Penn Gaming Racing Challenge Launches in 2014

Wyomissing, PA (September 24, 2013) – In an effort to build on the success of the racing events introduced at its thoroughbred tracks over the past few years, Penn National Gaming, Inc. (PNGI) will launch the Penn Gaming Racing Challenge in 2014, tying together more than 20 stakes races worth over $5.5 million at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races, Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, Sam Houston Race Park, and Zia Park. The Challenge includes tie-ins between groups of races in the series, as well as bonuses and prizes that include free nominations, refund of entry and starter fees, and trips to the PNGI owned M Resort in Las Vegas.

The Penn Gaming Racing Challenge will cover the following six stakes event days at the four tracks:

- January – Houston Ladies Classic Day – Sam Houston
- April – Charles Town Classic Day – Charles Town
- May – Penn Mile Day – Penn National
- September – Charles Town Race for the Ribbon Day – Charles Town
- November – Zia Park Oaks & Derby Day – Zia Park
- November – Fabulous Strike Handicap Day – Penn National

The final races and dates for the six event days that are subject to regulatory approvals will be released in the coming months.

All owners, trainers, and jockeys who participate in the unrestricted stakes on the designated event days will receive two points. Additionally, points will be awarded for Top 5 finishes in varying scales, based on the value or grade of the race. The additional points range from the 25 received as a result of a win in a Grade 2, to one (1) point for a fifth place finish in an unrestricted stakes race worth between $50,000 and $75,000.

At the end of the Challenge, the owner, trainer, and jockey with the most points will each receive two round-trip airfare tickets and a three-night stay at the 390 room M Resort located on South Las Vegas Boulevard in Las Vegas. In addition to the travel rewards, the owner and trainer accumulating the most points at the end of the six events will have their entry and starting fees refunded in any unrestricted stakes race run at a PNGI thoroughbred track – with the exception of Penn National itself – for the entire following calendar year.

The Challenge will be divided into six divisions based on race type – 3-year-old & up turf route, 3-year-old and up turf sprint, 3-year-old and up dirt sprint, 3-year-old and up filly and mare dirt sprint, 3-year-old and up dirt route, and 3-year-old and up filly and mare dirt route.

Horses running in a race within one division will automatically be nominated free of charge to the following races within that same division. Also, horses that start in a Challenge race will have all entry and starter fees refunded (excluding supplemental fees) when they start in a subsequent race in the same division.

“The Penn Gaming Racing Challenge is a natural and exciting way to tie together the growing lineup of major stakes events at our racetracks,” said Penn National Gaming, Inc’s Corporate Vice President of Racing Chris McErlean. “Races like the Charles Town Classic, Penn Mile, Houston Ladies Classic, and upcoming inaugural Zia Park Oaks exemplify the top class racing that we offer, and it will be our pleasure to award the leading owner, trainer, and jockey in the 2014 Challenge a trip to the spectacular M Resort.”

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Horses that finish a race within one division will automatically be nominated free of charge to the following races in that same division, or as outlined in the conditions of the race. Also, horses that start in a designated race in the series will have all entry and starting fees (excluding supplemental fees) for a subsequent race in the same category in the series refunded upon starting in the subsequent race (subsequent races held at Penn National not included). All 2014 stakes schedules are still subject to the appropriate jurisdictional approvals.

Category: 3&up Turf Route

Race	*Track*
Penn Mile	PEN
John Connally Turf Cup*	HOU

Category: 3&up Turf Sprint

Race	*Track*
Champion Energy Services	HOU
Pennsylvania Governor's Cup	PEN

Category: 3&up Dirt Sprint

Race	*Track*
Allen's Landing	HOU
R. Hilton Memorial	CT
Webb Snyder CT Dash	CT
Researcher S.	CT
Wild & Wonderful S.	CT
Fabulous Strike H.	PEN

Category: 3&up Filly & Mare Dirt Sprint

Race	*Track*
Sugar Maple	CT
Charles Town Oaks	CT
Pink Ribbon S.	CT
Zia Park Distaff	ZIA
Lady In Waiting	PEN

Category: 3&up Dirt Route

Race	*Track*
Charles Town Classic	CT
Mountainview H.	PEN
Zia Park Championship	ZIA
Swatara	PEN

Category: 3&up Filly & Mare Dirt Route

Race	*Track*
Charles Town Oaks	CT
Zia Park Oaks	ZIA
Houston Ladies Classic*	HOU

* The tie-ins for the Penn Mile and Charles Town and Zia Park Oaks would be for the 2015 John Connally Turf Cup and Houston Ladies Classic

Graded Stakes Winners*

For the Charles Town Classic (G2), any horse with a North America, Asian and European Grade 1 win in the preceding 2 years will have their entry and starting fees refunded upon starting. For all other races carrying a base purse of $100,000 or more, horses with any North American, Asian or European graded or group stakes win in the preceding 2 years will have their entry and starting fees refunded upon starting.

*Will not apply to starts on Penn National event programs.

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2014 PENN GAMING RACING CHALLENGE RACE SERIES POINTS

Owners and trainers running horses and jockeys competing in unrestricted stakes races carrying a purse of at least $50,000 on the designated event days will accumulate points based on the number of starts they make, as well as where their horses finish. Points will be calculated on a January 1 – December 31 basis.

For horses owned in partnership or by multiple entities, the only person to accumulate points will be the principle owner. Legal entities including, but not limited to, corporations, limited partnerships or limited liability companies, are not eligible to receive points. With respect to the Penn Gaming Challenge, the term "owner" should be taken to mean the principle or primary owner.

For each horse an owner or trainer starts or a jockey rides in one of the unrestricted stakes on a designated event day, they will receive two (2) points. In addition to the points received for participating, additional points will be awarded for horses finishing in the Top 5 in their race in the following fashion –

	Grade 2	Grade 3	UNG $200k+	UNG $100k-199k	UNG $75k-99k	UNG $50k-74k
1st	25	20	20	15	10	5
2nd	20	16	16	12	8	4
3rd	15	12	12	9	6	3
4th	10	8	8	6	4	2
5th	5	4	4	3	2	1

Any dead heats will result in points being split in the same manner the purse would be split (e.g. two horses finishing in a dead heat for 4th in a Grade 3 would each receive 6 points)

The owner, trainer and jockey accumulating the most points at the end of the calendar year will be entitled to:

1) Two (2) round-trip airfare tickets and a three (3) night stay at Penn National Gaming's ***M Resort*** in Las Vegas.
2) A trophy, made at a presentation at the ***M Resort***.

Additionally, the owner and trainer accumulating the most points at the end of the calendar year will be entitled to the following in the subsequent calendar year:

1) Entry and starting fees in unrestricted stakes at any Penn National Gaming property, with the exception of Penn National, will be fully refunded upon the horse starting (excluding supplemental fees). The horse must have made its previous start in that trainer's name or with that owner listed as the principle/primary owner.

Any ties for the top spot in a category will be broken by total earnings in series races.