

# Ralph Wilfong Memorial No. 87

*For 2-Year-Old Trotters in 2024*

**Note:**

The Indiana State Fair reserves the right to add to, amend or delete the conditions of all or any part of the Ralph Wilfong Memorial, without liability.

**Owned and Sponsored By:**

Indiana State Fair

**Serviced By:**

The Hambletonian Society, Inc.

**For:**

Foals of 2022 (Subject to USTA Foaling Date Rules).

**To Be Raced As:**

Renamed the Ralph Wilfong Memorial -- formerly the Horseman Stake -- for 2-Year-Old Trotters in 2024.

**To Be Raced At:**

Indiana State Fair, Indianapolis, Indiana ("Track"). Definite dates will be published in the USTA Stakes Guide in the year of the race. If for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable, in the opinion of the Sponsor, to hold this race at the Track designated, the Sponsor reserves the right to change the date and/or the location of the Track for either any or all races.

**Cancellation:**

The Sponsor further reserves the right to cancel the race if for reasons beyond its control it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Sponsor to conduct said race. If the event is not raced due to circumstances beyond its control, the Sponsor's responsibility and liability will be limited to refunding without interest nomination, sustaining and entrance fees collected toward canceled events that have not been disbursed at the time of cancellation. If canceled after the first 2-year-old payment, these monies will be prorated among the owners of the horses eligible at the time of cancellation. If canceled prior to the first 2-year-old payment, the nomination fees will be refunded to the nominators.

**Actual 2023 Total Purse:**

Ralph Wilfong..... \$42,679 (1 Division)

**Added Money:**

Indiana State Fair will add a minimum of 10% of the total amount paid in by horsemen minus the service fee paid to The Hambletonian Society.

**Nomination Fee (U.S. funds only):**

May 15, 2023..... \$15

Nominated horses must be properly identified to the satisfaction of The Hambletonian Society at the time of nomination.

**Supplemental Yearling Nominations:**

Otherwise not eligible yearlings may be made eligible by a supplemental fee.

August 15, 2023..... \$75

**Future Payments (U.S. funds only):**

On 2-Year-Olds

March 15, 2024 .....\$200

May 15, 2024.....\$400

Entrance Fee.....\$600

**Declaration:**

To be paid at the office of the director of racing at the Indiana State Fairgrounds at the entry closing time existing at that track.

Entrance fee shall be due at time of declaration and payable not later than one hour prior to post time of the race to be contested. All entrance fees shall be made payable to The Hambletonian Society, Inc.

**Supplemental Declarations:**

There are no supplemental declarations allowed for this race.

**Transfer:**

Eligibles changing gait may be transferred at any time. If entry proves to be a pacer it may be transferred to the Fox Stake for two-year-old pacers by notification at the next payment date, and all previous and subsequent payments will follow to that race. If any of the previous payments have been made, the Owner/Agent will be required to pay the difference between the Wilfong [Horseman] Stake and the Fox Stake Payments. No fee for transfer.

**Notice:**

USTA Rule 12.04 provides: "Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event." The Hambletonian Society, Inc. will construe payment to require that cash or check duly honored upon presentation be received at the time specified in USTA Rule 12.02.

**Waiver:**

As a condition of participation in the Ralph Wilfong Memorial No. 87 (formerly the Horseman Stake), the Owner(s) of the nominated horse(s) hereby grants to the Sponsor, its representatives, successors, and assigns the absolute right to copyright and publish, use or reuse still and motion photographic images of its horses, drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents, in whole or in part, in composite or in distorted character, with or without use of names, in color or otherwise, for the purpose of promotion, advertising, trade or other lawful purpose in any and all media. Owner(s) waives any right to inspect and/or approve the finished product or the copy that may be used in connection therewith or the use to which it might be applied. Owner(s) further agrees to inform his drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents of the authority granted to the Sponsor herein, to hold Sponsor harmless from any and all liability and damages, and to indemnify the Sponsor from same should any such owner(s), driver(s), trainer(s), employee(s), officer(s) and agent(s) challenge Sponsor's rights herein as set forth above.

**Racing Conditions:**

All events to be raced as one dash at one mile. It is the intention of the sponsor that the race will be conducted in a single heat.

If twelve (12) or more horses declare in the race, the race will be held in divisions and the trophy will be awarded to the winning horse in the official order of finish with fastest time. If those winners are tied in time, or if there is a dead-heat among the winners in the fastest division, the race will be declared a tie, and the trophy will be awarded by the toss of a coin.

All starters are subject to the detention policy of the race track.

**Money Division:**

5 or more starters .....	50%	25%	12%	8%	5%
4 starters .....	50%	25%	15%	10%	
3 starters .....	60%	30%	10%		
2 starters .....	65%	35%			

**Drivers and Trainers Fees:**

The drivers and trainers fees may be disbursed in accordance with the policy of the track at the time of the race.

**Disputes:**

In the case of any dispute as to the interpretation of these conditions, the decision of the Sponsor shall be final. All fees and payments in any race are accepted on the condition that all claims, objections and appeals arising out of these races or with respect to any interpretation of any rules or conditions of the race, or otherwise shall be decided by the Sponsor.

The Indiana State Fair, at its sole discretion as to what it determines to be in the best interest of the Races, reserves the right to refuse the participation of any entry or proposed entry. Any horse owned or trained by an owner or trainer who is arrested, indicted or is the subject of a filed governmental criminal information charging such person with administering, selling, sponsoring or encouraging the sale or use of illegal medications or the illegal or unethical treatment of animals will be ineligible to race in any of the races owned by the Indiana State Fair. Such ineligibility shall commence on the date of such arrest, indictment or information and continue for a minimum of 60 days from the time of the transfer of ownership of the horse and/or the change of trainers to a bona fide separate and unrelated licensed owner or trainer, as the case may be. All payments may be subject to forfeiture.

**Rules:**

Race entrants shall comply with all applicable rules, regulations, policies, procedures and/or guidelines of the Indiana State Fair, the Indiana State Fair Commission, the Indiana Horse Racing Commission and the rules of the United States Trotting Association not in conflict with these conditions. Additionally, entrants will be subject to the Indiana State Fair Harness Department track policies and procedures. Among other things, Indiana State Fair Commission rules and policies prohibit alcohol or firearms at the fair. Among other things, track policies and procedures presently require testing (and disqualification) for various foreign substances and excess sodium/bicarbonate levels.

**Make Nomination and Sustaining Checks  
Payable To and Send To:**

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Cranbury, NJ 08512-3174