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THE « *COUPE DE L'AVENIR* » 2026

FOR 2-YEAR-OLD HORSES IN 2026,
BORN FROM A QUEBEC MARE AND/OR A QUEBEC STALLION

FINALS: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

NOMINATION DEADLINE	April 15, 2026	200 \$
LATE NOMINATION DEADLINE	June 15, 2026	1 000 \$
STARTING FEES (for each elimination race)		200 \$

TOTAL ESTIMATED PURSE

300 000 \$

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NOTE: Please take note that the French version of the conditions for the "Coupe de L'Avenir" will be considered as the official version by R.A.C.J. (Quebec racing commission).

PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

DEFINITIONS: In this text, the following words and expressions have the following meanings:

QUEBEC MARE: A mare registered with Standardbred Canada in the broodmare program within the pre-approved deadlines set by the CJQ. The mare must have resided in Quebec for a total of 200 days (consecutive or not) during the calendar year when she was bred and must have foaled in Quebec unless exceptions were authorized by the CJQ, as described in the broodmare section on the Club Jockey du Québec website:

[CJQ Broodmare Registration](#)

QUEBEC STALLION: A stallion registered with the RACJ and exclusively used for breeding in Quebec during the year of registration.

DIVISION: A race within an event where registered horses are divided into multiple races based on the number of entries.

REGISTERED: A horse that has been officially entered into a given event following the established rules.

STARTER: A horse that takes part in a race.

POINT: Unit awarded to a horse participating in an elimination heat according to the finishing order of the horses in the final position.

CJQ: Club Jockey du Québec

RACJ: Régie des Alcools, des Courses et des Jeux (Quebec Alcohol, Racing, and Gaming Commission).

RULES: The Rules for Standardbred horse races held on a professional racetrack (c.C-72.1, r.4). All these rules apply to the current program.

1. SPONSORSHIP : The Coupe de l'Avenir is a special race program with purses sponsored by the Club Jockey du Québec.

2. ELIGIBILITY: All Standardbred horses born from a Quebec mare and/or a Quebec stallion, as defined above, are eligible.

3. COUPE DE L'AVENIR : The « Coupe de l'Avenir » consists of three (3) categories:

2-Year-Old Filly Pacers

2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pacers

2-Year-Old Mixed Trotters

Each category includes three (3) elimination races and one (1) final race.

Each elimination race may have multiple divisions.

Each participating horse earns points (see Article 18).

4. NOMINATION & LATE NOMINATION: A nomination fee of \$200, or, if applicable, a late nomination fee of \$1,000, must be paid in Canadian cash, online, or by check (in Canadian dollars and drawn on a Canadian bank) payable to **Club Jockey du Québec**. The payment must be sent or delivered to the **Club Jockey du Québec** office no later than the specified deadlines: **April 15, 2026**, for the regular nomination or **June 15, 2026**, for the late nomination.

A late nomination is exclusively applicable in the event of a missed regular nomination.

A separate nomination form must be duly completed for each horse. This form is available at the **Club Jockey du Québec** office, on the **CJQ** website, and at the administrative office of **Hippodrome 3R**.

5. WITHDRAWAL OF A NOMINATION: In the case of a nomination or, if applicable, a late nomination, a stop payment will not be considered a valid withdrawal. A withdrawal form, available upon request, must be sent or delivered to the Club Jockey du Québec office no later than the deadline by which the respective payment is required.

6. RESPONSIBILITY: As a courtesy, Club Jockey du Québec will make every effort to notify its clients of the required payments. However, whether or not a notice is received, it remains the sole responsibility of the owner, owner's agent, or trainer to ensure that payments are submitted by the specified date and time.

Club Jockey du Québec assumes no responsibility for the eligibility or ineligibility of a horse.

7. PAYMENT TERMS: Nomination fees, or if applicable, late nomination fees, must be paid in Canadian cash, online, or by check (in Canadian dollars and drawn on a Canadian bank) payable to Club Jockey du Québec.

For payments made by mail, a postmark is mandatory, and Club Jockey du Québec will consider the payment received on the date and time of the postmark.

To avoid any misunderstandings, Club Jockey du Québec strongly recommends sending nomination payments, or if applicable, late nomination payments, via registered mail.

If a payment is not received within the required timeframe, Club Jockey du Québec will not accept postal service delays as a valid excuse and assumes no responsibility in this regard.

It is the responsibility of the owner, owner's agent, or trainer to ensure that Club Jockey du Québec receives the required payments by the specified deadline.

For payments made via a courier service licensed for trucking in Canada, Club Jockey du Québec will consider the payment received on the date and time it is received by the courier service.

A check returned by the bank with the notation "insufficient funds" will be considered as not having been made, with the corresponding consequences, particularly regarding the strict deadline requirements.

8. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS: For a horse to be eligible to compete in a Coupe de L'Avenir event, the owner, owner's agent, or trainer must:

Register the horse for the event.

Ensure the horse's eligibility, including the payment of all nomination fees or, if applicable, late nomination fees;

Ensure that at the time of the horse's registration for a "Coupe de L'Avenir" race, the horse meets the qualification standards outlined in Article 175, except for paragraph 1, sections 5 and 6, and that the horse's name does not appear on the qualifying list, except under Article 84, sections 6, 7, and 8 of the Rules;

Ensure that for elimination races, the starting fees are paid within the required deadlines.

Club Jockey du Québec reserves the right to conduct or request an age verification for colts and fillies based on two criteria, the horse registration certificate and an examination of the horse dentition.

9. ENTRY PROCEDURE: The registration of a horse for an elimination race is mandatory and must be completed at the race office of Hippodrome 3R before the specified entry deadline for the respective event.

The owner, owner's agent, or trainer may withdraw the horse's entry before the closing time of the event's registration period.

Subject to Article 25 of this document, the entry deadline (date and time) for a Coupe de L'Avenir event will be as indicated in the official event calendar approved by the RACJ and published by Club Jockey du Québec (CJQ).

10. STARTING FEES: A starting fee is a required payment for a horse entered in an elimination race of the Coupe de L'Avenir.

For each elimination race, a starting fee of \$200 must be paid in Canadian cash, online, or by check (in Canadian dollars and drawn on a Canadian bank) payable to **Club Jockey du Québec**. The payment must be made no later than one hour before post time.

However, Club Jockey du Québec reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to require that the starting fees be paid in a specific form from one or more individuals.

Regardless of whether the horse starts the race or not, the starting fee remains due and must be paid to a mandated person by Hippodrome 3R, unless the entry was withdrawn before the closing time of entries.

If the starting fee is not paid within the required timeframe, the horse will be removed from the list of starters, and the fee will still be owed.

11. RETENTION BARN: Club Jockey du Québec reserves the right, with prior notice, to require that all horses or specific horses be placed in a retention barn. During retention, the procedures outlined in Part IV of the Track Rules of Club Jockey du Québec (CJQ) and Hippodrome 3R shall apply.

12. NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS: If one or more eligibility or participation conditions for a Coupe de L'Avenir event are not met, the horse will not be allowed to compete in the respective event.

In the event of non-payment within the required deadlines for nomination fees, late nomination fees, starting fees, or any other fees related to the Coupe de l'Avenir, Club Jockey du Québec reserves the right to deny entry to the concerned horse, as well as any other horse owned by the same owner(s), in any event sponsored in whole or in part by Club Jockey du Québec, until all outstanding amounts have been fully paid.

Furthermore, even if the horse changes ownership, Club Jockey du Québec reserves the right to refuse its entry in any event sponsored in whole or in part by Club Jockey du Québec, until the outstanding amounts have been fully recovered.

13. MINIMUM NUMBER OF HORSES REQUIRED: For an elimination race to be held, a minimum of five (5) entries from different interests is required; otherwise, the elimination may be canceled.

The final of a category will be held regardless of the number of horses entered.

14. EVENT DISTANCE: All races will be contested over a distance of one (1) mile.

15. ELIMINATIONS AND STARTERS: For each elimination race in each category, if more than nine (9) horses are entered to start, the elimination will be held in divisions with a maximum of nine (9) starters per division.

For the final in each category, the maximum number of starters will be eight (8).

16. STARTING POSITION: Starting positions will be determined by a random draw.

All draws will be conducted using a computer program provided to the Club Jockey du Québec by Standardbred Canada and/or by a manual draw conducted in the presence of two (2) participating witnesses (as per RACJ Rules, Article 211).

All draws are public and will take place at the race office of Hippodrome 3R on the date and time of the entry deadline, as indicated in the event calendar approved by the RACJ and published by the Club Jockey du Québec.

17. FINAL EVENT: To be eligible for the final of a category, a horse must have started in at least two (2) elimination races.

In each category, the eight (8) horses that have accumulated the most points during the eliminations will be eligible for the final. In the event of a tie, the final starter(s) will be determined by a random draw among the tied horses in that category.

If one or more of the top eight (8) horses in points is not entered for the final, the next highest-ranked horse (9th, and so on) will be eligible to fill the field.

If more than eight (8) horses are entered in the race, one horse will be designated as "also eligible." This horse will be the ninth (9th) highest in points and will also be offered a place in the consolation race, if applicable. If the "also eligible" horse enters the **Coupe de l'Avenir** due to a late scratch, it will be automatically removed from the consolation race, if applicable.

If a withdrawal occurs in the **Coupe de l'Avenir** after the entry deadline, and the "also eligible" horse is entered in the consolation race, it will be required to start in the **Coupe de l'Avenir** and will take the starting position of the withdrawn horse.

18. POINT: In each elimination race of each category, points are awarded to each horse based on its finishing position as follows:

- 50 points : 1st place
- 25 points : 2nd place
- 12 points : 3rd place
- 8 points : 4th place
- 5 points : 5th place
- 1 point : 6th place or lower

If horses finish in a dead heat, they will equally share the total points that would have been awarded had they finished in successive positions.

If an elimination race is canceled under Article 13, each horse entered in that elimination will receive **1 point** as compensation. However, the purse allocated for that elimination race will not be transferred to any other **Coupe de l'Avenir** event, including the final.

If a horse's official finishing position is marked as "**DNF**" (**Did Not Finish**) or "**DQ**" (**Disqualified**), no points will be awarded to that horse.

19. GUARANTEED PURSES: All purses are offered in **Canadian dollars** and are **guaranteed**. They include all nomination fees, starting fees, and, if applicable, late nomination fees. No additional amounts will be added to the announced purses.

The purse amounts (*) applicable to each race, or each division of a race, if applicable, are as follows:

- Elimination Races: **One (1) division:** \$10,000 purse; **Two (2) divisions:** \$7,500 purse per division; **Three (3) or more divisions:** \$6,500 purse per division.
- Final: \$55,000:

The awarded purses will be distributed in accordance with the rules.

20. PURSE DISTRIBUTION: The purse awarded for a race or event will be distributed as follows:

- 5, 6, 7, 8 et 9 starters: 50%, 25%, 12%, 8%, 5%.
- 4 starters: 50%, 25%, 15%, 10%.
- 3 starters: 55%, 30%, 15%.
- 2 starters: 65%, 35%.
- 1 starter: 100%.

21. VALIDATION: The information obtained from Standardbred Canada regarding each horse will be considered official.

22. BREEDER'S BONUS: As defined in the breeding policy of Club Jockey du Québec, a bonus will be awarded to the breeder of a 2-year-old horse in 2026 that is sired by a Quebec-based stallion and/or out of a Quebec-based mare. The bonus will be equal to a percentage of the earnings accumulated by the horse in the 2025 Coupe de l'Avenir races, as specified in the breeding policy of Club Jockey du Québec.

23. DRIVER COMPENSATION: Club Jockey du Québec reserves the right to deduct an amount equal to 5% of each share of the purse won by a horse, in addition to any applicable taxes, to be awarded to the driver of that horse.

24. TRAINER COMPENSATION: Club Jockey du Québec reserves the right to deduct an amount equal to 5% of each share of the purse won by a horse, in addition to any applicable taxes, to be awarded to the trainer of that horse.

25. SCHEDULE MODIFICATION: Club Jockey du Québec reserves the right to modify the dates and locations listed in the 2026 Coupe de l'Avenir event schedule, subject to RACJ approval. CJQ will take the necessary steps to inform the concerned parties, but it remains the responsibility of the owner, the owner's agent, or the trainer to stay informed about the dates and post times of the event.

26. INTERPRETATION: The eligibility and participation conditions for the 2026 Coupe de l'Avenir have been approved by Club Jockey du Québec and the RACJ.

Any interpretation of this program falls under the exclusive jurisdiction of the RACJ.

2026 COUPE DE L'AVENIR EVENT SCHEDULE

HELD AT HIPPODROME 3R

2-YEAR-OLD TROT (MIXED)

First Elimination:	Thursday, July 23, 2026
Second Elimination:	Thursday, August 13, 2026
Third Elimination:	Thursday, August 27, 2026
Final:	Sunday, September 13, 2026

2-YEAR-OLD PACING FILLIES

First Elimination:	Sunday, July 26, 2026
Second Elimination:	Sunday, August 16, 2026
Third Elimination:	Sunday, August 30, 2026
Final:	Sunday, September 13, 2026

2-YEAR-OLD PACING COLTS

First Elimination:	Sunday, July 26, 2026
Second Elimination:	Sunday, August 16, 2026
Third Elimination:	Sunday, August 30, 2026
Final:	Sunday, September 13, 2026



**NOMINATION
(or Late Nomination)
COUPE DE L'AVENIR 2026
FOR 2-YEAR-OLD HORSES IN 2026**

Nomination	200 \$CA	April 15, 2026
Late nomination	1 000 \$CA	June 15, 2026
Starting Fee (for each elimination race)	200 \$CA	

Eligibility : Any Standardbred horse foaled from a Québec Broodmare and/or sired by a Québec Stallion, as per the following definitions:
Québec Broodmare: A broodmare registered with Standardbred Canada under the broodmare program within the pre-approved deadlines set by Club Jockey du Québec (CJQ). The mare must have resided in Québec for a total of 200 days, whether consecutive or not, during the calendar year in which she was bred and must have foaled in the province of Québec, except in cases where exemptions are granted by CJQ. These exemptions and specific details regarding broodmare registration are outlined in the broodmare section of the Club Jockey du Québec website: <https://hippodrome3r.ca/club-jockey/hommes-a-chevaux/enregistrement-des-juments/>
Québec Stallion: A stallion registered with the RACJ and used exclusively for breeding in Québec during the calendar year of registration.

Conditions :

The registration of a horse is mandatory and must be completed at the race office of Hippodrome 3R before the designated deadline for event entries.

For an elimination race to be held, a minimum of five (5) entries from different interests is required; otherwise, the race may be canceled. However, the final for each category will be held regardless of the number of horses entered.

If more than nine (9) horses are entered in an elimination race, the race will be split into divisions, with a maximum of nine (9) starters per division. The final in each category will have a maximum of eight (8) starters.

To be eligible for the final of a category, a horse must have competed in at least two (2) elimination races. In each category, the eight (8) horses that have accumulated the most points during the eliminations will be eligible for the final. An also eligible horse may be added to each category. In case of a tie, the final spot will be determined by random draw among the tied horses.

In each elimination race, points are awarded based on finishing position according to the 50-25-12-8-5 system. Any horse finishing 6th or beyond will receive 1 point.

All purses are guaranteed in Canadian dollars and include nomination fees, starting fees, and late nomination fees, if applicable. No additional amounts will be added to the advertised purses.

The purse structure for each race, or its divisions (if applicable), is as follows:

Elimination races : One (1) division : \$10,000; Two (2) divisions : \$7,500\$; Three (3) or more divisions : \$6,500. Final : \$55,000\$

The distribution of a purse awarded for a race or for an event in a race is allocated as follows:

5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 starters : 50%, 25%, 12%, 8%, 5% ; 4 starters : 50%, 25%, 15%, 10% ; 3 starters : 55%, 30%, 15% ; 2 starters : 65%, 35% ; 1 starter : 100%

The draw is conducted using a computerized program provided by Standardbred Canada and/or a manual draw using a draw drum (boulier) in the presence of two witnesses (as per RACJ Rules, Article 211).

All races are contested over a distance of one (1) mile.

The information obtained from Standardbred Canada regarding each horse will be considered official.

Club Jockey du Québec and Hippodrome 3R reserve the right, with prior notice, to require certain horses or all horses to be brought to a retention barn. The retention procedures will follow the Part IV Track Rules of Club Jockey du Québec and Hippodrome 3R.

The Racing Rules of the Régie des Alcools, des Courses et des Jeux (RACJ) shall apply.

HORSE NAME	TATTOO	GAIT	AGE	SEXE	FATHER	MOTHER	
							\$
							\$
						TOTAL:	\$

SEND TO: Club Jockey du Québec 1850 boul. Des Forges, Trois-Rivières, Québec G8Z 0A2, Phone : 819 374-6734, Fax : 819 374-5349

I hereby nominate the horses listed above to the Coupe de l'Avenir 2026 and agree to the terms and conditions of participation outlined in this document.

OWNER OR AGENT NAME : _____

ADDRESS : _____

TOWN : _____ PROVINCE/STATE : _____

PHONE : (_____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

SIGNATURE : _____ DATE : _____