

NORTH AMERICAN BLACK-TYPE REQUIREMENTS

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In 2014, for a stakes race in the United States and Canada to receive black type in SITA catalogues, it must:

- have a minimum purse value of \$50,000 distributed on the day of the race
- have a Black-Type Race Quality Score equal to or above the established minimum Race Quality Score for its age/sex division
- close at least 72 hours in advance of its running, have a fee paid by the owner of the entrant, and have a total purse value distributed on the day of the race equal to or greater than the established minimum
- have all entries be eligible for the purse monies used to determine the minimum purse value for black type or Listed status
- not have restrictions other than state-bred, non-winners of a sweepstakes, sales graduates or stallions' progeny
- not contain a preference clause(s) based on criteria unrelated to the quality of the horse if such preference clause(s) could possibly exclude any horse(s) of superior quality from competing

A Black-Type Race Quality Score is the average of the Annual Race Quality Score for each of a race's last three renewals. The Annual Race Quality Score is the combination of the speed figures assigned to a race by Bloodstock Research Information Systems (BRIS), *Daily Racing Form* (Beyer), Equibase and Thoro-Graph. The speed figure assigned to a race is the average of the speed figure assigned to the top four finishers in the race.

If a race has a Black-Type Race Quality Score and an Annual Race Quality Score for the most current renewal below the established minimum Race Quality Score for its age/sex division, then it will lose its black-type status.

A race that is not conducted for two consecutive years will lose its black-type status.

For turf races the three most current turf renewals will be used to calculate the Black-Type Race Quality Score.

A race that has lost black-type status must be conducted two times subsequent to losing its black-type status before being evaluated for reinstatement of black-type status. The race must have a Black-Type Race Quality Score and an Annual Race Quality Score for the most current renewal equal to or above the established minimum Race Quality Score for its age/sex division in order for black-type status to be reinstated.

Starting in 2014 and thereafter, new races created and existing races with material changes to their conditions will be submitted to a committee of the International Catalogue Standards Committee (ICSC) for review prior to the inaugural running to determine if the inaugural

running will receive black-type status. To be eligible for review by a committee a new race must have a minimum purse of \$75,000 available to all entries and appear in the track's published stakes book. New races eligible for review and existing races with material changes to the conditions must be submitted to the committee no less than 30 days prior to the start of a track's race meet in which the new race is to be run.

A race granted black-type status for its inaugural running will need to run under essentially the same conditions for each of its first two renewals, including having a purse of no less than \$75,000 available to all entries, and achieve an Annual Race Quality Score for each of its first two renewals equal to or above the minimum Race Quality Score for its age/sex division. The inaugural running must achieve an Annual Race Quality Score equal to or above the minimum Race Quality Score for its age/sex division for the second running to maintain black-type status.

New races created in 2014 and thereafter with a purse of less than \$75,000 available to all entries must run twice under essentially the same conditions before being evaluated for black-type status. To receive black-type status for its third running a new race will need to achieve an Annual Race Quality Score for each of its first two renewals equal to or above the minimum Race Quality Score for its age/sex division.

Notice of race name changes must be submitted to a committee of the ICSC no less than 30 days prior to the start of a track's race meet in which the race is to be run.