

Pocono Downs October 9, 2010

Harness Racing's Premier Day to be presented in Pennsylvania

Cranbury, NJ...The Breeders Crown, harness racing's \$7 million year-end series, will officially take place on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010 at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The second Saturday in October became the winning date when the 2010 World Equestrian Games displaced the Grand Circuit meet at Lexington's Red Mile. This created an opportunity to return the Breeders Crown back to its traditional October date. Eliminations would take place the prior week.

"Mohegan Sun at Pocono made the commitment to be the first track to host all 12 divisional championships on the same night, and we wanted to make sure we chose the best possible date, taking many factors into consideration." said Tom Charters, president and CEO of the Hambletonian Society, which owns and services the events. "We worked with the existing stakes schedule and the Red Mile to try to optimize the situation for all involved."

Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs highly anticipates its opportunity to share the racing spotlight with the worlds finest harness horses, competing for over seven million dollars in purses. "We are proud to host the premier day in harness racing and deliver a major sporting event to Northeastern, Pennsylvania," said Robert Soper, President and CEO of Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs. "We expect a big crowd, a festive atmosphere and the best competitors in the sport. It should be a spectacular day."

Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs will be the 30th host track and the first new venue since Colonial Downs in 1998 to host the series. The five-eighths-mile oval is the first to stage all 12 events on a single night.