



ONTARIO QUARTER HORSE RACING
INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Four Days in July – Over \$770,000 in Purses!

Ontario racetracks offer 39 Quarter Horse races worth over \$770,000 July 2nd through 5th, including the G3 Bank of America Fort Erie Championship Challenge.

June 3, 2011, Toronto, ON – Southern Ontario is the place to race for top Quarter Horses July 2nd through July 5th. The province's two Quarter Horse racing venues, Ajax Downs and Fort Erie Race Track are preparing to host the continent's leading runners over an extended holiday weekend as they vie for AQHA championship points and lucrative purses.

Located right across the border from Buffalo, New York, the historic Fort Erie Race Track will host 18 Quarter Horse races, including six stakes, July 2nd, 3rd and 4th, in conjunction with the town of Fort Erie's famous Friendship Festival. The newly renovated Ajax Downs, located just east of Toronto (a three-hour highway trip east of Fort Erie) will offer 21 races during two full cards of Quarter Horse racing on July 3rd and July 5th. With valuable racing opportunities at both tracks during a holiday weekend for Canadians and Americans, visiting fans and horsemen should find the trip to Ontario both exciting and worthwhile.

At the Fort

Fort Erie's July *Friendship Festival of Racing* will offer over \$430,000 in Quarter Horse purses. The highlight of the meet is the G3 Bank of America Fort Erie Championship Challenge worth \$100,000-added and valuable points towards the Challenge Championship Finals. The Championship Challenge stake, a 440-yard race for three-year-olds and up is scheduled for Monday July 4th.

Five more Quarter Horse stakes will be offered during the Fort Erie *Friendship Festival of Racing*. Saturday, July 2nd, will feature the \$35,000-added Peace Bridge Stakes at 870 yards for three-year-olds and up, as well as the \$40,000-added Merial Fort Erie Distaff Challenge, a 400-yard race for three-year-old and up fillies and mares, open to AQHA Bank of America Challenge nominated horses. On Sunday, July 3rd, two \$35,000 added stakes will pit the Quarter Horses against the Thoroughbreds, sprinting short and long in the Fort Erie Battle of the Breeds stakes at 440 yards and 870 yards for three-year-olds and up. Monday, July 4th will host the \$50,000-added Can-Am Nations' Cup stake for three-year-olds and up at 300 yards in addition to the \$100,000-added G3 Bank of America Championship Challenge.

Fort Erie will offer 12 non-stakes races during the July weekend that include a mix of maiden, claiming and allowance opportunities with an average purse of \$11,300. While seven of the races are 350-yard events, three races are scheduled at 400 yards, one at 440-yards, and there is also a 110-yard event for three-year-olds and up worth \$20,000.

Top racing Quarter Horses will reconvene at Fort Erie in October for a six-day season finale of racing on the 8th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 22nd and 24th. Celebrating its 115th year, Fort Erie's Thoroughbred meet offers live racing on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays through October.

Around the lake at Ajax Downs

Boasting a new surface, grandstand and beautifully renovated facilities inside and out, Ajax Downs began its richest season to date on May 15, offering live Quarter Horse racing on Sundays and Tuesdays through to September. During two full days of racing on Sunday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 5th Ajax Downs will offer a total of \$339,000 in Quarter Horse purses.

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On July 3rd, six open races, including maiden, claiming and allowance opportunities will be offered, all at either 300 or 330-yards, with an average purse of just over \$16,000. Three races restricted to Ontario Breds are also scheduled, including a \$26,000 allowance at 300 yards.

On July 5th, 10 open races will be offered, including a \$26,000 allowance for three-year-olds and up at 330 yards, an \$18,000 allowance for four-year-olds and up at 330 yards and a \$17,000 allowance for three-year-olds at 300 yards. Two races restricted to Ontario Breds will round out a 12-race card with an average purse of \$15,700.

Range of racing opportunities

From graded stakes contenders to maiden two-year-olds, Quarter Horse competitors of various calibres and levels of experience will find racing opportunities with healthy purses in Ontario during the first week of July. The proximity of the two venues will allow those wishing to participate at both Fort Erie and Ajax Downs to take full advantage of a lucrative schedule designed to appeal to local and visiting horsemen alike.

Race conditions for both Fort Erie and Ajax Downs for July 2nd through 5th are attached.

To view or print the complete condition book for the Fort Erie July meet, visit:
www.forterieracing.com

To view or print the Ajax Downs condition book (including race conditions offered for June 2011) visit:
www.ajaxdowns.com

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The three-year Quarter Horse Racing Pilot Project at Fort Erie Race Track is an element of the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium's plan to rejuvenate live horse racing at the historic border oval. The pilot project will also serve to test the expansion of the Ontario Racing Commission's Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program.
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Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium

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The Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium offers the following race opportunities to owners of American Quarter Horses for racing at Fort Erie Racetrack, on July 2, July 3, and July 4, 2011. These race offerings also include opportunities for Thoroughbred horses and American Quarter Horses to compete in Two Races open to entries of both breeds (two mixed breed races) on July 3rd, 2011.

For information on entry forms, stakes entry requirements, and applications to reserve stall space at Fort Erie Racetrack, visit:

www.forterieracetrack.ca

FORT ERIE RACE TRACK RACE OFFERINGS AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE RACING JULY 2011

General Notes to the Offered Conditions:

1. All Races will be run under the Ontario Racing Commission Rules of Thoroughbred Racing 2009. The ORC Rules of Thoroughbred Racing are available for viewing at:

<http://www.ontarioracingcommission.ca/resources.aspx?id=141>
2. All races sanctioned by the American Quarter Horse Association and by the Bank of America Racing Challenge will be conducted under the rules set forth by the Association to the extent not to supersede or contradict the Ontario Racing Commission Rules of Thoroughbred Racing, 2009.
3. Horses enrolled in the *Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program* (OQHRIDP) are eligible for Ontario Bred Purse Bonus and Ontario Sired Purse Bonus, where race conditions meet Program eligibility requirements
4. Horses enrolled in the *Ontario Quarter Horse Racing Industry Development Program* will earn Breeders Awards, Stallion Awards and Breeder/Stallion Stakes Awards where race conditions meet Program eligibility requirements.
5. All purses offered are in Canadian dollars (Cdn. \$) unless otherwise specified.
6. Unless otherwise specified, purse distribution will be as follows:

First Place	60%
Second Place	20%
Third Place	10%
Fourth Place	4%
Fifth through last place	1%



SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2011

Entries Close Tuesday, June 29, 2011

Race 1

Quarter Horse Maiden

Purse \$11,000 (Plus \$3,500 Ontario Bred Bonus, Plus \$1,000 Ontario Sired Bonus)
FOR MAIDENS, TWO-YEARS-OLD.

Weight 124 lbs Distance 350 Yards

Race 2

Quarter Horse Maiden

Purse \$11,000 (Plus \$3,500 Ontario Bred Bonus, Plus \$1,000 Ontario Sired Bonus)
FOR MAIDENS, THREE-YEARS-OLD AND UPWARD.

Weight 124 lbs Distance 440 Yards

Race 3

Quarter Horse Claiming

Purse \$6,000 (Plus \$3,500 Ontario Bred Bonus, Plus \$1,000 Ontario Sired Bonus)
FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD, which have not won a race
In 2011. CLAIMING PRICE, \$3,500. (Winners preferred).

Weight 124 lbs Distance 350 Yards

Race 4

Quarter Horse Claiming

Purse \$7,000 (Plus \$3,500 Ontario Bred Bonus, Plus \$1,000 Ontario Sired Bonus)
FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD, which have never won
Two races. CLAIMING PRICE \$5,000. (Winners preferred).

Weight 124 lbs Distance 400 Yards

Race 5

Quarter Horse Allowance

Purse \$20,000 (Plus \$3,500 Ontario Bred Bonus, Plus \$1,000 Ontario Sired Bonus)
FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD.

Weight 124 lbs Distance 110 Yards

Race 6

Quarter Horse Allowance

Purses \$12,000 (Plus \$3,500 Ontario Bred Incentive, \$1,000 Ontario Sired)
FOR FILLIES AND MARES, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD, Which have never
won two race. (Winners preferred).

Weight 124 lbs Distance 350 Yards

Race 7

Quarter Horse Allowance

Purse \$ 13,000 (Plus \$3,500 Ontario Bred Bonus, Plus \$1,000 Ontario Sired Bonus)
FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD, which have never won Three races.
(Winners of two races preferred)

Weight 124 lbs Distance 400 Yards



SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2011

Entries Close, Thursday, June 30, 2011

Race 1

Quarter Horse Maiden

Purse \$11,000 (Plus \$3,500 Ontario Bred Bonus, Plus \$1,000 Ontario Sired Bonus)
FOR MAIDEN FILLIES, TWO YEARS OLD.

Weight 124 lbs Distance 350 Yards

Race 2

Quarter Horse Allowance

Purses \$12,000 (Plus \$3,500 Ontario Bred Bonus, Plus \$1,000 Ontario Sired Bonus)
FOR THREE YEAR OLDS, which have never won two races.

Weight 124 lbs Distance 350 Yards

Race 3

Mixed Stakes

BATTLE OF THE BREEDS SUMMER CHALLENGE **\$35,000 ADDED**

FOR QUARTER HORSES AND THOROUGHBREDS, THREE-YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. By free subscription. \$500 CAD to pass the entry box, \$500 CAD to start, with \$35,000 added. The \$35,000 added and all fees to be divided 40% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 8% to fourth, 7% to fifth, 5% to sixth, 4% to seventh, 3% to eighth, 2% to ninth and 1% to tenth. Weight 124 lbs. This race will be limited to ten (10) starters with preference to the five (5) Quarter Horses and five (5) Thoroughbreds with highest earnings in 2010 and 2011. If not enough horses of either breed enter to fill their available positions, the remaining vacant positions will be filled by the opposite breed.

Nominations close through the QROOI offices on June 22, 2011. 440 YARDS

Race 4

Mixed Stakes

BATTLE OF THE BREEDS SUMMER DISTANCE CHALLENGE **\$35,000 ADDED**

FOR QUARTER HORSES AND THOROUGHBREDS, THREE-YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. By free subscription. \$500 CAD to pass the entry box, \$500 CAD to start, with \$35,000 added. The \$35,000 added and all fees to be divided 43% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 8% to fourth, 7% to fifth, 5% to sixth, 4% to seventh, and 3% to eighth. Weight 124 lbs. This race will be limited to Eight (8) starters with preference to the four (4) Quarter Horses and four (4) Thoroughbreds with highest earnings in 2010 and 2011. If not enough horses of either breed enter to fill their available positions, the remaining vacant positions will be filled by the opposite breed.

Nominations close through the QROOI offices on June 22, 2011. 870 YARDS

Substitute Race 1

Quarter Horse Maiden

Purse \$11,000 (Plus \$3,500 Ontario Bred Bonus, Plus \$1,000 Ontario Sired Bonus)
FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD.

Weight 124 lbs Distance 350 Yards



Substitute Race 1

Quarter Horse Maiden

Purse \$11,000 (Plus \$3,500 Ontario Bred Bonus, Plus \$1,000 Ontario Sired Bonus)

FOR MAIDEN FILLIES, THREE YEARS OLD.

Weight

124 lbs

Distance

350 Yards

AJAX DOWNS CONDITIONS

Day 14, Sunday, July 3, 2011
Enter Thursday, June 30, 2011 before 10 AM

FIRST RACE		QH 3 & Up, MAIDEN
1	PURSE \$15,500. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR ONTARIO BRED MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Weight	124 lbs. TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY YARDS
SECOND RACE		QH 3 & Up, ALLOWANCE
2	PURSE \$17,500. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY YARDS
THIRD RACE		QH 3 & Up, ALLOWANCE
3	PURSE \$26,000. (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR OTHER SOURCES) (INCLUDES \$10,000 FOR OTHER SOURCES) FOR ONTARIO BRED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD OPEN. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED YARDS
FOURTH RACE		QH 3 & Up, CLAIMING \$7,000
4	PURSE \$12,000. (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR OTHER SOURCES) FOR ONTARIO BRED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WITH AN AVERAGE SPEED INDEX OF 75 AND UNDER. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED YARDS
FIFTH RACE		QH Four Year Olds and Upward, CLAIMING \$10,000
5	PURSE \$14,500. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY YARDS
SIXTH RACE		QH Four Year Olds and Upward, ALLOWANCE
6	PURSE \$16,000. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD NON EARNERS OF \$3,500 SINCE JULY 1, 2010 AND WHICH HAVE STARTED AT AJAX DOWNS. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED YARDS
SEVENTH RACE		QH Four Year Olds and Upward, ALLOWANCE
7	PURSE \$17,500. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, TRIAL OR SPEED INDEX. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY YARDS
EIGHTH RACE		QH 2 yo, MAIDEN
8	PURSE \$15,500. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED YARDS
NINTH RACE		QH 3 & Up, ALLOWANCE
9	PURSE \$16,000. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD NON EARNERS OF \$1,000 SINCE MAY 1, 2011 AND WHICH HAVE STARTED AT AJAX DOWNS IN 2011. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED YARDS

AJAX DOWNS CONDITIONS

Day 15, Tuesday, July 5, 2011
Enter Friday, July 1, 2011 before 10 AM

FIRST RACE		QH 3 & Up, MAIDEN
1	PURSE \$15,500. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR MAIDENS, THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED YARDS
SECOND RACE		QH 3 & Up, ALLOWANCE
2	PURSE \$26,000. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) (INCLUDES \$10,000 FOR OTHER SOURCES) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD OPEN. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY YARDS
THIRD RACE		QH Four Year Olds and Upward, ALLOWANCE
3	PURSE \$18,000. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY YARDS
FOURTH RACE		QH 3 & Up, CLAIMING \$15,000
4	PURSE \$12,000. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WITH AN AVERAGE SPEED INDEX OF 80 AND UNDER. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED YARDS
FIFTH RACE		QH 3 & Up, CLAIMING \$4,000
5	PURSE \$13,000. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY YARDS
SIXTH RACE		QH 3 & Up, ALLOWANCE
6	PURSE \$17,000. (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR OTHER SOURCES) FOR ONTARIO BRED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY YARDS
SEVENTH RACE		QH 3 & Up, STARTER ALLOWANCE
7	PURSE \$14,500. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$10,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE STARTED AT AJAX DOWNS. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED YARDS
EIGHTH RACE		QH 2 yo, MAIDEN
8	PURSE \$15,500. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR MAIDENS, TWO YEARS OLD. Weight	124 lbs. TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY YARDS
NINTH RACE		QH 3 & Up, ALLOWANCE
9	PURSE \$16,000. (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR OTHER SOURCES) FOR ONTARIO BRED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON TWO RACES SINCE JULY 1, 2010. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED YARDS
TENTH RACE		QH 3 & Up, CLAIMING \$7,000
10	PURSE \$12,000. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WITH AN AVERAGE SPEED INDEX OF 75 AND UNDER. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY YARDS
ELEVENTH RACE		QH 3 yo, ALLOWANCE
11	PURSE \$17,000. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED YARDS
TWELFTH RACE		QH 3 & Up, SPEED INDEX RACE
12	PURSE \$12,000. (INCLUDES \$3,500 FOR ONTARIO BRED) (INCLUDES \$1,000 FOR ONTARIO SIRE) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WITH A SPEED INDEX NEVER BETTER THAN 89 IN THE LAST FOUR STARTS. Weight	124 lbs. THREE HUNDRED YARDS