



2018 Series Rules:

1. There is no special nomination required to compete in the MATCH Series. Nominations to stakes in the MATCH Series are to be made in accordance with the procedures established by the track where they are run.
2. Points are earned per horse on each race in each division in the MATCH series by finishing:

First:	10 points
Second:	7 points
Third:	5 points
Fourth:	3 points
Fifth:	2 points
Sixth-Last:	1 point
3. Bonus points will distributed for participation in five or more MATCH Series races, regardless of finish. These points are awarded in addition to points earned by placings:

6 Starts:	7 bonus points
5 Starts:	5 bonus points
4. A horse must participate in at least three races with in their division to be eligible for bonus money awards.
5. If a race is canceled for whatever reason, the race will be rescheduled if at all possible.
6. If a horse is disqualified after the race is made official, the points will be redistributed based upon final placement.
7. Points earned in different divisions or by different horses can not be combined for year end totals for owner or trainer bonus money awards.
8. Bonus money earned by a horse that is sold and/or changes trainer during the series will be distributed pro rata based upon the number of points earned by each owner and/or trainer.
9. No horse which has earned points in a division will be denied the opportunity to start in a series race in that division unless the horse is ineligible for bonus money. Otherwise, starting preference will be given to high weights in handicaps, and the highest earnings in 2017-2018 allowance stakes. None of the events will be split into divisions.
10. In the event of a dead heat, points will be added for the positions that are involved in the dead heat and then divided by the number of horses in the dead heat.

Bonus Money Distribution:

Bonus money will be awarded to the owners and trainers of the top 3 point earners in each of the 5 MATCH Series divisions based on points earned in their division.

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
1st	\$25,000	\$15,000
2nd	15,000	10,000
3rd	10,000	5,000

In the event of ties within divisions, tie breakers will be determined in the following order:

- (1) Number of wins in the division.
- (2) Number of starts in the division.
- (3) Highest earnings in the division.

Additionally, bonus money will be awarded to the owner and trainer of the overall top point earner. This is in addition to money earned as a division winner.

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
1st	\$50,000	\$25,000

In the event of a tie for MATCH grand champion, the tie breaker will be determined as follows:

- (1) Number of wins in the division.
- (2) Number of starts in the division.
- (3) Number of 2nds in the division.