

## **2023 Kentucky Proud Series Race Dates & Conditions**

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 27: Washington County Fair (Lebanon)
- Saturday, June 3: Purchase District Fair (Mayfield)
- Saturday, June 10: Ballard County Fair (LaCenter)
- Tuesday June 20: Christian County Fair (Oak Grove)
- Wednesday, June 28: Marion County Fair (Lebanon)
- Wednesday July 5: Woodford County Fair (Lebanon)
- Sunday, July 16: Mercer County Fair (The Red Mile)
- Sunday, July 23: KY Proud Finals (The Red Mile)

**Purses:** Each race will have a purse of \$1,500 per entry per division with a minimum purse of \$6,000, per race and a final's purse of \$50,000.

**Deadlines & Fees:** (Fees paid to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission except when otherwise noted.)

1. A nomination fee of fifty (\$50) dollars per horse due on or before **March 1, 2023**;
2. A sustaining fee of two hundred (\$200) per horse due on or before **May 1, 2023**;
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 two hundred (\$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, there shall be five (5) horses on the gate with two (2) trailers, and the race shall split on eight (8) horses.
- On a five-eighths mile track, there shall be eight (8) horses on the gate and the race shall split at nine (9) 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.

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

**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 races are canceled due to weather conditions and are not rescheduled for a later date, the points for distribution set forth in this section shall not apply, and instead one (1) point shall be awarded to each horse entered for that race date.

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.