

Stake Race – Bismarck Horse Club

1. This is a timed event. Timing will begin as soon as the horse's nose reaches the starting line and will be stopped when the horse's nose passes over the finish line.
2. The contestant is allowed a running start and may begin the run from either the left or right side of the first pole. It is acceptable for the contestant to run either of the two Stake Race patterns depicted below.
3. The start and finish line is 20 feet wide and marked by two upright markers (10 feet on each side of the center line). The first and second poles marking the center line are each 40 feet from the start and finish line, making them a total of 80 feet apart.
4. Failure of a contestant to cross the start and finish line between the markers will result in no time.
5. Failure of contestant to cross over the center line between the markers **before and after** turning the second pole will result in no time.
6. Finish by crossing or not crossing center (dotted) line between markers is acceptable.
7. Each pole or marker knocked over will add a 5-second penalty. Failure to follow course is a disqualification. A contestant may touch a pole with his or her hand in the Stake Race.

Optional Stake Patterns

