

# New York Stallion Stakes Series Embarks on New Era with Foals of 2015

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Starting with the foal crop of 2015, the New York Stallion Stakes Series will embark on a brand new era. Beginning with the 2014 breeding season, all foals by stallions who are nominated to the New York Stallion Stakes Series will be automatically eligible for all of the New York Stallion Stakes Series races without a nomination fee.

As in the past, stallions will be required to nominate to the series by mid-February. The minimum stallion nomination fee will stay at \$2,500, or the stallion's advertised stud fee (whichever is higher), but beginning with foals of 2015 (Series 2017), any foal sired by a nominated stallion will be automatically eligible for the series at no charge.

Breeders should note that any series already in motion, such as Series 2014 (foals of 2012, or this year's yearlings), Series 2015 (foals of 2013, or this year's weanlings) and Series 2016 (foals to be born in 2014), will be subject to the current rules, under which a nomination fee must be paid for both stallion and foal. The change in rules, where the stallion only must be nominated, takes effect with Series 2017 (foals of 2015).

Said Jeffrey Cannizzo, Executive Director the New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc., "This is a terrific way to increase participation in the New York Stallion Series races and everybody wins – stallion owners, breeders, owners and the racetrack operator. All the progeny of a stallion will automatically be eligible. Nobody falls through the cracks because a breeder or buyer forgot to nominate a foal, and there will be a bigger pool of horses to draw from when the races come up, which will make for a better series."

Added Cannizzo, "Breeders and owners should be aware of exactly when this change takes place. Current horses of racing age, 2-year-olds, yearlings, weanlings and foals in utero are subject to the former rules and must be nominated individually. The new system only takes effect beginning the foals conceived during the 2014 breeding season."

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