



ROCKY MOUNTAIN TURF CLUB 2026 THOROUGHBRED STAKES

Preferences for SPRING and FALL Stakes *version February 11, 2026*

ALL CANADIAN BRED HORSES MUST REGISTERED AND HAVE CTHS REGISTRATION PAPERS

- **NOTE: Preferences 5 & 6 apply only in the Spring Meet they do not apply in the Fall Meet****
- **These preferences apply to all Stakes races - with additional preference for specific Stakes (Alberta Breds and “B” Cup stakes) as listed below.**

PREFERENCES

1. Winner in a Stake Race in 2026
2. Placed 2nd in a Stake Race in 2026
3. Placed 3rd in a Stake Race in 2026
4. Winner in an Open Allowance Race in 2026
5. **Placed 2nd in an Open Allowance Race in 2026****
6. **Placed 3rd in an Open Allowance Race in 2026****
7. Winner of an Open Claiming Race in 2026 (highest claiming price preferred)
8. RMTC starters in 2026 preferred
 - RMTC placed starters in 2026 preferred first if both horses have same preference.
Eg) Both horses have won an open allowance race, the winner at RMTC will be preferred over the other horse. This preference will be considered before the year earnings. Earnings are determined by the Incompass Equibase data reportings for 2026.
 - Horses with equal preference, starters will be determined based on Equibase reported earnings.
 - Races considered Stakes are if total purse money is \$10,000 or more.
 - Any Stake for less than \$10,000 will be considered an Open Allowance race.
An Open Allowance must be a race that is open with no conditions or restriction.
 - If the purse is less than **\$7,800** it will be considered a Claiming race. The total purse will then become a claiming price for the preference. Eg, The purse total of \$3,200 would then be an Open Claiming \$3,200.
 - To be considered a STAKE race, the condition must be OPEN (Exception would be Alberta Bred Stake races, “B” Cup Stake races, ACTRA Alberta Bred Stake races) as long as the total purse is \$10,000+
 - Thoroughbred Stakes are open **only** to Thoroughbred horses.
 - **Money earned in MAIDEN races is not considered for Stake races. This does not apply to 2 yr olds**
 - **2 year olds Starters in are preferred over horses that have only entered. (also see preferences for B Cup.**

ALBERTA BRED STAKES

- To be eligible a horse **must** be foaled in Alberta. Then the above preferences apply.

“B” CUP STAKES

For horses that have run at Alberta “B” tracks, Lethbridge, Millarville, Grande Prairie

- A horse **must** have at least 3 starts on a “B” track in Alberta in 2026 of which a minimum of 2 start must be at RMTC then the above preferences apply. **(all 3 starts can be at RMTC.)**
- **2 year olds** must have 1 start on a “B” track in Alberta **OR** have been entered a minimum of 1 time. ***Starters in Alberta are preferred over horses that have only entered.***
at RMTC and the race did not fill (this applies only to 2 year olds for “B” Cup Stakes). Then the above preferences apply.
- “B” Tracks include Lethbridge Spring & Fall meets, Millarville and Grande Prairie

NOTE: The 2 starts at RMTC (3 starts on a “B” track 2 at RMTC applies only to the “B” Cup Stake.

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Starter Allowance Races are NOT Stakes races - the above 8 preferences do not apply.

STARTER ALLOWANCE SPRINT and DISTANCE RACES

- To be eligible for the Starter Allowance Fall races, a horse **must** have been eligible to be claimed on or after January 1, 2026 for **\$4,000 or less**. (This is because bottom claiming is \$3,200) (No Waiver Claiming starts would apply).
- If the race overfills starters will be determined by total earnings as reported to Equibase in 2026.
- For the 2nd leg starters from the 1st leg are preferred. Then remainder of the field will be determined by total earnings in 2026.
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OTHER

- All original physical Horse Registration Papers, digital certificates and coggins must be in the race office before entering.
- House Silks are to be worn in all stakes races.
- Other Considerations to fill races may be considered.
- Names of races may be added to accommodate sponsors.
- RMTC reserves the right to cancel, reschedule, change the date, change preferences or make changes on any stake at any time if deemed necessary.

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