The 2012 Continental Diamond $3,500 Claiming Sprint Series

The 2012 Continental Diamond Claiming Sprint Series will consist of three weeks of qualifying races for Colts & Geldings and three weeks of qualifying races for Fillies & Mares. The series will conclude with a $25,000 Championship for Colts & Geldings and a $25,000 Championship for Fillies & Mares.

Fillies & Mares Series		
Championship Series Qualifying Races		**$25,000 Finals**
June 14	5 Furlongs	August 2 5.5 Furlongs
June 28	5.5 Furlongs	
July 12	6 Furlongs	

Colts & Geldings Series		
Championship Series Qualifying Races		**$25,000 Finals**
June 21	5 Furlongs	August 9 5.5 Furlongs
July 5	5.5 Furlongs	
July 19	6 Furlongs	

Championship Series Qualifying Races:

Weeks 1 & 2: $3,500 Claiming Races will be contested on June 14 and June 21.

June 14	**June 21**
Fillies & Mares	Colts & Geldings
5 Furlongs	5 Furlongs

Weeks 3 & 4: Claiming Races will be contested on June 28 and July 5. The number of points the horse has previously earned in the 2012 Canterbury Claiming Sprint Series will determine the claiming price the horse is required to run for.

June 28	**July 5**
Fillies & Mares	Colts & Geldings
5 and ½ Furlongs	5 and ½ Furlongs

June 28 and July 5 Claiming Price Matrix		
Points Earned		**Claiming Price**
0	**Claiming Price:** June 28 or July 5	$3,500
1 - 5		$5,000
More than 5		$6,250

Weeks 5 & 6: Claiming Races will be contested on July 12 and July 19. The number of points the horse has previously earned in the 2012 Canterbury Claiming Sprint Series will determine the claiming price the horse is required to run for.

July 12	**July 19**
Fillies & Mares	Colts & Geldings
6 Furlongs	6 Furlongs

July 12 and July 19 Claiming Price Matrix		
Points Earned		**Claiming Price**
Less than 4	**Claiming Price:** July 12 or July 19	$3,500
4-8		$5,000
More than 8		$6,250

All Championship Series Qualifying Races must have eight or more entries to be contested and at least 16 or more entries in order to be split.

During qualifying weeks 1-4, if a race draws more than twelve entries, but not enough to be split, the field will be selected using the preference system.

During qualifying weeks 5 & 6, if a race draws more twelve entries, but not enough to be split, high point earners will be preferred.

Points will be awarded in the Championship Series Qualifying Races based on the following matrix:

1st Place – 8 Points 2nd Place –7 Points 3rd Place – 6 Points 4th Place – 5 Points

5th Place – 4 Points 6th Place – 3 Points 7th Place – 2 Points 8th Place – 1 Point

In the case of a dead heat, the points for the places occupied by the dead heat will be added together and divided amongst runners in the dead heat.

In the event of scratches that take a field below eight participants, points will be awarded down to the number of horses that completed the race.

$25,000 Championship Series Finals:

The Finals will be run for a $25,000 purse under starter allowance conditions with top point earners preferred. In order to be eligible for the Championship Series Finals, the horse must have competed in two of the three Championship Series Qualifying Races (June 14, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12 and July 19). In the case of a tie for the 12th position in the gate in either race, a draw will be conducted.

Fillies & Mares	
August 2, 2012	
Purse	$25,000
Distance	5 and ½ Furlongs

Colts & Geldings	
August 9, 2012	
Purse	$25,000
Distance	5 and ½ Furlongs

Management reserves the right to cancel either final if there are fewer than eight (8) entries.

Points will be awarded in the Championship Series Finals based on the following matrix:

1st Place – 16 Points 2nd Place –14 Points 3rd Place – 12 Points 4th Place – 10 Points

5th Place – 8 Points 6th Place – 6 Points 7th Place – 4 Points 8th Place – 2 Points

In the case of a dead heat, the points for the places occupied by the dead heat will be added together and divided amongst runners in the dead heat.

In the event of scratches that take a field below eight participants, points will be awarded down to the number of horses that completed the race.

Claiming Series Trainer & Minnesota-Bred Owner Prizes:

At the end of the competition, the trainer that has accumulated the most total points throughout the series will win a Movado watch from Continental Diamond worth an estimated retail value of $2,500. In the case of a tie for total points for leading trainer, the following tiebreakers shall be applied in the following order:

1. Most Claiming Series Training Victories (Qualifying & Championship Races)
2. Most Claiming Series Earnings (Qualifying & Championship Races)
3. Most Claiming Series Starts (Qualifying & Championship Races)
4. In the event of a tie for leading trainer after applying all tiebreaking scenarios, the leading trainer for the claiming series will be decided by draw of the tied trainers.

A trainer will earn the same points as the horse; however, a trainer can only earn points on horses that begin the series in their care or are acquired in claiming series races via claim. A horse that transfers trainers in any way other than through claim, is eligible to compete in the series and earn points, but neither the new trainer nor the old trainer will be eligible to earn points for that horse throughout the duration of the series until a new trainer acquires the runner via claim.

At the end of the 2012 Claiming Series, the owner of the Minnesota-bred that has accumulated the most points will win a Movado watch from Continental Diamond worth an estimated retail value of $2,500. The prize will go to the owner of record for the horse's final start in the 2012 claiming series. If the horse is claimed in its final claiming series start, the owner of the horse at the time of entry for the last 2012 claiming series race that the horse competed in, will be considered the owner for prize purposes.

In the case of a tie for total points for a Minnesota-bred, the following tiebreakers shall be applied in the following order:

1. Most Claiming Series Victories (Qualifying & Championship Races)
2. Most Claiming Series Earnings (Qualifying & Championship Races)
3. Most Claiming Series Starts (Qualifying & Championship Races)
4. In the event of a tie for leading Minnesota-bred after applying all tiebreaking scenarios, the leading Minnesota-bred for the claiming series will be decided by draw of the tied horses.

Canterbury Park will issue 1099s to the winners of the prizes for leading trainer and the owner of the leading Minnesota-bred.