

2026
Golden
State
Derby

To be run in Summer of the 2026 meet at Los Alamitos Race Course



3-Year-Old Quarter
Horses
Foals Of 2023
400 Yards

Original Nomination Payment - \$200

NOMINATIONS CLOSE April 1, 2025

Race finals limited to 10 fastest qualifiers.
No Consolation.
No administrative fees!

2026 Golden State Derby Payment Schedule	
\$200	April 1, 2025
\$200	June 15, 2025
\$300	September 15, 2025
\$400	December 15, 2025
\$500	February 15, 2026
\$1,000	Trial Entry Fee
Late Payment	
February 15, 2026	
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Purse Distribution			
1st	42%	6th	5%
2nd	17%	7th	4%
3rd	12%	8th	3%
4th	7%	9th	2%
5th	6%	10th	2%

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3rd	12%	8th	3%
4th	7%	9th	2%
5th	6%	10th	2%

2026 Golden State Derby • Nomination Deadline - April 1, 2025 • For foals of 2023

Name of Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam	Date of Birth
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Owner	Date	Check for \$	enclosed herewith, \$200 per entry
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Signature

Date _____

Check for \$

enclosed herewith, \$200 per entry

Signature

Must be signed by AQHA Owner or Agent

Address

State

Zip

City

Phone

e-mail

Make check payable to:

2026 Golden State Derby

Mail before midnight, April 1, 2025

Los Alamitos Race Course

4961 Katella Ave.

Cypress, CA 90720

(714) 820-2801

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The undersigned, on his/her own behalf as well as those he/she represents, acknowledges that all have read and are familiar with the Rules of the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) and with the conditions of the race meeting and hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all of the same and with the acts and decisions of the California Horse Racing Board and those of Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association (LAQHRA) officials. These parties further understand and agree that all horses nominated to a stake or otherwise brought onto the grounds shall be subject to these same rules, conditions, and decisions. All stable reservations and entries in stakes or other races are received and accepted subject to the rules, conditions, and/or decisions of the CHRB and/or LAQHRA officials.

ELIGIBILITY, NOMINATION AND PAYMENTS

Nominations and eligibility to compete in the trials and finals are limited to foals of 2023 which are registered with the American Quarter Horse Association. Horses registered in partnership or to any business entity must be nominated by the authorized partner, principal officer, owner of the business entity, or by the authorized agent. By subscription of \$200.00 each of which shall accompany the nomination not later than April 1, 2025 and shall remain eligible by payment in accordance with the schedule of payments as set forth elsewhere in this nomination application. LAQHRA reserves the exclusive right to cancel or postpone any race for any reason it deems valid and sufficient. LAQHRA, in its sole discretion, further reserves the right to transfer any Derby trial or final to any other racetrack situated in California. Nominations and/or subscriptions to these races may be refused or cancelled at any time prior to the actual running thereof without recourse against or liability for LAQHRA, Los Alamitos Race Course (LARC), or any racetrack to which the race was transferred to be run, excepting the return of any nomination and entry fees actually paid to the party making such payment.

Nomination to the Golden State Derby (Derby) does not guarantee a stall for the nominated horse. Stalls will be allotted by the racing association at whose track the race is to be run. Should stall space be refused, LAQHRA shall be obligated to return/refund only the nomination fee actually paid, provided the horse met all of the other requirements to be eligible to start in the race. It is a condition precedent and the sole responsibility of the current owner(s) of each eligible entry to make all payments required to maintain eligibility in a timely manner. LAQHRA accepts no responsibility for providing any additional notice to a nominator or owner of any continuing eligibility deadlines. Any notice provided by LAQHRA is only provided as a courtesy solely for the convenience of nominators and owners. LAQHRA may elect to provide payment reminder notices, eligibility lists, or any other notices, but the Undersigned and those he/she represents acknowledge and agree that LAQHRA is under no obligation to do so. It shall remain the exclusive responsibility of each nominator and/or owner(s) to independently comply with pre-race requirements and maintain the eligibility of each nominated horse. The failure to receive any notice shall in no way absolve the current owner from ultimate responsibility to meet eligibility deadlines and insure any and all payments are received timely by LAQHRA or the approved designated substitute racetrack. Nomination and sustaining fees will be accepted after the payment deadlines only if the United States mail postmarked (by the U.S. Post Office) evidences accepted mailing no later than midnight on the date of the payment deadline. For all nominating and sustaining payments, except the trial entry fee, there will be an automatic (no penalty) grace period of 48 hours in establishing acceptable postmarks. Walk-in delivery is also permitted. In case of a dispute, the only satisfactory evidence of payment shall be a certified mail or registered mail receipt bearing a United States Post Office postmark on or before the due date.

For all nominating and sustaining payments, except the trial entry fee, during a period including the thirtieth (30th) day after each deadline any owner may establish/re-establish the eligibility of his/her entry/ies by submitting a per entry delinquency payment of twice the regular fee then due per entry on the prescribed deadline. The thirty (30) day delinquency period shall be reduced in cases where the running of trials for the race commences prior to the expiration of the thirty (30) day period. In such cases, a per entry payment of twice the regular fee must be submitted no less than four (4) days prior to the running of the trials.

Issuance on an 'NSF Check' or the 'stopping of payment' on any check or electronic transfer tendered as payment of any required fee is absolutely prohibited and may invalidate a nomination(s).

Starters in all trials are limited to those horses which have started at a recognized American Quarter Horse Association race meet. All nominated horses must meet the qualification standards established by the racing association at whose track the race is to be run and be stabled on the grounds no later than the deadline for all other horses participating at this meeting. There will be no refund of nomination or sustaining fees for horses that fail to meet any of the above listed requirements.

PLEASE NOTE: In addition to any other race condition(s) that may apply individually to the race, the eligibility of horses nominated to, entering into, and/or competing in this race is expressly restricted, conditioned, and limited to those horses that have not been administered and/or which do not test positive for the presence of Clenbuterol, Albuterol, Zilpaterol, and/or Ractopamine, in either pre- or post-race or out-of-competition test samples, whether conducted under testing authorized by the CHRB or pursuant to a contract between LAQHRA and the PCQHRA.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

In case of a change of ownership of a nominated horse, either the currently listed or the new owner of any nominated eligible entry shall notify LAQHRA of the change within forty-eight (48) hours. No entry shall be eligible to start in the trials or finals of any sponsored race unless an entry form, executed by the current owner, is on file with LAQHRA. Every new owner shall therefore execute and refile with LAQHRA an appropriate nomination form. The filing of a subsequent nomination form for a previously nominated horse shall in no way impair or supersede the original nominator's claim, if any, to a nominator's award.

ELIMINATION TRIALS

The starting field for each trial shall not exceed ten (10) horses. The trials shall be raced under the same conditions as the Derby. Ten (10) horses shall be selected from the trials to participate in the finals; there will be no also eligible list. All horses shall be selected on a time trial basis. If for any reason a tie exists, the horses involved shall draw lots to determine which shall participate in the finals. Should variables exist which would prevent selection based on time trials being accomplished in a fair manner, the Stewards, in their discretion, may then select the finalists based on the horses' order of finish in the trials. In case of a disqualification, the disqualified horse shall be given the time plus one thousandth of a second of the horse behind which the disqualified horse is officially placed. **In order to ensure that this race and certain other specified races are conducted under conditions that further protect and enhance the integrity and fairness of each race contested at LARC, LAQHRA and the PCQHRA have adopted hair sample testing processes and procedures. Accordingly, all qualifiers (top ten) will be tested by hair and blood within 72 hours after the trials by LAQHRA/LARC supervising track veterinarians, utilizing the UC Davis Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory. All qualifying horses having a "positive" test for the presence of Clenbuterol, Albuterol, Zilpaterol, and Ractopamine, or their metabolites or analogues, in either pre- or post-race or out-of-competition test samples, whether conducted under testing authorized by the CHRB or pursuant to a contract between LAQHRA and the PCQHRA, will be deemed ineligible, given a "nontime," and not be permitted to start or run in the finals. Five or more additional horses (i.e. 11th -15th fastest qualifiers) may also be tested with hair and blood samples. The decision of the Testing Committee and/or Stewards in all such matters shall be final. Entries are accepted on the condition that those persons nominating and/or starting a horse in the trials or finals agree to abide by the decisions of either or both.**

PURSES

The purses for the trials will not be less than the minimum purse for the race meet. Trial purses will not be deducted from added money, nomination, or sustaining fees. Trial purses shall be distributed by the Paymaster in the same manner as are purses for all other races carded by the track.

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The purse for the Golden State Derby shall be \$40,000 added, plus one hundred percent (100%) of all nomination and sustaining fees, plus all entry fees for the trials. Purses will be distributed as follows: 42% to winner, 17% to second horse, 12% to third horse, 7% to fourth horse, 6% to fifth horse, 5% to sixth horse, 4% to seventh horse, 3% to eighth horse 2% to ninth horse, 2% to tenth horse. If a horse that qualified for the finals is unable to enter due to racing soundness or is scratched for any reason other than a positive drug test finding or Rule violation, that horse shall be deemed to have earned and the owner shall receive last place purse money. If more than one horse is so scratched from the final, then the purse monies otherwise allocable to those shall be added together and divided equally among those owners. If a qualifier or qualifiers for the final is disqualified for ineligibility or due to a rule violation determined after the time trials are declared official but prior to entry for the final, the non-qualifier(s) with the next fastest time shall replace the disqualified horse(s). If a qualifier(s) for a final is disqualified after entry for the final or otherwise does not start for any reason other than racing soundness, illness, or death, the purse allocable to that horse(s) shall be redistributed proportionally among the remaining qualifiers.

NO ADMINISTRATIVE FEES ASSESSED BY LAQHRA

Send Nominations to: LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION
PATRICIA SECRIST - Secretary of Nominations, 4961 KATELLA AVE., CYPRESS, CA 90720 (714) 820-2801