

## Higher Purses, Stakes Program Will Greet Suffolk Horsemen

Horsemen will return to Suffolk Downs to the second purse increase in as many years. The NEHBPA and Suffolk have agreed to raise purses in all categories for the 2008 meet which begins on Saturday, May 3. In addition, six to eight \$50,000 overnight stakes will be added to the racing program to go along with the MassCap and the Moseley. "I am pleased that we continue to move forward with purses and have the start of an overnight stakes program", said NEHBPA President Al Balestra. "This increase, despite the winter simulcasting handle being down, shows the commitment of Suffolk Downs and the NEHBPA to improve the quality of racing for our local horsemen."

### SUFFOLK PURSE COMPARISONS (2006-present)

Level	Category	2006	2007	<b>2008</b>
\$4,000	Beaten	6,200	7,000	<b>7,300</b>
\$4,000	Open	7,000	8,000	<b>8,300</b>
\$5,000	Lifetime	6,200	7,000	<b>7,300</b>
\$5,000	Open	8,000	9,000	<b>9,300</b>
\$6,250	Open	9,000	10,000	<b>10,300</b>
\$8,000	Open	10,000	11,000	<b>11,300</b>
\$10,000	Open	11,500	12,500	<b>12,800</b>
\$12,500	Lifetime	9,000	10,000	<b>10,300</b>
\$12,500	Open	12,700	13,700	<b>14,000</b>
\$16,000	Open	14,000	15,000	<b>15,300</b>
\$20,000	Open	15,000	16,000	<b>16,300</b>
\$25,000	Open	16,000	17,000	<b>17,300</b>
\$5,000	Starter	10,500	11,500	<b>11,800</b>
\$5,000	Maiden	6,200	7,000	<b>7,300</b>
\$12,500	Maiden	8,500	9,500	<b>9,800</b>
\$16,000	Maiden	10,000	11,000	<b>11,300</b>
MdSpWt	Allowance	16,000	17,000	<b>17,300</b>
Allow.	a other	17,000	18,100	<b>18,400</b>
Allow.	2 other	18,000	19,100	<b>19,400</b>
Allow.	3 other	19,000	20,100	<b>20,400</b>
Allow.	2 Lifetime	17,000	18,100	<b>18,400</b>
Allow.	3 Lifetime	18,000	19,100	<b>19,400</b>
Allow.	Money	22,000	23,100	<b>23,400</b>
Stakes	Overnight	40,000	45,000	<b>50,000</b>