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EARLY NOMINATIONS FOR 2024 TRIPLE CROWN SERIES NOW OPEN

Nominations Can Be Made Online at www.thetriplecrown.com

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, Jan. 12, 2024) – Early nominations for 3-year-old Thoroughbreds to become eligible to compete in the 2024 Triple Crown with a \$600 payment are now available to be made online at www.thetriplecrown.com.

The 2024 Triple Crown opens Saturday, May 4 with the 150th running of the \$5 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) at 1 ¼ miles at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. The 149th running of the \$1.5 million Preakness (GI), its 1 3/16-mile second jewel, is set for Saturday, May 18 at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Md. The 156th running of the \$2 million Belmont Stakes (GI), the series' 1 ¼-mile final leg, is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 at Saratoga Racecourse.

The early nomination phase will close Monday, Jan. 29. Payments can only be made online at www.thetriplecrown.com.

Horses not nominated by Jan. 29 can still be nominated to the Triple Crown with a late \$6,000 payment due Monday, April 1.

Last year's early Triple Crown nominations attracted 369 horses and 13 late nominees.

Horses under the care of any trainer suspended from competing in the 2024 Kentucky Derby or the 2024 Kentucky Oaks (GI) (as applicable) must be transferred to a non-suspended trainer by Jan. 29 to become eligible for the applicable race. Horses under the care of a suspended trainer will become eligible to earn qualifying points on the Road to the Kentucky Derby or Road to the Kentucky Oaks on a forward-looking basis after the transfer is complete so long as the transfer is complete by the Jan. 29 deadline.

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