



## CANTERBURY PARK

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# Canterbury Park 2022 Thoroughbred Stakes Schedule Offers

## \$2 Million in Purses

*Northern Stars Racing Festival and MN Festival of Champions are marquee nights*

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Shakopee, Minn. -- Canterbury Park's 2022 thoroughbred stakes schedule will feature 27 stakes, 15 on the main track and 12 on the turf, which will offer \$2,060,000 in purses. Building on a successful strategy employed over the past two seasons, the stakes races will again be clustered on specific dates during the 65-day meet that begins May 18 and runs through Sept. 19. Stakes for horses bred in Minnesota will be run primarily on Saturday evenings while open-company stakes will occur on Wednesday nights. Post time on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays is 5:00 p.m. CDT and 1:00 p.m. on Sundays.

The Mystic Lake Northern Stars Racing Festival is set for Wednesday, June 22 and features the richest race of the season, the Mystic Lake Derby, a one-mile turf race with a \$150,000 purse, along with four \$100,000 races: the Lady Canterbury, the Curtis Sampson Oaks, the Mystic Lake Mile and the Dark Star Turf Sprint. Also included is the \$60,000 MTA Stallion Auction Stakes, bringing the stakes purse total for that night to \$610,000. Last season the Northern Stars Festival, with the same races grouped on a June Wednesday, attracted a record handle of \$3,795,180.

"The Mystic Lake Northern Stars Racing Festival has proven popular with connections throughout the Midwest as evidenced by last year's strong fields," Vice President of Racing Operations Andrew Offerman said. "We plan to

continually improve this event and believe that keeping it on a Wednesday evening will allow it to be uniquely featured across the country.”

The 29th Minnesota Festival of Champions, a program of races dedicated to horses bred in the state, will be Saturday, Sept. 10. The six thoroughbred stakes will each offer a \$100,000 purse.

Hall of Fame Night, with four \$50,000 Minnesota-bred stakes, is Saturday, July 16. The \$100,000 Minnesota Derby and Minnesota Oaks co-headline Made in Minnesota Night on Aug. 13 which also includes the \$50,000 Wally’s Choice Stakes and Glitter Star Stakes.

“Regarding the state-bred program, we felt it was important to move our featured Minnesota races to Saturday evenings for the benefit of the owners,” Offerman said. “We acknowledge that watching your horse in person and bringing family and friends to the races is a significant part of the experience. Running these events on Saturday evenings will accommodate that goal while also providing enhanced visibility to the wagering audience on nights when we will have large crowds.”

The first condition book and stall application, due April 4, are available at [www.canterburypark.com/horsemen](http://www.canterburypark.com/horsemen). A shipping and participation incentive program will be announced next week with the objective of attracting new stables to Canterbury Park and encouraging participation in the first weeks of the season.

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## 2022 Canterbury Park Thoroughbred Stakes Schedule

Date	Stake Race	Conditions	Distance	Purse
5/18/2022	10,000 Lakes Stakes	3 & up / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
5/18/2022	Lady Slipper Stakes	3 & up f/m / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
<b>2022 Northern Stars Preview - Wednesday, May 25 - First Post: 5PM CDT</b>				
5/25/2022	Honor The Hero Stakes	3 & up	5T Furlongs	\$50,000
5/25/2022	HBP A Distaff	3 & up f/m	8T Furlongs	\$50,000
5/25/2022	Brooks Fields Stakes	3 & up	8T Furlongs	\$50,000
<b>2022 Northern Stars Preview Purses</b>				<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>2022 Mystic Lake Northern Stars Racing Festival - Wednesday, June 22 - First Post: 5PM CDT</b>				
6/22/2022	MTA Stallion Auction Stakes	Eligible 3yo	6.5 Furlongs	\$60,000
6/22/2022	Dark Star Turf Sprint	3 & up	5T Furlongs	\$100,000
6/22/2022	Lady Canterbury Stakes	3 & up f/m	8T Furlongs	\$100,000
6/22/2022	Mystic Lake Mile	3 & up	8T Furlongs	\$100,000
6/22/2022	Curtis Sampson Oaks	3yo f	8T Furlongs	\$100,000
6/22/2022	Mystic Lake Derby	3yo	8T Furlongs	\$150,000
<b>2022 Mystic Lake Northern Stars Racing Festival Purses</b>				<b>\$610,000</b>
<b>2022 Hall of Fame Night - Saturday, July 16 - First Post: 5PM CDT</b>				
7/16/2022	Ralph Strangis Stakes	3 & up / MN-Bred	7.5T Furlongs	\$50,000
7/16/2022	Minnesota Turf Distaff	3 & up f/m / MN-Bred	7.5T Furlongs	\$50,000
7/16/2022	Victor S. Myers Stakes	3yo / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
7/16/2022	Frances Genter Stakes	3yo f / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
<b>2022 Hall of Fame Night Purses</b>				<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>2022 Made in Minnesota Night - Saturday, August 13 - First Post: 5PM CDT</b>				
8/13/2022	Minnesota Derby	3yo / MN-Bred	1 Mile 70 Yards	\$100,000
8/13/2022	Minnesota Oaks	3yo f / MN-Bred	1 Mile 70 Yards	\$100,000
8/13/2022	Wally's Choice Stakes	3 & up / MN-Bred	8.5 Furlongs	\$50,000
8/13/2022	Glitter Star Stakes	3 & up f/m / MN-Bred	8.5 Furlongs	\$50,000
<b>2022 Made in Minnesota Night Purses</b>				<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>2022 Minnesota Festival of Champions - Saturday, September 10 - First Post: 5PM CDT</b>				
9/10/2022	Northern Lights Futurity	2yo / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$100,000
9/10/2022	Northern Lights Debutante	2yo f / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$100,000
9/10/2022	Crocrock Minnesota Sprint	3 & up / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$100,000
9/10/2022	Bella Notte Minnesota Distaff Sprint	3 & up f/m / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$100,000
9/10/2022	Blair's Cove Minnesota Classic Turf	3 & up / MN-Bred	8.5T Furlongs	\$100,000
9/10/2022	Princess Elaine Minnesota Distaff Classic Turf	3 & up f/m / MN-Bred	8.5T Furlongs	\$100,000
<b>2022 Minnesota Festival of Champions Purses</b>				<b>\$600,000</b>
9/17/2022	Tom Metzen H.B.P.A Sprint Stakes	3yo & Up / NSW	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
9/17/2022	Shakopee Juvenile Stakes	2yo	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>\$2,060,000</b>