

# Nappanee Raceway Presents:

## 2026 Nappanee Grand Champion Series

### Eligibility:

- Pacers 2 & 3 Years, Colts and Fillies will race together.
- Trotters 2 & 3 Years, Colts and Fillies will race together.

### Conditions:

- This series race will be held under all the rules and regulations of the ITPA and the conditions Midwestern Big Four.
- If fewer than 4 horses are nominated, the event will be cancelled, and the nomination money returned.
- If fewer than 4 horses enter a leg, the uncontested money will be carried over to the final.
- A horse must compete on at least two legs to qualify for the final.
- Enter your horse for the legs through the normal process but indicate the "series" when you do so.
- The starting position will be drawn by the race secretaries along with the normal races.
- If more than 8 horses are entered to race in a leg, there will be 2 or more heats run. Horses owned or trained by the same person will be placed on different legs if possible. The heats will be determined by the draw.
- There will be no post entries accepted for any of the legs or final,
- The starting position for the final will be determined by the points accumulated. The highest points total will have the pole position, second highest the 2 hole and so forth. **The final will list the 8 highest point earning horses ("finalists") as well as 2 alternates. If a finalist is withdrawn from the final, up to 2 alternates may be added. The starting positions will be shifted as needed. (i.e. – if the 6 horse scratches, the 7 becomes 6, 8 becomes 7 and 9AE becomes 8)**
- Any "Tie" in points for the final will be broken based on fastest time for the year on the Nappanee track and if that remains tied, there will be a coin toss between the owners.
- Legs and the Final will be run on Friday, with a rainout date of Saturday at the beginning of the race card. If a Series horse is entered in regular races on Saturday, that horse may be scratched from the regular race without penalty.
- In the event of a complete leg rainout, any paid entry fees will be carried to the next leg the horse is entered in and the added money for that leg will be added to the final purse. In the event of a complete rainout of the final the purse money will be divided equally between those horses qualified and entered in the final.
- Purse money for the final will be held until any pending drug test results (from previous testing) are available. Any positive drug test results will result in a finishing position and purse money being forfeited.

### Schedule:

- Leg 1 – Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>
- Leg 2 – Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>
- Rainout for Leg 1 July 18<sup>th</sup> - Leg 2 August 8<sup>th</sup> (if needed)
- Leg 3 – Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>
- Final - Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>
- **Nominating Fee:** \$50 - Due by **June 27<sup>th</sup>** (goes to finals purse)  
(if your horse does not qualify based on time by the 1<sup>st</sup> leg, you forfeit these dollars)

**Starting Fee:** For each Leg & Final: \$26 is Due the night of the race (\$20 goes to the purse - \$6 goes for the ITPA / Club fees)

**Purse:** There will be added money from Nappanee Raceway.

**Purse Distribution:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 40% | 2<sup>nd</sup> – 30% | 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15% | 4<sup>th</sup> – 10% | 5<sup>th</sup> - 5%

- The added money from the club would be split 50% for the final and 16.67% for each leg.
- The nominating fee will all go towards the final purse.
- Any uncontested places will go to the final.

**Trophy** – Winner of the Final will be crowned the Champion of the Nappanee Series race and will receive an award along with the purse winnings.

**Points** will be awarded on each leg to determine the horses eligible for the final. The top 8 points earners would race in the final.

1<sup>st</sup> – 40 points

4<sup>th</sup> – 10 points

7<sup>th</sup> – 1 point

2<sup>nd</sup> – 25 points

5<sup>th</sup> – 5 points

8<sup>th</sup> – 1 point

3<sup>rd</sup> – 15 points

6<sup>th</sup> – 3 points

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**Nominating Form**

Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gate \_\_\_\_\_ Qualifying Time \_\_\_\_\_

Owner or Trainer \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Payable To: Nappanee Raceway  
4875 N. 675 W.  
Shipshewana, IN 46565

Any horse may be nominated. However, that horse must be Qualified by the first leg. Horses nominated that fail to meet the Qualifying requirements will not be eligible for the Series and will forfeit the \$50 nomination fee.

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