: \$150,000

#### **Eligibility & Rules:**

- 1) All entries must be a Kentucky-bred as defined by 810 KAR 7:040.
- 2) All KHRG paperwork must be completed.
- 3) All owners, trainers, grooms, and drivers must have a KHRG license.
- 4) Entry Fee: two hundred and fifty (\$250) for each leg; no entry fee on finals.
- 5) All entries must be made by the time designated on the racetrack condition sheet.
- 6) All entries are subject to approval by the racetrack Race Secretary.
- 7) Horses must show a clean charted line within forty-five (45) days of race.
- 8) There must be at least four (4) entries, or the leg(s) will be canceled, and no purse money will be paid out.
- 9) Horses must start in a minimum of one (1) leg of a series to be eligible to the finals for that series.
- 10) The top eight (8) points earners who enter will make the Final.
- 11) There shall be eight (8) horses on the gate. Splits shall be as follows:
  - 1-9: 1 division
  - 10-18: 2 divisions
  - 19-27: 3 divisions
  - 28-36: 4 divisions
- 12) The Race Association and the KHRG have the final decision on any disputes that might arise.

***By entering, all involved agree to the rules of the 4YO Series at Oak Grove.***

# RED MILE

## ***Kentucky Sire Stakes, Commonwealth & Goldenrod:***

### **2YO Race Dates**

Leg 1: 8/2 CP; 8/3 CT; 8/4 FP; 8/5 FT  
Leg 2: 8/11 CP; 8/12 CT; 8/16 FP; 8/17 FT  
Leg 3: 8/23 CP; 8/24 CT; 8/25 FP; 8/26 FT  
Leg 4: 9/1 CP; 9/2 CT; 9/6 FP; 9/7 FT

### **Finals:**

KYSS Championship: 9/20  
\*Commonwealth: 9/21  
Goldenrod: 9/22

### **3YO Race Dates**

Leg 1: 8/9 FT & CP; 8/10 CT & FP  
Leg 2: 8/18 CP & FT; 8/19 CT & FP  
Leg 3: 8/30 CP & FT; 8/31 CT & FP  
Leg 4: 9/8 CP; 9/9 FT; 9/13 CT & FP

### **Finals:**

KYSS Championship: 9/20  
\*Commonwealth: 9/21  
Goldenrod: 9/22

*\*\* There is a possibility that two of the Commonwealth Finals will be held on KYSS Championship Final Day (Sunday, September 20, 2026).*

To be eligible, horses must have met all requirements of 810 KAR 7:040. Entry fee for a Kentucky Sire Stakes (KYSS) – Championship Series preliminary legs is \$400, for all Commonwealth preliminary legs \$150 and for all Golden Rod preliminary legs \$75. There are no fees for entry into any of the Finals. Horses must start in at least one leg to be eligible for the Finals for that series.

### **KENTUCKY SIRE STAKES – CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**

2YO and 3YO

4 Legs + Final

Legs: \$80,000 Guaranteed

Finals: \$400,000

### **COMMONWEALTH SERIES**

2YO and 3YO

4 Legs + Final

Legs: \$30,000 Guaranteed

Finals: \$100,000

### **GOLDEN ROD SERIES**

2YO and 3YO

4 Legs + Final

Legs: \$15,000 Guaranteed

Finals: \$50,000

Championship, Commonwealth, and Goldenrod Series: The Championship, Commonwealth, and Goldenrod Series are presently conducted at The Red Mile as 4 Legs and a Final. The following racing conditions apply:

- a. Eligible horses may move up and down among each of the Championship, Commonwealth, and Goldenrod Series for the first three (3) legs of the Series.
- b. Points are only accumulated in each series and are not combined at any time between the series. For example, if a horse placed first in one (1) leg of the Championship Series, one (1) leg of the Commonwealth Series and one (1) leg of the Goldenrod Series; the horse will have 50 points in each series (not a combined total of 150 points).
- c. After the conclusion of the third leg of each series, a horse may continue to move up from the Goldenrod to the Commonwealth or Championship Series, or from the Commonwealth to the Championship Series. Provided, however, a horse that is ranked in the top ten (10) in points earnings after 3 Legs in either the Championship or Commonwealth may not move down from the Championship to the Commonwealth Series or Goldenrod Series or from the Commonwealth Series to the Goldenrod Series. Horses not in the top ten (10) of either the Championship Series or Commonwealth Series may freely move down one level to either the Commonwealth or Goldenrod Series.
- d. At the conclusion of the 4 preliminary legs, if a horse is one of the top ten in points earned in more than one series, the horse must race in the series final where they have accumulated the most points, with the following exceptions: i) if a horse is one of the top ten (10) point earning horses in the Commonwealth Series, the horse may elect to move up to the Championship Series Final, if there are open spots available for such horse in its appropriate division; and ii) if a horse is one of the top ten (10) point earning horses in the Goldenrod Series, the horse may elect to move up to the Commonwealth Series Final if there are open spots available for such horse in its appropriate division.

For purposes of the Kentucky Sire Stakes – Championship Series Final, Commonwealth Series Final and Goldenrod Series Final, all provisions of 810 KAR 7:040 govern.

## ***Wildcat Series at The Red Mile***

### **2YO Race Dates**

Leg 1: 8/2 CP; 8/3 CT; 8/4 FP; 8/5 FT  
Leg 2: 8/11 CP; 8/12 CT; 8/16 FP; 8/17 FT  
Leg 3: 8/23 CP; 8/24 CT; 8/25 FP; 8/26 FT  
Leg 4: 9/1 CP; 9/2 CT; 9/6 FP; 9/7 FT  
Leg 5: 9/14 CT & CP; 9/15 FP & FT

Legs (5): \$10,000 Guaranteed

### **3YO Race Dates**

Leg 1: 8/9 FT & CP; 8/10 CT & FP  
Leg 2: 8/18 CP & FT; 8/19 CT & FP  
Leg 3: 8/30 CP & FT; 8/31 CT & FP  
Leg 4: 9/8 CP; 9/9 FT; 9/13 CT & FP  
Leg 5: 9/21 CP & FT; 9/22 CT & FP

Legs (5): \$10,000 Guaranteed

To be eligible, horses must have met all requirements of 810 KAR 7:040. Entry fee for all legs is \$50.  
Races must have a minimum of five (5) entries to draw.

### **2YO Conditions:**

1<sup>st</sup> condition – Non-winners of \$7,500 in 2026. Kentucky Proud Series earnings excluded.  
2<sup>nd</sup> condition – Non-winners of \$12,500 in 2026. Kentucky Proud Series earnings excluded.

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1<sup>st</sup> condition – Non-winners of \$12,500 in 2026. Kentucky Proud Series earnings excluded.  
2<sup>nd</sup> condition – Non-winners of \$20,000 in 2026. Kentucky Proud Series earnings excluded.

## ***The Red Mile 4YO Series***

### **4YO Race Dates**

Leg 1: 7/27 H&GP & MP; 7/28 H&GT & MT  
Leg 2: 8/24 H&GP, MP; 8/25 H&GT & MT  
Leg 3: 9/14 H&GP, MP; 9/15 H&GT & MT

Legs (3): \$35,000 Guaranteed

### **Eligibility & Rules:**

- 1) All entries must be a Kentucky-bred as defined by 810 KAR 7:040.
- 2) All KHRG paperwork must be completed.
- 3) All owners, trainers, grooms, and drivers must have a KHRG license.
- 4) Entry Fee: One hundred and seventy-five (\$175) for each leg.
- 5) All entries must be made by the time designated on the racetrack condition sheet.
- 6) All entries are subject to approval by the racetrack Race Secretary.
- 7) Horses must show a clean charted line within forty-five (45) days of race.
- 8) There must be at least four (4) entries, or the leg(s) will be canceled, and no purse money will be paid out.
- 9) There shall be ten (10) horses on the gate and the race shall split at thirteen (13) horses
- 10) Race Associations and the KHRG have the final decision on any disputes that might arise.

***By entering, all involved agree to the rules of the 4YO Series at The Red Mile.***

# CUMBERLAND RUN

## ***Cumberland Run Late Sire Stakes:***

### **2YO Race Dates**

Leg 1: 10/17 CP & FP; 10/18 CT & FT

Leg 2: 10/26 CP & FP; 10/27 CT & FT

Final: 11/10 (All Divisions)

### **3YO Race Dates**

Leg 1: 10/19 CP & FP; 10/20 CT & FT

Leg 2: 11/2 CP & FP; 11/3 CT & FT

Final: 11/10 (All Divisions)

To be eligible, horses must have met all requirements of 810 KAR 7:040. Entry fee for Late Sire Stakes preliminary legs is \$200. There are no fees for entry into the Finals. Horses must start in a minimum of one (1) leg to be eligible for the Final.

### **2YO and 3YO**

Legs (2): \$40,000 Guaranteed

Finals: \$100,000

## ***Cumberland Run 4YO Series:***

### **4YO Race Dates**

Leg 1: 10/25 (All Divisions)

Leg 2: 11/1 (All Divisions)

Leg 3: 11/10 (All Divisions)

### **4YO**

Legs (3): \$50,000 Guaranteed

### **Eligibility & Rules:**

- 1) All entries must be a Kentucky-bred as defined by 810 KAR 7:040.
- 2) All KHRG paperwork must be completed.
- 3) All owners, trainers, grooms, and drivers must have a KHRG license.
- 4) Entry Fee: Two hundred fifty (\$250) for each leg.
- 5) All entries must be made by the time designated on the racetrack condition sheet.
- 6) All entries are subject to approval by the racetrack Race Secretary.
- 7) Horses must show a clean charted line within forty-five (45) days of race.
- 8) There must be at least four (4) entries, or the leg(s) will be canceled, and no purse money will be paid out.
- 9) There shall be eight (8) horses on the gate and the race shall split at eleven (11) horses.
- 10) The top eight (8) points earners who enter will make the Final.
- 11) Race Associations and the KHRG have the final decision on any disputes that might arise.

***By entering, all involved agree to the rules of the 4YO Series at Cumberland Run.***

## **Kentucky Standardbred Development Fund Stallion Bonus**

Beginning with foals born in 2022, any horse (1) by a stallion nominated to the program per 810 KAR 7:040 and standing in Kentucky, and (2) out of a mare residing in Kentucky for 180 days and nominated to the program per 810 KAR 7:040, is eligible to participate in the KSDF Stallion Bonus Program. Qualifying horses are eligible to receive a 50% bonus on final purse distributions when placed 1st-5th in all 2-year-old and 3-year-old Kentucky Sire Stakes and Kentucky Proud Races. The Stallion Bonus Program is capped at a total of \$2 million dollars annually. All bonuses will be paid once harness racing concludes for the year to the registered owner of the horse at the time it raced. If the \$2 million dollar cap is met within the racing year, then all awards will be paid on a pro rata basis.