

**SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

November 1, 2024	To Nominate	\$250.00
January 15, 2025	To Sustain	\$600.00
April 15, 2025	To Sustain	\$800.00
	To Enter Trials	\$1000.00
	Total	\$2,650.00

# The 2025 New Mexico State Fair QUARTER HORSE DERBY

**For Three Year Olds, Registered New Mexico Bred**

Trials to be run Saturday, September 20 – Finals Sunday, October 12, 2025  
Nominations Close November 1, 2024

The Downs at Albuquerque  
P.O. Box 8510  
Albuquerque, N.M. 87198  
(505) 266-5555

**\$250,000 Added\*** (Est. gross purse \$500,000)

(\*Includes \$125,000 [est.] from The New Mexico Breeders' Purse Enhancement Fund)

**THREE-YEAR OLDS REGISTERED NEW MEXICO BRED, FOALS OF 2022**

**WEIGHT: 126 lbs. 400 YARDS.** Trials same distance as the Finals.

**LATE PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

January 15, 2025	To Nominate & Sustain	\$2500.00
April 15, 2025	To Sustain	\$800.00
	To Enter Trials	\$1000.00
	Total	\$4,300.00

**PURSE DISTRIBUTION**

Monies remaining\* will be distributed as follows:

1st .....	50%	6th .....	3%
2nd .....	20%	7th .....	2%
3rd .....	12%	8th .....	1%
4th .....	6%	9th .....	1%
5th .....	4%	10th .....	1%

**Early Supplement Fee of \$7,500 due by June 15, 2025 (To enter Trials-\$1000)**

**Payments**

- Nominations and Sustaining payments must be postmarked by the date specified. If a nominating or sustaining payment date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or postal holiday, then payments must be postmarked on the next day that the Post Office is open. There is no "grace period". If postal service in your town is such that mail is only processed occasionally, it is still your responsibility to see that your payment is postmarked by the due date. You may use an overnight service such as FedEx or UPS. If you do, the date marked on the waybill as "received" by the delivery service is the date payment was made. Failure to timely make a sustaining or delinquent option payment will result in cancellation of the nomination.
- All checks returned by the bank will constitute nonpayment and result in the cancellation of the nomination.
- There will be no refunds of fees.
- An advertising/clerical fee of \$50.00 will be deducted from the original, supplemental and delinquent nominations.

**Late Nominations & Sustaining Payments**

- FOR ALL NOMINATING AND SUSTAINING PAYMENTS, EXCEPT THE TRIAL ENTRY FEE, DURING A PERIOD INCLUDING THE THIRTIETH (30) DAY FOLLOWING EACH DEADLINE, ANY OWNER MAY ESTABLISH / RE-ESTABLISH HIS ENTRY'S ELIGIBILITY BY SUBMITTING A PAYMENT OF TWICE THE REGULAR FEE DUE ON THE PRESCRIBED DEADLINE. **YOU MUST NOMINATE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SUSTAIN**

**Supplemental Nominations**

- Supplemental nominations will be accepted on or before entry date for the Trials in the amount of **\$20,000** which will include all fees.  
Additional Rules on reverse side of this form.

Mail to: **Nominations Secretary**  
**The Downs at Albuquerque**  
**P.O. Box 8510**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87198-8510**

Please make checks payable to: **The Downs at Albuquerque.**  
**DO NOT COMBINE DIFFERENT FUTURITY OR DERBY**  
**PAYMENTS ON ONE CHECK!** Each Futurity or Derby has a  
*separate account.*

**DETACH AND RETURN**

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**2025 NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR DERBY**  
**FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS REGISTERED NEW MEXICO BRED**  
**MAIL BY NOVEMBER 1, 2024**

NAME OF HORSE	AGE IN 2025	SIRE	DAM
1. _____	3	_____	_____
2. _____	3	_____	_____
3. _____	3	_____	_____
4. _____	3	_____	_____

**NOTICE: \$250.00 per nominee must accompany the nominations**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator's Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator's Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address where you want all correspondence list  
of eligible nominees, sent

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

The New Mexico State Fair/Downs at Albuquerque has no obligation to nominators other than refunding fees when nominated either by age or breed in the wrong derbies or futurities. I have read the conditions of this race and agree to be bound by them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR (REQUIRED)**

# RULES GOVERNING 2025 STATE FAIR Q.H. DERBY

## PAYMENTS

Rules governing payments are detailed on the front side of this form.

**\*\*\*\*\* To be eligible to nominate to the 2026 N.M. State Fair Quarter Horse Derby, you must nominate to the 2025 NMSF QH Futurity and make all sustaining payments, including entry fee. Horses who do not nominate and sustain in the 2025 NMSF QH Futurity are not eligible to nominate to the 2026 QH Derby.**

**If available purse monies for the 2025 NMSF QH Futurity exceed \$1,200,000.00, the Downs reserves the right to roll the excess funds over to the 2025 NMSF QH Derby.**

## ELIMINATIONS

Each trial shall consist of not more than ten (10) horses. The trials shall be raced under the same conditions as the Stake. These horses shall be selected on a time basis. Times of horses in separate Trials will be determined by the Electric Timer. In the event horses in the same trial race are given identical times, the selection of which horses will participate will be determined by order of finish posted by the racing officials. No adjustments will be made in recorded time of Trials for head winds, tail wind, off track, or any other act of nature, etc. Should a mechanical failure occur with the Electric Timer on any time trial, finalists from that trial will then be selected by official hand timing, with stop watches operated by three (3) official, reputable and disinterested persons. If for any reason a tie exists, the horses involved shall draw lots to determine which shall participate in the Finals. Should a horse be disqualified, he will be given the time of the horse he is immediately placed behind plus 1/1000 of one second. If the front gates on the starting gate fail to open due to a mechanical failure, or if a horse is left behind the gate when the field is dispatched during the running of the Trials, such horse shall be declared a nonstarter and all nominating, sustaining and entry fees shall be refunded from the purse to the owner of said horse. During the running of the Finals, such horse will be declared a nonstarter and shall be classified as a scratched horse and shall be paid last place purse money in said race. The decisions of the Stewards in all matters shall be final and entries are accepted only on the condition that those persons nominating and/or starting a horse in the Trials and/or Stake, agree to abide by the decision. If any part of any entry is disqualified, it may disqualify all of the entry. All rules or new rules adopted by the State Racing Commission of New Mexico supersede any condition of this race. The Downs at Albuquerque Inc., reserves the right to hold trials for this race on a non-race day, if those trials are not run on the dates shown on this blank. The starting gate will be moved for renovation of the racing surface between each trial. There will be a two horse also eligible list which will be determined by time. All nominated horses are subject to a pre-race inspection. Results of trial race drug tests must be received before entry to the finals. Should there be a positive drug test among the qualifiers, the New Mexico Racing Commission will notify the Downs at Albuquerque and the Downs will not accept entries from any horse with a positive test.

**In addition to the above, the Downs at Albuquerque reserves the right to order additional drug testing above and beyond the drug testing of qualifying horses in trials; specifically, but not limited to: Qualifiers for all early closing stake races must have a negative Hair Test result prior to running in the finals. The test may be administered by the NMSRC or the Downs at Albuquerque, and the samples will be sent to a qualified testing lab for analysis.**

Entries from the also eligible list will be accepted to fill the vacated spots in the finals. All nominated horses are subject to a pre-race inspection.

## CANCELLATIONS

Nominations or subscriptions to this Stake may be refused or canceled without liability, at any time prior to the actual running thereof, except for the return of any nominations and entry fees paid. The Downs at Albuquerque reserves the right to cancel or postpone this race and/ or Trials for this race for any reason which it deems good and sufficient, with the consent of the New Mexico Racing Commission.

## NOMINATORS RESPONSIBILITY

It shall be the nominator's responsibility to notify the association of ownership and address changes. It is the responsibility of the nominator to understand the rules and payments on this nomination blank.

**Should a malfunction occur with the electronic timer on any time trial, finalists from that time trial will then be determined by official hand times operated by three official and disinterested persons. The average of the three hand times will be utilized for the winning time, unless one of the hand times is clearly incorrect. In such cases, the average of the two accurate hand times will be utilized for the winning time; other horses shall be given times according to the order and margins of finish with the aid of the photo finish, if available.**

The Downs at Albuquerque offers a cash reward up to \$5,000 for confidential information provided to the Downs' racing management that leads to the discovery of illegal or illicit substances used on horses or present on its premises. Each reward will be paid to the first person providing the information and verified that the tip/information has led to the discovery of illegal substances or direct proof that an illegal substance(s) was used on a horse. Any payment hereunder will be confidential.

The Downs at Albuquerque reserves the right to conduct random blood and hair testing on any horse on its premises. The random testing will occur at any time and at any place. The horse will be tested for Class A and Class B substances by a special lab in New York.

The Downs reserves the right to search any person, vehicle, horse stall, trailer, and other personal property present on its premises. Refusing a test or a search will be considered a positive test/violation. Violators and all related horses and property will be subject to immediate removal from the premises.

The Downs reserves the right and will place security cameras throughout the premises, including but not limited to the barn area and individual horse stalls. The cameras may be placed in conspicuous locations or hidden. The primary purpose of the cameras is to ensure that no illicit or illegal activities are being conducted on the premises.

During a pre-race inspection by the Regulatory Veterinarian any horse scratched due to musculoskeletal issues may not enter a race at the Downs at Albuquerque until the Downs is presented with a clear ultrasound or x-ray of the area of concern and approved by the Regulatory Veterinarian.