

Standardbred Sales Co. Series

(Battle of the Big Guns)

Following discussions with various promoters it would seem that a series of twenty races based on the Le Trot series as previously advertised is untenable therefore we have looked at a different structure which would seem to be more acceptable.

We are proposing to run a series of **SIX FREE FOR ALL** races (draw for position) with a total purse of £2600 per race – prize money to be allocated as follows. Ten horses per race.

1.£1200 2. £600 3. £300 4. £150 5.£100 6-10.£50 Entry fee will be £50 therefore every horse running will have entry fee returned.

We will invite 12 nominations at £500 each and every horse will be guaranteed FIVE races. In case of drop outs for whatever reason e.g. injury, non-availability, a reserve list will be formed and these horses will be allowed an entry on a pro rata basis i.e. if they run in one race they will be expected to pay £100 into the pool, if more than one race it will be at the rate of £100 per race. Preference for entry will be given to the horses carrying the highest national handicap mark as at close of nominations. Prize money will be funded as follows

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| 12 Nominations @ £500 | £6000 |
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| Standardbred Sale Co. sponsorship | £5000 |
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| Entry Fees 60 @ £50 | £3000 |
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| Promoters tenders min. 6 @£300 | £1800 |
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This leaves a minimum surplus of £200 which will fund a trophy for the highest money earning horse.

Any further surplus funds could be carried over into a similar series in 2016 as the Standardbred Sales Co. sponsorship has been guaranteed for at least three years or offered as a bonus should a track record or British Record be broken. This can be decided when the total funding is in place.

The intention is to run one race per month from May through to October and **ALL** promoters will be asked to tender for hosting each of the six races to fit in with their fixture schedule. Promoters will be welcome to tender for more than one race. Tenders will be compared and factors such as date and venue will be taken into account – the highest tender may not necessarily win the bid.

Promoters should also look at offering races over varying distances from 1 mile to 1.5 mile. The minimum tender for each race will be £300

Promoters are asked to submit their bids by midday Friday March 20th.

Nominations for horses will be invited by Friday April 17th after the races have been allocated.

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