

**IOWA**  
**HARNESS HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
**2026**

<b>IOWA REGISTERED TWO YEAR OLD &amp; THREE YEAR OLD RACES</b>							
<u>Location</u>	<u>2 YO Trot</u>		<u>2 YO Pace</u>		<u>3 YO Trot</u>		<u>3 YO Pace</u>
What Cheer	Sat	6/27	Sat	6/27	Sun	6/28	Sun 6/28
What Cheer	Sat	7/10	Sat	7/11	Sat	7/11	Sun 7/12
Humboldt	Sat	8/1	Sat	8/1	Sun	8/2	Sun 8/2
Humboldt	Sat	8/8	Sat	8/8	Sun	8/9	Sun 8/9
What Cheer	Sat	8/15	Sat	8/15	Sun	8/16	Sun 8/16
Humboldt	Sat	8/29	Sat	8/29	Sun	8/30	Sun 8/30
What Cheer	Sat	9/5	Sat	9/5	Sun	9/6	Sun 9/6
What Cheer	Sat	9/12	Sat	9/12	Sun	9/13	Sun 9/13
Humboldt	Sat	9/19	Sat	9/19	Sun	9/20	Sun 9/20

**CONDITION FOR NOMINATION**

On or before March 15, 2026 the nominated horse MUST be registered as an Iowa Registered horse with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship under provisions of 99D.22 of the Code of Iowa- If payment is not postmarked on or before March 15, 2026 for any 2 or 3 year old for Iowa Registered, they can be made eligible until April 15, 2026 by paying the nomination fee plus that same amount as a penalty. If owners do not have an Iowa Registered ID number reported to IaHHA before March 15, 2026, owners need to put that horse(s) on another nomination form with the late payment included by April 15, 2026. Without the ISF#, that horse will not be eligible to Iowa Registered racing. No Nomination payments will be refunded. Please note that any form not filled out correctly, will be returned to get the proper information. You also run the risk that it will not get back in time for the deadline, so be very thorough the first time.

**Nomination payments / Iowa registered 2 & 3 YO Trotters & Pacers**

March 15, 2026 / \$250 per horse

Late Payment — If the payment is not post marked on or before March 15, 2026 a horse can be made eligible by paying the \$250 nomination

fee PLUS a penalty of \$250 making a total of \$500 on or before April 15, 2026.

Starting Fees

Feature Races.....\$125 per horse

Class B.....\$ 30 per horse

PURSES

The purses for the Feature races at each meet will be \$7,000 per race.

The purses for the Class B races will be \$2,000 per race.

DIVISION OF RACES

The number of horses in a race will be determined by dividing on the number 8, thereby, limiting the number of horses in a field to 7. To mitigate excessive splits (ie: 3 or more divisions of the same sex and gate) an 8 horse field may be carded in feature races.

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CONDITIONS

For racing in the Iowa Registered 2 YO & 3 YO Trotting & Pacing races.

1. Iowa-Registered nominations are due postmarked March 15, 2026. A two year-old DOES NOT have to make nomination payments or start to be eligible to race as a three year-old.
2. All owner(s)/Lessee/Trainer(s) & driver(s) must be a member of the Iowa Harness Horsemen's Association. Annual membership fee is \$30 + \$15 PAC contribution (optional). If a horse is sold after nominations are paid and the purchaser is not already a member, he/she must pay a membership fee. There will be no family memberships.
3. **If an owner(s)/Lessee/Trainer(s) & driver(s) is found not to be a 2026 member of the IaHHA, when the horse is first entered to race, a penalty of \$30 will be assessed, in addition to the regular \$30 membership fee for a total of \$60.**
4. All owners(s)/Lessee/trainer(s) & driver(s) must be a 2026
5. USTA member and each horse must have a current USTA eligibility.
6. Purse monies will be divided for the first five places as follows: 45-25-15-10-5%. If less than five starters enter, purse money will be distributed according to USTA rules. Season trophies will go to the highest point colt and highest point filly in each division. Points awarded as follows:
 

1st place	----10
2nd place	----6
3rd place	----4
4th place	----3
5th place	----2

No points will be awarded for the Class B races.

7. Definition of sex: All stallions and geldings will be called COLTS and all fillies and mares will be called FILLIES.
8. Fairs will draw for all days at one time. Be sure to check date and time for each fair in the circuit book.

9. Coupled entries will be allowed based on common ownership only. No coupled entries based on trainer or management will be allowed. It is the responsibility of the person entering the horse to indicate if the horse is an "ENTRY". Failure to do so will not be cause for a redraw. Coupled entries in a race must include ALL horses with common ownership in each division.
10. In the event of an ENTRY of two horses or more of the same sex, only one can be drawn into a mixed division of the opposite sex.
11. Any horse entered in an Iowa-Registered 2 YO or 3 YO feature race which shows the last two consecutive charted lines as distanced by greater than 30 lengths will be placed in the last post position in the succeeding race.
12. Mixed divisions will be permitted and the rules for splits will be as follows: Entries will be divided by sex, however, each race must have 4 entries or the sexes will be mixed. If there are less than 7 entries or one division, the race will be mixed. If more than 7 entries, the division will be made by sex, UNLESS there are more than 7 of one sex OR less than 4 of one sex, in which case, a mixed division will be carded and each division will have as even a number of horses as possible. In a mixed division fillies will draw the inside positions.
13. As a condition of nominating to the Iowa-Registered races, participants agree to Pre- or Post Race blood and/or urine testing on horses competing in these races. YOUR ATTENTION is directed to USTA rule 2, Section 8 regarding medication and drugs, which states "all winnings of such horse in a race which an offense was detected under any section of this rule shall be forfeited and paid over to the USTA". This applies to overages of Bute, Flunixin and Ketoprofen as well as prohibited medications.
14. All horses must have a current 2026 Coggins test on file with the Executive Secretary and the USTA to race in any Iowa race. Also, all horses must have proof of EHV I vaccination within six months prior to entering to race on file with the Executive Secretary.
15. If a race cannot be held due to a rainout or other cause, the purse for that particular meet or class or a particular division of a class will be carried forward to future scheduled races. This includes the Class B races. The money will be divided by the number of remaining meets for that class. Entry money for rainouts will be split into equal amounts of a % of remaining races, and added to the remaining entry fees.
16. Races can be postponed at the discretion of the Superintendent of Speed for up to 24 hours after the last scheduled day for that race meet. Post time for postponed races will be determined at the time a rain out is called. If the races are postponed to a day that had other races scheduled, the races originally scheduled will start no earlier than the advertised post time.
17. Any situation not covered by the above rules will be resolved by the Iowa Harness Horsemen's Association Board of Directors.

Send nomination forms to:

Dana Meyer, executive Secretary  
Iowa Harness Horsemen's Association  
P. O. Box 83 Humboldt, IA 50548