

2011 Cal-Expo Amateur Invitational Late Closing Series for Pacers
Sponsored by TVG

“Invitational” 3-race series in two division of horses (one male, one female) to run three consecutive Saturdays in June, 2011 (2 races per week, on same night).

HORSES:

The race office will “target” a list of competitive lower level (\$2500) claimers and put a list together each gender. The “target” would roughly the number of drivers signed up (assumes 8). Once enough horses accept the invitation for each group, the fields will be complete.

The races, while comprised of lower level claiming horses will have NO CLAIMING TAG in the races.

DRIVERS:

As of May 15th, eight drivers have indicated they would enter by paying the sponsorship fee. Each driver is REQUIRED to secure a “Driver’s Sponsor”, at a sponsor fee of \$200 (to be used for award monies to be paid to horses). Drivers can self-sponsor if they desire. The sponsorship package a Cal-Expo Fair names race package (\$300 value – see attached) and a 3-month TrackMaster Platinum PP subscription (\$150 value). Drivers are responsible for getting the name, address, email and phone number of the sponsoring person or organization to David Siegel via email, and he will take care of the rest.

**** Drivers must have the \$200 sponsorship fee into the Paymaster’s office by the end of the last race on Thursday, May 26th. Only drivers depositing this money will be entered into this series. The paymaster will accept outside checks directly from the sponsor made out to “Cal-Expo”. Please email me when you have made this deposit and the name and contact information for your sponsor (even if self-sponsored)**

DRIVER ASSIGMENT:

The race office will “invite” the horses for entry on Monday, May 30th, and draw the races on Tuesday, May 31st.

Drivers will be randomly assigned. All drivers that drive in each of the 3 series dates will end up driving a total of within one race of one another (late scratches aside), and the point system to determine driver standings will account for such starts differentials. Given the nature of this event, no amateur owned horses are permitted if the owner is driving in the series.

PURSES AND BONUS

The races will carry a \$2000 purse.

There will be 3 legs, but no final per se. Rather, all of the “added” monies will be distributed as “participation bonuses” and therefore will not become part of the horses’ earnings. In the past we

have seen these series result in the non-winners monies for the better finishing horses effectively put them into classes too high for them once the series is over. This prevents that and also has all such monies flowing to the owner.

The “added” monies, estimated at about \$8200 (see below) would then be paid out based on POINTS earned by the horses during the series. The point system would be exactly the same one that has been used by the drivers in all of our series. Points depend on field size and finishing position. This way, for these added monies based on points, the boys and girls will be considered together.

This is how the “added” monies would be distributed:

- 1) Every starter in leg 3 will receive a start fee of \$100, no matter where they finish (even if win). This is effectively a return of the nomination fee for any horse that raced in all legs. (Estimated cost - \$1600)
- 2) First place in points – 30% of added monies less starter fees
- 3) Second place in points – 15%
- 4) Third place in points – 12.5%
- 5) Fourth place in points – 10%
- 6) Fifth place in points – 7.5%
- 7) Sixth-tenth place in points – 5% each

So, for the last leg, each horse gets its normal purse distribution (of the \$2000 purse), plus \$100 (if they have raced in all 3 legs), plus the bonuses above. Of course ties are split by adding the place together and a horse must race in all three legs to get any of the “added” monies.

SUBSTITUTE HORSES

If a nominated horse does not enter one of the legs, the race office will invite a comparable classed substitute horse for that leg. Such horse will not be required to pay a nomination and is not eligible for the \$100 starters fee paid in the last leg. However, the horse will be eligible for the balance of the added monies bonus distribution.

DRIVERS

- Must be member of CADC in good standing on entry date and must have sponsorship fee paid into the Club by specified date (likely one-week prior to entry date)
- Driver with most point in this June event will have option to represent California in the 2011 Faute race, provided that person has not represented the club there in the immediately previous three years. If that is the case, driver with next highest point total will be given option and so forth. Club will pay \$750 toward travel expenses.
- Driver point standing combined with any fall event (if that occurs) will be used as basis for 2012 East-West Challenge team composition . In addition, 2012 East-West drivers must have a minimum of 20 pari-mutual starts between August 1, 2011 and February 28, 2012 and must have been listed as sole or part owner (or lessee) on horses that have started a sum total of at least 10 pari-mutual starts in California during such time period; or must have been listed as sole or part owner (or lessee) on horses that have started a sum total of at least 25 pari-mutual starts in California during such time

period. If after considering all series participants there are not at least four drivers, who meet the criteria, then the balance of the team will be chosen strictly on the basis of the series points.

- Randomly assigned drivers (see below)
- No leg to be run at a field size less than 7. Race office, with management approval, can run a 6-horse field if total entries are 6 in any given leg.
- If not enough drivers exist for a given race, a non-sponsored amateur driver can be used as a substitute and would be part of the random draw.

ADDED MONIES ESTIMATE (\$8200)

- \$5000 TVG Sponsor Fee
- \$1600 in driver sponsor fees (assumes 8 drivers @\$200 each)
- \$1600 in nomination fees (assumes 2 8-horse divisions, one male, one female)

RANDOM DRAW MECHANICS

Assume there are 8 drivers in the “pool” for the week. Assume that for division 1 (girls) there are 7 horses in to go (with substitute horses, hopefully this does not occur). Seven names would be drawn at random and assigned to horses. For the second division (assume 7 horses), there would be two pools of drivers. The first pool would consist of all of the drivers not assigned to the first division (1). These would be drawn first. The other pool of drivers (7) would be randomly assigned to the remaining 6 horses. After this day was completed, there would be drivers that raced in 2 races (6), which I will call group “B” and drivers that races in 1 race (2) which I will call group “A”.

The next week, the drivers in group “A” would be assigned first, then those from group B. For each race, the pools of drivers would be grouped by those driving in the fewest number of races (including scratches), so that those with the fewest number of drives would be drawn first. Absent of last leg scratches, this should keep driver totals for all those that showed up weekly within one of each other.

DRIVER POINT EQUALIZATION

We will establish a “base” number of drives when the event is done (likely 6), which is the highest number of drives that the driver that was there for all three legs. Then each participant with a fewer number of drives that entered in all 3 weeks will have their point totals increased pro-rata by this amount. For example, assume that Robert drove each week, and ended up with a total of 5 drives and 25 points. Sue drove each week but had six drives and 31 points. We would adjust Robert’s drives by $6/5$ resulting in a total of 30 net points. It will be the net points that are added to any fall event used in determining the placement on the 2012 East-West team should a fall event take place. Only drivers entering in all 3 weeks will have their points adjusted upward. Drivers entering in less than all three weeks are still eligible for placings, but missed weeks will be calculated as if raced with no points earned.