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Maryland State Fair 2017 Thoroughbred Racing Schedule Announced

The Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc. is pleased to announce the 2017 racing schedule for the Timonium meet. This year's seven days of racing held during the Maryland State Fair boasts purses of \$185,000 daily, up more than 16% from 2016's \$159,000 per day.

For the first time in many years, the meet will have an added money event: the \$75,000 guaranteed (plus \$25,000 for Maryland-Bred/Maryland-Sired) Coalition Stakes, for 3-year-olds and up going 6½ furlongs, with an additional \$10,000 bonus to the winner if it is a Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sale graduate. The stakes has been named for the spirit of cooperation between the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, and Fasig-Tipton Sales Company.

Andy Cashman, general manager of the Maryland State Fair, expressed his enthusiasm for the hard work on everyone's part, "This cooperative effort between all the parties involved in this race meet is a reflection of the continued team spirit in Maryland that has been such a huge factor in the renaissance Maryland's Thoroughbred industry is currently enjoying. It's all part of making racing in Maryland great again. We are all really excited about the upcoming meet at Timonium."

In addition to the increase in purses and the stakes race, Timonium will offer a \$20,000 Trainer's Bonus for the trainer with most points, a \$5,000 Trainer's bonus for the trainer with most earnings during the meet, and a \$50 groom's award in every race for the best turned out horse and groom.

Schedule of Timonium's seven days of live racing:

Friday, August 25

Saturday, August 26

The \$75,000 Guaranteed (plus \$25,000 for Maryland-Bred/Maryland-Sired)

Coalition Stakes

Sunday, August 27

Friday, September 1

Saturday, September 2

Sunday, September 3

Monday, September 4

Post time, 1:05 daily

Call Racing Secretary Georganne Hale for details, 443-506-6916.

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