

**2026 NEW MEXICO CLASSIC DERBY**  
*22nd Running – Restricted Grade II – For Foals of 2023*

<b>TRIALS: Sunday, November 1, 2026 * TRIAL PURSE - \$12,000 (includes \$2,000 from NMBA)</b>	
<b>FINAL: Sunday, November 22, 2026 * ESTIMATED FINAL PURSE - \$225,000 (\$170,000 Added)</b>	
<b>400 YARDS – 126 LBS</b>	
<b><u>PAYMENT SCHEDULE:</u></b>	<b><u>LATE PAYMENT SCHEDULE:</u></b>
June 5, 2026      \$100 to Nominate	July 31, 2026      \$2,000 to nominate (plus remaining payments and trial entry fee)
July 31, 2026      \$300 to Sustain	September 3, 2026      \$3,000 to nominate (plus trial entry fee due at time of entry)
September 3, 2026      \$600 to Sustain	
<b>TRIAL ENTRY FEE - \$1,500</b>	<b>TRIAL ENTRY SUPPLEMENT - \$8,000 (includes all fees)</b>

**2026 NEW MEXICO CLASSIC DERBY NOMINATION FORM - PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

Name of Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam
_____	{ }	_____	_____
_____	{ }	_____	_____
_____	{ }	_____	_____
_____	{ }	_____	_____

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check to the order of:**  
**2026 New Mexico Classic Derby**  
c/o Zia Park Casino, Hotel & Racetrack  
3901 W. Millen Drive, Hobbs, NM 88240  
Attention: Accounting Dept

**\*\*DO NOT COMBINE PAYMENTS WITH OTHER ZIA PARK STAKE EVENTS\*\***  
**\*\*DO NOT COMBINE TRIAL ENTRY FEES WITH NOMINATION OR SUSTAINING FEES\*\***  
**\*\*CHECKS FOR ENTRY INTO FINALS MUST BE MADE OUT TO "ZIA PARK BOOKKEEPER\*\***  
**Illegible or incomplete nominations will not be accepted**

**\*\*CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED\*\***

I hereby agree to be bound by all rules, regulations and conditions of Zia Park, LLC. and further agree to be bound by all rules, regulations and conditions of the New Mexico State Racing Commission and further agree to be bound by the Laws of the State of New Mexico.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of recorded owner, lessee or authorized agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name:

## 2026 NEW MEXICO CLASSIC DERBY RULES AND REGULATIONS

The undersigned represents that he/she and all persons whom he/she is acting have read and are familiar with the Rules of Racing and Regulations of the New Mexico State Racing Commission ("Commission") and the race meeting conditions and agrees to be bound by and comply with the acts of and decisions of the Commission and Zia Park, LLC. ("Zia Park") officials and that all horses are subject to the same and to the acts and decisions of the race officials and agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions. All nominations and entries in stakes and all other races are received and accepted are subject to all conditions, rules and regulations of the Commission and Zia Park. It shall be the Nominator's responsibility to notify Zia Park of changes in ownership, address or name of horse(s). It shall be the Nominator's responsibility to make timely payments. If the deadline for a payment falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the period is extended to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. For any horse entered as a participant in this event to be held at Zia Park, Zia Park reserves the right to set the arrival time for said horse for trials and final. Zia Park further reserves the right to conduct additional testing on all horses at any time while horses are on or off the grounds of Zia Park, as well as any other rights Zia Park has as a private property owner, including all requirements under the Penn Entertainment, Inc. Horsemen's Guide.

### **ELIGIBILITY AND NOMINATIONS:**

The race is open to all foals of 2023 which are registered with the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) and certified as a New Mexico bred by the New Mexico Breeders Association. It is the responsibility of the owner or nominator to confirm the horse is a certified New Mexico bred at the time of nomination or such nomination may be refused. An advertising/clerical fee of 7.5% will be deducted from each original nomination, sustaining and supplemental payment.

### **TRIALS:**

Each trial shall consist of not more than ten (10) horses. The trials shall be raced under the same conditions as the final. Horses for the final shall be selected on a time basis. Times of horses in separate trials will be determined by electric timer. In the event horses in the same trial race are given identical times, the selection of which horse will participate in the final will be determined by order of finish posted by racing officials. No adjustments will be made in recorded time of trials for head wind, tail wind, off track, or any other act of nature, etc. Should a mechanical failure occur with the electric timers on any time trial, finalists will be selected by official hand timing, with stop watches operated by three (3) official, reputable and disinterested persons. The average of 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 used utilized for the winning time; other horses shall be given times according to the order and margins of finish with the aid of photo finish, if available. If for any reason a tie exists, the horses involved shall draw lots to determine which shall participate in the final. Should a horse be disqualified, he will be given the time of the horse he is immediately behind plus 1/1000 of one second. If the front of the gates on the starting gate fail to open due to mechanical failure, or if the 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 final purse to the owner of the horse. During the running of the final, 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 Stewards decision. If any part of an entry is disqualified, it may disqualify all parts of the entry. All rules or new rules adopted by the Commission supersede any condition of these races. Zia Park reserves the right to hold trials for the race on non-race days.

An "Also Eligible List" may be used for the finals but not for the trials. Also eligibles shall only be horses which have had required post-trial testing as directed by Zia Park. Number of horses from trials to be tested shall be determined by Zia Park. A horse may not enter the finals if it has not had required post-trial testing. All qualifiers must pass the entry box. If a horse should scratch late from the final, the owner will receive last place purse money. If more than one horse should be scratched out of the final, those monies shall be added together and divided equally among those scratching out of the final. Horses scratched from trials or final based on results from testing conducted by Commission, Zia Park or their agents shall not be eligible for any purse money and shall forfeit all nomination and sustaining payments.

### **PURSE:**

The nomination, sustaining and entry fees plus \$170,000 (\$85,000 from the New Mexico Breeders Association and \$85,000 added from Zia Park purse fund), will be distributed according to the payout schedule listed below. Zia Park, subject to the approval of the Commission, reserves the right to change the date of the running of the trials and final, or to transfer this race to any track within the state of New Mexico. Zia Park reserves the right to cancel the trials or final, without notice, at any time prior to the actual running thereof and without liability, except for the returning of the nominating and sustaining fees which have been paid.

### **New Mexico Classic Derby Final Purse Distribution:**

1 <sup>st</sup> place - 49.0%
2 <sup>nd</sup> place - 17.0%
3 <sup>rd</sup> place - 10.0%
4 <sup>th</sup> place - 8.0%
5 <sup>th</sup> place - 5.0%
6 <sup>th</sup> place - 3.0%
7 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> place - 2.0% each
Total 100.0%

An owner or nominator may nominate as many horses as desired. If one or more are withdrawn before the race, owner or nominator must specify which horse(s) are to be withdrawn when making payments.

Please list the names of all entries on payments. Sire and Dam must be listed for unnamed horses. Illegible or incomplete nominations will not be accepted. Any nomination or subscription to this stake may be refused or canceled, without liability, at any time and for any reason, prior to the actual running thereof, except for the return of any nominating, sustaining and entry fees paid.

A trainer or owner transfer of nominated horses(s) by individual(s) not permitted to compete at Zia Park shall not be allowed within seventy-five (75) days of the trial race date other than bona fide sale or claim of a nominated horse or by decision of Zia Park. **Horses which have tested positive in an out-of-competition test, or for a Class 1, 2 or 3 medication under the most current ARCI Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances, in any jurisdiction (even if such cases are under appeal), at any time prior to the event, shall not be eligible and fees shall not be refunded.** It is the nominator's responsibility to verify the horse/owner and/or trainer is eligible to compete in the event.

Entry and supplement fees, payable by check only, are due in full in the horsemen's bookkeeper account at advertised time of entry. **Checks for entries must be made out to "Zia Park Bookkeeper."**

Nominations and sustaining fees will be accepted after payment deadline only through the United States Mail, postmarked by the U.S. Post Office no later than midnight of the payment deadline. For all nominating and sustaining payments, except for the trial entry fee, there will be an automatic grace period of 48 hours in establishing acceptable postmarks. In case of dispute, the only satisfactory evidence of payment shall be a certified mail receipt or a registered mail receipt bearing a U.S. Post Office postmark on or before the stated due date. Issuance of a "NSF Check" or stopping payment on a check tendered for any fee is absolutely prohibited. Should an owner wish to have payment withdrawn from their Horsemen's Bookkeeper account, a notarized statement to that effect will be required as proof of such intention. **There will be no refund of fees for any reason.** All checks returned by the bank will constitute no payment and nominator charged \$100.00 for any returned check.

All horses entered in the trials or eligible for the final are subject to testing/enhanced security requirements as directed by Zia Park, the Commission or their agents. All horses entered in the trials and eligible for the final are subject to sanctions, including but not limited to the scratching of a horse in the trial or final and loss of any fees paid into this event if a violation of any rule promulgated by Zia Park and/or Commission occurs as a result of a positive test result. The cost of such testing or enhanced security requirements shall be deducted from the nomination and sustaining payments prior to the distribution of the final purse. The undersigned shall cooperate with all requests by Zia Park, the Commission and/or its agents regarding access to nominated horses at any time prior to trials and/or the final, on or off track, including cooperation in the collection of specimens for testing of horses nominated for or racing in the trials and/or final.