#### **Questions & Answers**

## Ontario Sires Stakes 2013 OSS Gold & Grassroots Series Consolations

#### **GOLD SERIES CONSOLATIONS:**

#### Q: Which horses can be entered into the Gold Consolations?

A: To be eligible to enter, horses must have raced in at least one Gold event during the season, be otherwise eligible to enter according to the Rules, and not have earned any purse money in the Grassroots Finals or Super Finals.

#### Q: What will determine which horses get into the Gold Consolation?

**A:** The top 9 Gold point earners that are entered will be drawn in. Points are NOT awarded for the Gold Mid-Summer Challenge or the Gold Super Finals.

#### Q: Is there a minimum number of entries for the Gold Consolations?

**A:** Yes. There must be a minimum of 5 horses drawn into a Consolation or it will be cancelled.

### Q: Why are horses that raced in the Gold Super Finals but did not earn purse money allowed to enter the Gold Consolations?

**A:** Horses not earning purse money in the Gold Super Finals are allowed to enter the Gold Consolations to support larger field sizes for the Super Finals. Additionally, because the Consolations require a minimum of 5 horses, some of the categories may not have enough horses still racing to fill both the Super Final and the Gold Consolation if the non-purse earning horses were not allowed to race in both.

## Q: I raced my horse in one Gold Series during the season but also earned purse money in the Grassroots Final. Can I enter him into the Gold Consolation?

**A:** No. The Consolations are for horses that did not earn purse money in either the Grassroots Finals or the Gold Super Finals.

## Q: I raced my horse in both the Gold and Grassroots Series this year and he did not earn money in either the Grassroots Final or the Gold Super Final. Which Consolation can I enter him into?

**A:** As long as the horse raced in at least one Gold event and one Grassroots event during the season, you can enter both the Grassroots and the Gold Series Consolation **but the horse will only be drawn into one**. The points accumulated in each Series will determine if the horse draws in.

**Note:** All horses must be declared by the box closing time at each track. The box for Western Fair for October 14<sup>th</sup>, however, will be held open for entries for the Grassroots Consolations until 12 noon on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> to allow for the completion of the Gold Consolation draw at Grand River.

#### **GRASSROOTS SERIES CONSOLATIONS:**

#### Q: Which horses can be entered into the Grassroots Consolations?

A: To be eligible to enter, horses must have raced in at least one Grassroots event during the season, be otherwise eligible to enter according to the Rules, and not have earned any purse money in the Grassroots Finals or Super Finals.

### Q: How is it decided which horses will get into the Grassroots Consolation?

**A:** The top 16 Grassroots point earners that are entered will be drawn in. Points are NOT awarded for the Grassroots Finals.

#### Q: Is there a minimum number of entries for the Grassroots Consolations?

**A:** Yes. There must be a minimum of 5 horses drawn into a Grassroots Consolation or it will be cancelled. Nine entries will result in one division with two trailers. Ten or more entries will be raced in two divisions.

### Q: Are the starters in the Grassroots Consolation divisions seeded by points?

**A:** No. Horses will be drawn by lot to decide which division of the Grassroots Consolation they are in.

### Q: Why are horses that raced in the Grassroots Finals but did not earn purse money allowed to enter the Grassroots Consolations?

**A:** Horses not earning money in the Grassroots Finals are allowed to enter the Consolations to ensure there will be enough entries to fill both divisions of the Grassroots Consolations.

## Q: I raced my horse in the Grassroots Final and earned purse money in that event. I also raced in the Gold Series during the season. Can I enter him in the Gold Consolation?

**A:** No. The Consolations are for horses that did not earn purse money in either the Grassroots Finals or the Gold Super Finals.

# Q: My horse raced in both the Gold and Grassroots Series this year and did not earn money in either the Grassroots Final or the Gold Super Final. Which Consolation can I enter him into?

**A:** As long as the horse raced in one Gold event and one Grassroots event during the season, you can enter both the Grassroots and the Gold Series Consolations **but the horse will only be drawn into one of them**. The points accumulated in each Series will determine if the horse draws in.

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