

Third Preliminary leg added to NJSS Premier Division

East Rutherford - The New Jersey Sires Stakes (NJSS) will add a third preliminary leg to the program's Premier Division for 2-year-olds pacers and trotters in 2024.

This expansion serves the considerable increase in both the quantity and quality of New Jersey-bred pacers and trotters over the past several years.

This growth is a direct result of the New Jersey legislators vision to support and nurture the growth of the state's regional breeding program with an annual grant beginning in 2019.

"Adding a third leg to the 2-year-old Sire Stakes represents yet another step forward for the NJSS program which recently raised its purses by 20 percent," said Mike Gulotta, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Sire Stakes.

Tentatively, the 2-year-old NJSS will be raced at The Meadowlands throughout the month of July with all leg purses set at \$25,000 and the finals for each division on Hambletonian weekend at \$240,000.

"Adding a third leg gives the trainer the option of giving the horse a week off if they choose," said Meadowlands President Jeff Gural's. "It also provides another chance for those who need it."