



Neshoba County Fair®
MISSISSIPPI'S GIANT HOUSE PARTY®
16800 Highway 21 South
Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350

May 28, 2024

To: Harness Horse Owners

The Neshoba County Fair dates this year are July 26, 2024, through August 2, 2024. One of the major attractions of the fair is harness racing, which will begin on Sunday, July 28, and end on Friday, August 2, 2024.

All horses with current eligibility certificates are invited based on the condition sheet, which is enclosed. They will be eligible to be declared "in" by placing the declaration form in the condition box. The presiding judge will then draw for races from the box. The USTA will not allow horses to be entered into a race without an approved microchip implanted. Please make sure that all your horses have a microchip implanted prior to shipping to the fair.

Due to limited stall space, some pull-in racing will be necessary. The racing committee will handle stall assignments as needed. Please request stalls that are needed for horses only. The request for stalls must be made on or before July 4, 2024.

If you plan to race at the fair this year, please complete the enclosed stall application forms and return them to the Neshoba County Fair office. Please send all names of horses that you may race this year. **Do not ask for a stall if you are not going to race.**

If you know of new owners or someone with an address change, please furnish them with a copy of the stall application. All drivers, trainers, and owners must have a valid USTA membership and license. Please ensure that this is done prior to the first entry day. All drivers will be required to wear safety vests. Car passes will be given on the first entry.

If you have any questions, you may call Sam Mars at 601-562-6464 or email ncfairracing@gmail.com. We are looking forward to seeing you at the 2024 fair.

NCF Racing Committee



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NESHOPA COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

2024 STALL REQUESTS

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

HORSE'S NAME	AGE	T/P	EVER STARTED	OWNER'S NAME

This is the official application for stalls. In applying, you hereby agree to abide by all the rules of the USTA and the Neshoba County Fair Association.

This form and only this form will be accepted as an application for stalls and to race.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Social Security No. _____

Signature _____

Note: All drivers will be required to wear safety vests, and car passes will be issued with the first entry.

HARNESS RACING PROGRAM

Neshoba County Fair – Philadelphia, MS

July 28, 2024 – August 2, 2024

All Heats Purses pay \$1,000.00 Six Afternoons of Harness Racing – All Weather Half Mile Track, NO INSURANCE PROVIDED

SUNDAY-Post Time 2:00 PM

PACE Three-Year-Old Under \$1,000.00 L/T

PACE Three-Year-Old Over \$1,000.00 L/T

PACE Four-Year and Older Over \$2,000.00 L/T

PACE Two-Year-Old Open (may be separated by age, sex, or earnings)

MONDAY- Post Time 2:00 PM

PACE Three-Year-Old Under \$1,500.00 L/T

PACE Four-Year and Older Under \$5,000.00 L/T

TROT FFA (may be separated by age, sex, or earnings)

TUESDAY- Post Time 2:00 PM

PACE Maiden Two-Year-Old

PACE Maiden Three-Year-Old

PACE Four-Year and Older Over \$2,000.00 L/T

WEDNESDAY- Post Time 2:00 PM

TROT FFA (may be separated by age, sex, or earnings)

PACE Three-Year-Old with 1st 2nd 3rd at Neshoba County Fair 2024

PACE Four-Year and Older with 1st 2nd 3rd at Neshoba County Fair 2024

THURSDAY- Post Time 2:00 PM

Conditions for this day will be posted after Tuesday's races.

FRIDAY- Post Time 1:30 PM

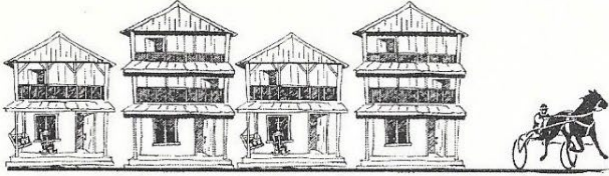
PACE Three-Year-Old and Older 1st & 2nd Finishers 2 Heats (Time will be used as Preference)

PACE Two-Year-Old Invitational TBA

Morris Therrell Invitational TBA

Invitation issued after Wednesday's program based upon horse's performance at 2024 NCF.

CONDITION: U.S.T.A. rules to govern, with the exception of 6 to enter and 5 to start. Entrance fee \$30.00 per heat, no refund, and money divided 45-25-15-10-5%. Eligibility is based on lifetime winnings unless stated otherwise. The Association reserves the right to postpone, change the order of the program, or declare off on account of insufficient entries; a class may be substituted for available horses. Horses are to be declared in, and the entrance fee is paid by 10 AM the day before. The Association will not be responsible for any injury to horses or drivers but will take every precaution to prevent the same. One or more horses may start from the same stable but the judges reserve the right to nominate the second driver. Races will be called at Post Time and started then. The Maximum number of horses per heat – 7. The above conditions are subject to change based on the number of horses entering on a given day by the Race Secretary and Presiding Judge. THE FIRST ENTER FREE WITH A SEASON PASS.



NOTICE TO ALL DRIVERS AND TRAINERS

USTA RULE 18.08 WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED, INCLUDING THE WHIP SPECIFICATIONS IN ITEM (a) OF THE RULE.

18.08 Urging Regulations, Prohibitions, and Penalties. —

(a) Whip Specifications. Drivers will be allowed only black ordinary whips not to exceed four feet, plus a snapper not longer than six inches. No leather or unusual materials may be used. The conventional snapper shall not be knotted and tape is only permitted on the handle of the whip. All other modifications of the whip are prohibited.

(b) Prohibitions on Urging. No person shall possess or use any goading devices or mechanical or electric devices or appliances. While on the racetrack at any time, the whip shall not be used on a horse in an excessive, indiscriminate, injurious, abusive, or unnecessary manner, as determined in the discretion of the judges, including, without limitation, the driver shall not:

- 1. Cause an injury to the horse with the whip.*
- 2. Use the whip more than three times in succession without giving the horse time to respond to the urging.*
- 3. Use the whip on a horse that is not visibly responding.*
- 4. Use the whip on a tired horse or continue to use the whip when a horse is not reasonably advancing or maintaining its position in the race.*
- 5. Use the whip after the finish line, except for emergency situations.*
- 6. Use the handle of the whip on a horse in any manner.*
- 7. Strike another horse or driver with the whip or use the whip in a manner that interferes with another horse or driver.*
- 8. Move their body or arms in an exaggerated manner.*
- 9. Use the whip below the level of the arch.*
- 10. Place the whip between a horse's legs.*
- 11. Contact the horse with the whip on the horse's hocks or below. Notwithstanding the prohibitions described in this section, a driver may use the whip in any reasonable manner to ensure the safety of the horses and drivers in the race.*

If you have not renewed your USTA membership and/or your license is not in good standing with the USTA, you will not be able to race. You can renew your membership anytime between now and the first entry date for the Neshoba County Fair by visiting the USTA website.