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## MORE THAN \$4 MILLION IN STAKES RACES SLATED FOR UPCOMING THOROUGHBRED SEASON AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO

A total of 37 stakes featured during the 120-day race meet

SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; - March 2, 2015 - Indiana Grand Racing & Casino has released its 2015 stakes schedule for the upcoming Thoroughbred meet. The schedule includes 37 stakes worth more than \$4 million in purses for the 120-day race meet, which begins Tuesday, April 21.

Highlighting the 2015 stakes schedule is the 21st running of the Grade II \$500,000-added Indiana Derby, which will move away from its traditional fall date to Saturday, July 18. The Indiana Derby is the state's richest Thoroughbred race and will be complemented by four other stakes on the racing program, including the Grade II \$200,000-added Indiana Oaks. The week leading up to Indiana Derby will feature seven stakes Wednesday, July 15 through Friday, July 17.

"We have been considering a date change for our Indiana Derby the past few years, mainly to avoid inclement weather, and we found the perfect spot in mid-July," said Kevin Greely, director of racing. "By moving the Indiana Derby to the summer, it will give racing fans the opportunity to enjoy the race during warmer weather and it will also give Indiana Grand the opportunity to create a multi-day festival leading up to the big race. We have added an additional day of racing that week, and will offer more than \$1.6 million in purses for 12 stakes over four days."

In addition to Indiana Derby, the top turf stakes of the season, the Listed \$200,000-added Centaur Stakes for three-year-olds will be run Wednesday, Sept. 9. The Centaur Stakes will be joined by three other stakes that day, including the \$200,000-added Indiana Grand for three-year-old fillies on the turf, also a Listed stakes.

Indiana Grand will feature its first "Indiana Sprint Championship" Wednesday, Sept. 30, highlighted by six Indiana bred or sired stakes, all at a distance of six furlongs. The 120-day race meet will conclude Saturday, Oct. 31 with four stakes races highlighting the inaugural "Indiana Champions Night", featuring the best state-bred horses of Indiana.

"We are really focusing on the quality of our stakes program and have added two new open stakes races to expand our 2015 schedule," said Jon Schuster, vice president and general manager of racing. "Once again, Wednesday afternoon will be the focus for most of our stakes races. This has proven to be a great spot for a national audience. In addition, it gives us the opportunity to draw entries from some top stables in the region, boosting the quality of our stakes as well as our overnight races."

In all, 27 of the stakes will be run over the one-mile dirt course, with 10 stakes scheduled for the turf course. The first stakes race will be contested Saturday, May 30, which will help create a great atmosphere for the second annual "Jockeys and Jeans," a fundraiser for the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF). The event will feature Ron Turcotte as the honorary chairman as well as the other two living Triple Crown winning jockeys Steve Cauthen and Jean Cruguet. In all, more than a dozen Hall of Fame riders are expected to be in attendance for the event, making it the largest gathering of racing legends ever assembled in the Midwest.

Live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing returns to Indiana Grand Tuesday, April 21. The 120-day race meet will be conducted on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 2:05 p.m. with first post for Saturdays set at 6:05 p.m. Thursday racing will be added Sept. 17.

*About Indiana Grand Racing & Casino: Indiana Grand Racing & Casino holds multiple awards from industry publications for customer service, entertainment, gaming and dining. Located in Shelbyville, Ind., Indiana Grand features 2,200 of the latest slots and electronic table games in addition to a one-mile dirt race course and a seven-eighths mile turf course offering live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing each year. Simulcast wagering is also offered year-round at Winner's Circle Brewpub & OTB located on the casino floor as well as an off-track betting facility located in Clarksville, Ind. For more information, please visit [www.IndianaGrand.com](http://www.IndianaGrand.com).*



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## 2015 FACT BOOK, STATE FACT BOOKS AVAILABLE ON THE JOCKEY CLUB WEBSITE

The Jockey Club announced today that the 2015 edition of the Fact Book is available in the Resources section of its website at [jockeyclub.com](http://jockeyclub.com).

The online Fact Book is a statistical and informational guide to Thoroughbred breeding, racing and auction sales in North America. It also features a directory of state, national and international organizations.

Links to the Breeding Statistics report that is released by The Jockey Club each September and the Report of Mares Bred information that is published by The Jockey Club each October can be found in the Breeding section of the Fact Book.

The 2015 editions of State Fact books, which feature detailed breeding, racing and auction sales information specific to numerous states and Canadian provinces, are also available on The Jockey Club website. The State Fact Books are updated monthly.

## THE JOCKEY CLUB RELEASES YEAR-OVER-YEAR AND SIX-YEAR SUMMARY FROM EQUINE INJURY DATABASE

The Jockey Club today released fatality year-over-year statistics comparing 2013 and 2014 and a six-year summary of statistics collected from the Equine Injury Database. The incidence of fatal injury for 2014, 1.89 per 1,000 starts, was slightly less than it was in 2013. In 2013, it was 1.90 per 1,000 starts.

Dr. Tim Parkin, a veterinarian and epidemiologist from the University of Glasgow, who serves as a consultant on the Equine Injury Database, performed the analysis.

“In 2014, the incidence of fatal injury on turf increased 27 percent after showing a 20 percent decrease in the prior year; however, the incidence of fatal injury decreased 3.8 percent on dirt and 1.6 percent on synthetic over 2013,” Parkin said.

## REMINDER

from the office of the IHRC:

Please remember that Thoroughbred Breed Development Program rules require that any mare which enters the State of Indiana for foaling after November 1 must be registered within ten (10) days of foaling. **If this deadline is not met, the mare and foal will be ineligible for registration.**

You can find registration forms, lists of registered mare/foals and stallions and additional information about the Thoroughbred Breed Development Program at [www.in.gov/hrc/tb.htm](http://www.in.gov/hrc/tb.htm)

The prevalence of race-related fatal injury for the six-year timeframe from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2014, was 1.91 per 1,000 starts. The data was based on analysis of 2,180,443 starts.

Click here for the six-year summary of statistics from the Equine Injury Database by surface, distance and age.

When comparing race distance, shorter races (<6F) saw a slightly higher injury rate versus middle (6F – 8F) and long (>8F) races. This is consistent each year over the six-year span.

Similar to prior years, 2-year-olds continued the trend of the lowest rate of catastrophic injuries. However, unlike four of the previous five years, in 2014, 3-year-olds had a higher rate of catastrophic injuries than horses 4 years old and older.

The statistics include only injuries that resulted in fatalities within 72 hours from the date of the race. Summary statistics are subject to change due to a number of considerations.

A list of racetracks participating in the Equine Injury Database and detailed statistics from those tracks that voluntarily publish their results can be found at <http://jockeyclub.com/default.asp?section=Advocacy&area=11>.

The Equine Injury Database, conceived at the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation's first Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit, was launched by The Jockey Club in July 2008 and seeks to identify the frequency, types and outcome of racing injuries using a standardized format that generates valid statistics, identify markers for horses at increased risk of injury and serves as a data source for research directed at improving safety and preventing injuries.

*The Jockey Club, founded in 1894 and dedicated to the improvement of Thoroughbred breeding and racing, is the breed registry for North American Thoroughbreds. In fulfillment of its mission, The Jockey Club, directly or through subsidiaries, provides support and leadership on a wide range of important industry initiatives, and it serves the information and technology needs of owners, breeders, media, fans and farms. It is the sole funding source for America's Best Racing, the broad-based fan development initiative for Thoroughbred racing. You can follow America's Best Racing at [americasbestracing.net](http://americasbestracing.net). Additional information is available at [jockeyclub.com](http://jockeyclub.com).*



Trainers are readying the competition, Indiana Grand continues facility improvements, and we all anxiously await the opening of racing in Indiana.

## Indiana Horse Racing Commission 2015 Race Dates



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Post Times						
Tuesday - Thursday 2:05 pm						
Friday - Saturday 5:05 pm						

Quarter Horse Race Days						
Will be posted when available						

Thoroughbred & Quarter Horse  
2015 Race Dates  
(April 21 - October 31, 2015)  
approved by the Indiana  
Horse Racing Commission  
November 17, 2014.

Turf Festival July 14 - 16



## 2015 INDIANA BRED STAKES SCHEDULE *(listed by age)*

Date	Race	Distance	Purse	Age	Sex
<b>2 Year Olds</b>					
Sept 30	The Indiana Stallion Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	F
Sept 30	The Crown Ambassador (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	
Sept 30	The Hillsdale Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	
Sept 30	The City Of Anderson	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	F
Oct 31	The Indiana Futurity	1 mile 70 yds	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	
Oct 31	The Miss Indiana Stakes	1 mile 70 yds	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	F
<b>3 Year Olds</b>					
June 10	The Swifty Sired Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	F
June 10	The Sagamore Sired Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	
July 15	The Ellen's Lucky Star Stakes	1 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	F
July 15	The Snack Stakes	1 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	
Aug 12	The Indiana First Lady Stakes	1 Mile 70 Yds	\$150,000 guaranteed	3 year olds	F
Aug 12	The Governor's Stakes	1 Mile 70 Yds	\$150,000 guaranteed	3 year olds	
Aug 26	ITOBA Stallion Stakes – Colts	1 Mile	\$75,000 added	3 year olds	C/G
Aug 26	ITOBA Stallion Stakes – Fillies	1 Mile	\$75,000 added	3 year olds	F/M
Oct 7	Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	
Oct 7	Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	F
<b>3 Year Olds and Up</b>					
July 16	The Shelby County Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F/M
July 16	The William Henry Harrison Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
Sept 9	The Florence Henderson Stakes	1 1/16 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F/M
Sept 9	The A.J. Foyt Stakes	1 1/16 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
Sept 30	The Merrillville Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F/M
Sept 30	The Brickyard Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
Oct 7	The Richmond Stakes (*S)	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F/M
Oct 7	The Gus Grissom Stakes (*S)	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
Oct 31	The Frances Slocum Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$150,000 guaranteed	3 and up	F/M
Oct 31	The Too Much Coffee Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$150,000 guaranteed	3 and up	

(\*S) denotes this is for Sired Horses. (T) denotes this is a Turf Race. F denotes for fillies only. F/M denotes for Fillies and Mares.

See [ITOBA.com](http://ITOBA.com) for the nomination schedule and details of the exclusive  
**2017 ITOBA Stallion Season Auction Stakes Races**