



THE MATCHSERIES

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships



2021 CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES SCHEDULE

3-Year-Old & Up Sprint - Dirt

Date	Race	Purse	Age	Sex	Distance	Surface	Track
5/15/21	Maryland Sprint Handicap (G3)	\$150,000	3-Year-Olds & Up		6 fur.	Dirt	Pimlico
7/4/21	Lite The Fuse Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up		7 fur.	Dirt	Laurel Park
7/31/21	Challedon Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up		6 1/2 fur.	Dirt	Laurel Park
8/23/21	Chesapeake Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up		6 fur.	Dirt	Colonial Downs
9/18/21	De Francis Dash (G3)	\$200,000	3-Year-Olds & Up		6 fur.	Dirt	Laurel Park
12/26/21	Dave's Friend Stakes (Listed)	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up		6 fur.	Dirt	Laurel Park

3-Year-Old & Up Long - Dirt

Date	Race	Purse	Age	Sex	Distance	Surface	Track
5/14/21	Pimlico Special (G3)	\$250,000	3-Year-Olds & Up		1 3/16 mi.	Dirt	Pimlico
7/31/21	Deputed Testamony Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up		1 1/8 mi.	Dirt	Laurel Park
8/23/21	Victory Gallop Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up		1 1/16 mi.	Dirt	Colonial Downs
9/18/21	Polynesian Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up		1 mi.	Dirt	Laurel Park
11/27/21	Richard Small Stakes (Listed)	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up		1 1/8 mi.	Dirt	Laurel Park
12/26/21	Native Dancer Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up		1 1/16 mi.	Dirt	Laurel Park

Fillies and Mares, 3-Year-Old & Up Sprint - Dirt

Date	Race	Purse	Age	Sex	Distance	Surface	Track
5/15/21	Skipat Stakes (Listed)	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up	Fillies and Mares	6 fur.	Dirt	Pimlico
6/12/21	Shine Again Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up	Fillies and Mares	7 fur.	Dirt	Laurel Park
7/31/21	Alma North Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up	Fillies and Mares	6 1/2 fur.	Dirt	Laurel Park
8/23/21	Seeking The Pearl Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up	Fillies and Mares	7 fur.	Dirt	Colonial Downs
9/18/21	Weathervane Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up	Fillies and Mares	6 fur.	Dirt	Laurel Park
12/26/21	Willa On The Move Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up	Fillies and Mares	6 fur.	Dirt	Laurel Park

Fillies and Mares, 3-Year-Old & Up Long - Dirt

Date	Race	Purse	Age	Sex	Distance	Surface	Track
5/14/21	Allaire Dupont Stakes (G3)	\$150,000	3-Year-Olds & Up	Fillies and Mares	1 1/8 mi.	Dirt	Pimlico
7/4/21	Caesar's Wish Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up	Fillies and Mares	1 mi.	Dirt	Laurel Park
8/23/21	Love Sign Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up	Fillies and Mares	1 1/16 mi.	Dirt	Colonial Downs
9/18/21	Twixt Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up	Fillies and Mares	1 1/16 mi.	Dirt	Laurel Park
11/13/21	Thirty Eight GoGo Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up	Fillies and Mares	1 1/16 mi.	Dirt	Laurel Park
12/26/21	Carousel Stakes	\$100,000	3-Year-Olds & Up	Fillies and Mares	1 1/8 mi.	Dirt	Laurel Park



2021 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. A horse must participate in at least three races within its division to be eligible for bonus money awards.
4. Bonus points will also be awarded for horses that participate in four or more MATCH Series races in a division, regardless of finish. These points are awarded in addition to points earned by placings:

6 Starts:	10 total bonus points
5 Starts:	7 total bonus points
4 Starts:	5 total bonus points
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 unless all horses entered are eligible for bonus money at which time horses with most points earned will be preferred.
10. Races may be split if deemed appropriate. If a race is split, all competing horses will earn points.
11. 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.
12. If a horse is nominated to one Match race this horse shall be nominated to all remaining Match races.

2021 Bonus Money Distribution:

First place purse distributions for each MATCH Series race will be reduced from 60% to 55% to supplement a total bonus pool of \$252,000.

\$2,750,000	= Total stakes purses
\$137,500	= 5% purse of each race (55% share to winner)
\$90,000	= Maryland Bonus funds allocated to 2020 Series
\$25,000	= Virginia Bonus funds contribution
\$252,500	= Total 2021 bonus pool

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

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
1st	\$20,000	\$10,000
2nd	15,000	7,500
3rd	7,500	3,000

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.