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**New York Sire Stakes and Yonkers Raceway to Live Stream “Night of Champions” Draw**

**SCHENECTADY, N.Y.** – The New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) will be livestreaming the draw for the 2020 “Night of Champions,” via Facebook on Monday, September 7. The finals for New York State’s premier harness racing program for 2- and 3-year-olds is set to take place Saturday, September 12 at Yonkers Raceway.

**Monday’s draw will begin at 12:00 p.m. and can be accessed through the [NYSS website](#), [NYSS Facebook](#) page and the [Yonkers Raceway Facebook](#) page.**

This year’s draw will be closed to the public due to COVID-19 restrictions.

“The 2020 season presented a unique set of challenges for our members and fans so we are thrilled to be able to still offer ways to connect with them through virtual events such as this live draw,” said M. Kelly Young, executive director, Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund. “We are looking forward to an exciting evening of racing at the Night of Champions and this live streaming event helps build further anticipation of what is to come the following weekend.”

***About the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund:***

*The Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund is a public benefit corporation established in 1965 by the Laverne Law (Laws of New York, Chapter 567 of the Laws of 1965). The mission of the fund is to promote agriculture through the breeding of Standardbred horses and the conduct of equine research within the state. To carry out its legislative mission, the Fund administers the New York Sire Stakes races, Excelsior/State Fair Series races, and County Fair Races. Additionally, the Fund provides assistance to county agriculture societies and contributes to the statewide 4-H program and to the Harry M. Zweig Fund for Equine Research.*

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