

**BILLINGS
CLASSIC
XXIII**

**CKG BILLINGS
Amateur Driving Championship XXIII**

2004

ELIGIBILITY OF DRIVERS

1. Each participant must be a member in good standing of the Delvin Miller Amateur Drivers Association.
 2. Each participating driver must qualify as an "amateur" driver.*
 3. Each participating driver must be 16 years of age or older (at time of entry).
 4. Each participating driver must be licensed as a "DRIVER" by either the USTA or Standardbred Canada and by the State or Provincial Racing Commissions where required.
 5. The following USTA licenses and the Canadian or other country equivalents will be acceptable:
"M" Matinee; "F" Fair; "Q" Qualifying; "P" Provisional; "A" Full; "D" Canadian Amateur
- *An "amateur driver" is one who has not accepted any valuable consideration by way of or in lieu of compensation for services as a driver from a third party since January 1, 1994 (10 years).

NOTE: ONLY DRIVERS CAN BE NOMINATED; HORSES CANNOT BE NOMINATED TO THE SERIES.

ELIGIBILITY OF HORSES CONDITIONS

Horses to be driven in the Billings Series must fit at least one of the following conditions of eligibility.

Trotters:

- (1) 12 years old and up with 5 or more starts* lifetime (without regard to earnings) and are qualified at time of declaration; or
- (2) 3 years old and up in 2004 that had 5 or more starts* lifetime, have won less than \$5001** last 5 starts with a purse greater than \$1000**, have won not more than \$1750** average per start in 2004 and are qualified at time of declaration; or
- (3) 3 years old and up in 2004 entered with a Claiming Price of (1) \$4,000, (2) \$7,500 or (3) \$15,000** and are qualified at time of declaration. In those legs of the Series where the host track cannot or will not permit horses to be entered with a Claiming Price for which they can be claimed by a third party, then a horse, 3 years old and up not meeting either Condition (1) or Condition (2) above, can be entered if, in its previous start prior to declaration in the Billings leg, it had raced as a claimer with a basic claiming price (before allowances) of \$15,000** or less.

• ***A "start" is a start in a race in which a prize or purse - money or otherwise - is awarded.**

• **** All funds amounts denominated in US dollar equivalents**

• Horses must meet the qualifying standards of the host track to be eligible to declare into a leg. IF a host track has not published its qualifying standards of IF a host track so permits, the qualification standards shall be: horses that have been qualified or had a satisfactory race line within 45 days prior to a start in the Billings and meet one of the following qualifying standards on a fast track:

2:08 n a half-mile track;

2:06 on a five-eighths mile track;

2:04 on a mile track;

CONDITIONS OF THE SERIES

- A. The Billings Series is to be raced as two regional competitions – the Eastern Regional Series and the Mid-West Regional Series. The required entry fee for the Eastern Regional Series only is \$350; the required entry fee for the Mid-West Regional Series only is \$350; the entry fee for both Series, if paid by April 26, 2004, is \$500 and entitles a participant to compete in both Series. Participants who pay to join only one regional Series and who subsequently seek to enter the other Series after April 26, 2004 must pay the additional \$350 entry fee for the other regional Series. The entry fee for students, 16 years - 20 years old and with proof of enrollment at a school, if paid by April 26, 2004 is \$50 and entitle the student to compete in both Series. Points, as prescribed in Condition E below, will be awarded to DRIVERS for the regional Series in which the leg of the Series is located. Points earned in "Wild Card" legs will be awarded in the regional Series in which the participant has paid to participate in. Points earned in "Open" legs will be awarded in both regional Series to those who belong to both regional Series.
- B. Each participating driver must be licensed as a "DRIVER" as stipulated above and, unless otherwise approved for participation in the Series by the Racing Committee of the Delvin Miller Amateur Drivers Association, must have completed satisfactory drives in at least five races in which five or more horses competed and which have been charted by the USTA or Standardbred Canada prior to entry in a leg of the Series.
- D. Safety vests must be worn and sulkies must be certified where mandated. Local racing commission rules govern.
- E. Drivers can participate in only one division of each leg of the Series. Points will be awarded DRIVERS for participation in each division in accordance with the scoring system based on the following formula:

1st Place = (S + 5)

4th Place = (S - 3)

7th Place = (S - 6)

2nd Place = (S)

5th Place = (S - 4)

8th Place = (S - 7)

3rd Place = (S - 2)

6th Place = (S - 5)

9th Place = (S - 8) etc.

- Where S = Number of Points equal to the number of horses entered to start in the largest division of the leg. A driver named to drive a horse which has been entered and scratched will be awarded 2 points only if the driver appears at and is prepared to drive in the event from which the horse was scratched. In each division contested those drivers finishing last and second to last will receive 1 and 2 points respectively. In divisions with 7 or more starters, third to last driver will receive 3 points.

- F. In the event a named driver does not show for the event in which he/she is named to drive, a substitute driver who meets the ELIGIBILITY OF DRIVERS conditions as contained herein and who is eligible to drive in that Series will be assigned to drive in the named driver's place. The substitute driver will be awarded points in accordance with the foregoing described point system. However, if the substitute driver is named to drive in another division of the same leg of the Series, the substitute driver will receive no points in the race in which he/she substitutes for a named driver. All other participants will be awarded points in such race in accordance with where they finish in the race.
- G. The driver who has accumulated the most points combined, counting only those points earned by that driver in his or her best 20 finishes in the Series, upon conclusion of the Eastern and Mid-West Regional Competitions of the Series will be the 2004 CKG Billings Series Champion. Points earned in Wild Card and Open legs will be counted only once in determining the Billings Series Champion. The driver who has accumulated the most points in the Eastern Regional Series, counting only those points earned by that driver in his or her best 12 finishes in that regional Series, will be the 2004 Eastern Series Champion. The driver who has accumulated the most points in the Mid-West Regional Series, counting only those points earned by each driver in his or her best 12 finishes in that regional Series, will be the 2004 Mid-West Series Champion. In the event of a point tie, the driver who had the highest Billing Series Driving Rating ("BSDR") in the Series or in the Regional Series, as the case may be, will be declared the Champion. A driver's BSDR will be determined by awarding 9 points for 1st place, 5 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place, 2 points for 4th place, 1 point for 5th place and 0 points for 6th place and above and dividing the sum of those points awarded by 9 times the driver's number of starts.
- H. If less than six eligible starters declare into a leg of the Series that leg may be cancelled.
- I. If more than one division is required to contest a leg of the Series, the host racetrack of that leg, unless it follows an alternative seeding methodology, will seed divisions in accordance with earnings in last 5 starts in races with purses greater than \$1000. Race secretaries may adjust seeding for recent performance lines. Horses that must be coupled as entries will be assigned into separate divisions at the discretion of the host racetrack. A horse entered with: (1) a Claiming Price of \$4,000 will be seeded into the lowest earnings division (the second lowest earnings division if more than 3 divisions); (2) a Claiming Price of \$7,500 will be seeded into the middle earnings division (2nd highest earnings division if more than 3 divisions); and (3) a Claiming Price of \$15,000 will be seeded into the highest earnings division. In the event there are less than three divisions, horses entered with the lower Claiming Price will be drawn to the inside of the horses with the higher Claiming Price. No stable may enter more than one horse with the same Claiming Price into a leg of the Series, if by doing so would require the entered horses from that stable to be coupled by the host racetrack. A Driver must be named at time of entry for each horse entered. Race secretaries may handicap a horse to an outside post position within a division to promote fairness in competition if that horse has won two or more consecutive legs of the Series. A horse that wins 3 consecutive legs of the Series must either race with a Claiming Price in its subsequent starts in the Series or stand out from the Series for the next three consecutive starts in the Series by the driver who drove it in its third consecutive win before returning to the Series.
- J. If a horse is entered with a Claiming Price, it will be the responsibility of the driver listed on the horse to assure that a properly executed Claiming Authorization form from the owner of the horse and the horse's Registration Certificate is on file at the host racetrack where the Billings leg is to be contested to avoid having the horse scratched.
- K. If (a) more entries declare into a leg than can be accommodated by the racetrack conducting that leg of the Series or (b) the number of entries declared which when divided results in fields of less than 6, entries that do not carry a "preference" may be pulled out at random and drivers of those entries will be assigned a "preference" for entry in the next leg of the Series in which they declare.
- L. The 5% driver's commission will be deducted at each track from the purse money winnings of horses in each division and contributed to the Harness Racing Museum & Hall Of Fame.
- M. Entries close at each racetrack at the time prescribed by the racetrack at which the leg of the Series is being raced. Entrants should check with each racetrack at least five days in advance of each race date.
- N. Upon the conclusion of each of the Mid-West and Eastern Regional Series, the 10 highest point earners counting only those points earned by each driver in his or her best 12 starts in that regional Series following the point winner of that Series who will receive a bye into the Gold Cup, will have qualified to compete in that regional competition's Final. Those drivers who finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th in each regional Series Point Standings will be assigned Post Positions 1, 2 and 3 respectively in the regional Series Final. The regional Series Finals will be conducted on November 14 and November 16, 2004 at a 1 ¼ mile distance at Balmoral Park and at Freehold Raceway respectively. In the event a participant, upon the conclusion of both regional Series, qualifies for the Finals of both regional Series, that participant must declare to the President of the DMADA by 10:00AM EST on Monday, November 8, 2004 which regional Series Final he or she chooses to compete in. In the event of a point tie for the 10th highest point earner able to compete in a regional Series Final, the 10th place will be determined by the highest BSDR earned in the best 12 starts in that regional Series. Horses that race in a regional Series Final must have made 2 or more starts in either of the regional Series AND either (1) earned less than \$8,001 last 6 starts OR (2) raced as a claimer with a basic claiming price of not greater than \$15000 in the last start prior to the declaration in a Final.

- O. Upon the conclusion of the Mid-West and Eastern Regional Series, the next 10 highest point earners counting only points earned by each driver in his or her best 12 starts in that regional Series following the 10 highest in that regional Series and able to compete will have qualified to compete in that regional Series' Consolation Final. The regional Series' Consolation Finals will be contested on November 14 and November 16, 2004 at a 1 ¼ mile distance at Balmoral Park and Freehold Raceway respectively. In the event a participant, upon the conclusion of both regional Series qualifies for the Consolation Finals of both regional Series, that participant must declare to the President of the DMADA by 10:00AM EST on Monday, November 10, 2003 which regional Series Consolation Final he or she chooses to compete in. Those participants who qualify for the Final of one regional Series and the Consolation Final for the other regional Series must compete in the regional Series Final for which he or she qualified. In the event of a point tie for the 10th highest point earner able to compete in a regional Series Consolation Final, the 10th place will be determined by the highest BSDR earned in the best 12 starts in that regional Series. Horses that race in a regional Series Consolation Final must have made 2 or more starts in either of the regional Series AND either (1) earned less than \$8,001 last 6 starts OR (2) raced as a claimer with a basic claiming price of not greater than \$15000 in the last start prior to the declaration in a Consolation Final.
- P. The drivers of the first four finishers in each regional Series Final together with the Eastern Series Champion, the Mid-West Series Champion, the winner of the Eastern Regional Series Consolation Final and the winner of the Mid-West Regional Series Consolation Final will earn entry into the Delvin Miller Memorial Driving Championship Gold Cup to be raced at a 1 and 3/16ths mile distance at The Meadowlands on Friday, November 26, 2004. In the event of a dead heat for 4th place in a regional Series Final, the driver with the most points earned in his or her best 12 starts in that regional Series will qualify for the Gold Cup. Horses that raced in the regional Series Finals or Consolation Finals are eligible to race in the Gold Cup. If a horse did not race in a regional Series Final or Consolation Final, then to be eligible to race in the Gold Cup, it must have made 3 or more starts in either of the regional competitions AND either (a) earned less than \$8,001 last 6 starts OR (b) raced as a claimer with a basic claiming price of not greater than \$15,000 in the last start prior to declaration in the Gold Cup.
- Q. The drivers who finish 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th in each regional Series Final and the drivers who finish 2nd and 3rd in each regional Series Consolation Final will earn entry into the Delvin Miller Memorial Driving Championship Silver Cup to be raced at a 1 and 3/16ths mile distance at The Meadowlands on Friday, November 26, 2004. In the event of a dead heat for the 8th place finisher in a regional Series Final or a 3rd place finisher in a regional Series Consolation Final, the driver with the most points earned in his or her best 12 starts in that regional Series will qualify for the Silver Cup. Horses that raced in the regional Series Finals or Consolation Finals are eligible to race in the Gold Cup. If a horse did not race in a regional Series Final or Consolation Final, then to be eligible to race in the Gold Cup, it must have made 3 or more starts in either of the regional competitions AND either (a) earned less than \$8,001 last 6 starts OR (b) raced as a claimer with a basic claiming price of not greater than \$15,000 in the last start prior to declaration in the Silver Cup. The drivers who finish 9th in the regional Series Finals followed by the drivers who finished 4th in the regional Series Consolation Finals will be counted as "Also Eligibles" for the Silver Cup.

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- **NOMINATIONS CLOSE: April 26, 2004**
 - **NOMINATION FEE FOR EASTERN REGIONAL SERIES ONLY: \$350.00 (U.S. Funds) (if paid by April 26, 2004)**
 - **NOMINATION FEE FOR MID-WEST REGIONAL SERIES ONLY: \$350.00 (U.S. Funds) (if paid by April 26, 2004)**
 - **NOMINATION FEE FOR COMBINED EASTERN and MID-WEST REGIONAL SERIES: \$500.00 (U.S. Funds) (if paid by April 26, 2004). Combined Nomination fee entitles participation in either or both competitions.**
 - **NOMINATION FEE FOR STUDENTS (16 years – 20 years old): \$50.00 (U.S. Funds)**
 - **PATRON NOMINATION FEE: \$200.00 (U.S. Funds) (permits 2 starts only; 2002 and/or 2003 members who made two or more starts in either year not eligible)**
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Payable to: DELVIN MILLER AMATEUR DRIVERS ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 590
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Goshen, NY 10924

LATE NOMINATION FEE: \$450 for each Regional Series or \$600 both Series Combined (if paid after April 26, 2004)

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