



*Trophy saddles awarded to
Winning owner and trainer*

Presents the 62nd running of
2026 WEST TEXAS DERBY (Grade 3)
\$65,000 Added

Trials to be run: Saturday, February 7, 2026
Trial Purses \$8,900 (Est.)
Final to be run: Saturday, February 28, 2026

For 3 year old Quarter Horses
Foals of 2023
126 lbs.
400 yards

BY SUBSCRIPTION OF:

- \$600 on or before December 5, 2025
- \$1000 to enter trials (Refer to Condition Book for date)
- **Supplemental nominations will be accepted by December 31, 2025 by payment of \$3,000 plus remaining trial fee OR by payment of \$6,000 at time of entry to trials (includes all fees)**

Make check payable to:
West Texas Derby

Mail payments to:
Nominations Secretary
Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino
1200 Futurity Drive
Sunland Park. NM 88063

Name of Horse	Reg. No.	Color	Sex	Sire	Dam	Breeder

NOMINATION FORM

Detach and mail in on or before midnight, December 5, 2025

Owner _____
Trainer _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone () _____
Email _____

**THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF FEES. ALL CHECKS
RETURNED BY THE BANK WILL CONSTITUTE NO PAYMENT.**

SIGNATURE OF OWNER/AGENT

2026 WEST TEXAS DERBY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The undersigned represents that he/she and all persons for whom he/she is acting have read and are familiar with the Rules of Racing and regulations of the New Mexico State Racing Commission and the race meeting conditions and agrees to be bound by and comply with the acts and decisions of the New Mexico Racing Commission and the Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino officials, and that all animals shall be subject to the same and to the acts and decisions of the race officials and agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions. All stable reservations and entries in stakes and all races are received and subject to all conditions, policies, terms, rules and regulations of the New Mexico State Racing Commission and Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino, as amended from time to time. Nomination to any race at Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino does not guarantee stall space on the grounds. Please refer to current conditions book for stabling regulations. For any horse entered as a participant in a competition to be held by Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino, said association reserves the right to set the appearance and arrival time for said horse. SPRC, further reserves the right to do additional testing on all horses at any time while they are on the grounds of SPRC, as well as any other rights said association has as a private property owner.

ELIGIBILITY AND NOMINATIONS

This race is open to all foals of 2023 which are registered with the American Quarter Horse Association. Complete payment schedule is on the front of this form. An advertising, saddle, clerical, banking, and integrity fee of 10% will be deducted from each nomination, sustaining, and entry fees, or supplemental nominations. All qualifying horses in the finals and "four also eligible" horses will be hair tested, and the cost of that test will be deducted from the owner's horsemen account. **PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF ALL NOMINEES WHEN MAKING PAYMENTS.**

An owner may nominate as many entries as desired. If one or more are withdrawn before the race, be sure to specify which one(s) are so withdrawn when making payment. Please notify SPRC immediately of sale of nominee or change in owners. Nominations or subscriptions to this stake may be refused or canceled without liability at any time prior to the actual running thereof, except for the return of any nomination, sustain, and entry fees paid. **Checks that are non-sufficient will automatically cancel eligibility.** The horse will be dropped from the race and will not be eligible for supplementary nominations. Checks returned for any other reason may also cancel eligibility. All nominations and sustaining payments **should be sent by certified/return receipt mail.** Nominations and sustaining payments must be mailed by the date specified. Because of curtailed postal service, postmarks of the date of closing or a sustaining of the two following day (Saturday, Sunday and postal holidays excluded), will be accepted. The sender's receipt must be presented as proof of payment should any discrepancy occur. Any payment postmarked on or before due date but received later than ten (10) days from the postmark date will not be accepted. Should an owner wish to have payment withdrawn from their horsemen's bookkeeper account, a notarized statement to the effect will be required as proof of such intention. All finalists and four also eligible horses will be tested through hair method.

If a horse earns a qualifying time for the finals of a race but is unable to compete in the finals due to injury, including exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhaging, or death, the horse will be able to enter the finals at the time of entry to receive their respective purse payout.

ALSO ELIGIBLE LIST

There will be an Also Eligible list for the Finals, in the case that a qualified horse has a positive hair, blood, urine, other sample test. Should a horse(s) scratch late from the Finals, then the last place money or monies shall be equally divided among the owner(s) of the horse(s) that are scratched. SPRC reserves the right to cancel this race for any reason it deems good and sufficient, without liability, except for the return of nomination, sustaining, and entry fees paid. SPRC also reserves the right to, at its discretion, postpone or transfer this race to any racetrack within the state of New Mexico, subject to the approval of the New Mexico State Racing Commission. SPRC reserves the right to have its track veterinarian mouth or inspect any nominee for age or other purposes.

Special Note: Please refer to New Medication rule, Subsection D Rule # 15.2.6.9 NMAC

Purse. \$65,000 added plus all nomination, sustaining, entry fees, and earned interest.

West Texas Derby	
First place	47%
Second place	18%
Third place	11%
Fourth place	7%
Fifth place	5%
Sixth place	4%
Seventh place	3%
Eighth place	2%
Ninth place	1.5%
Tenth place	1.5%
TOTAL	100%

TRIALS AND ELIMINATIONS

Each trial shall consist of not more than ten (10) horses. The trial shall be raced under the same conditions as the Stake. No more than ten (10) horses shall be selected from the trials to participate in the Stake. These horses shall be selected on a time basis. Time of horses in separate trials will be determined by the limitations of the electric timer. No adjustments will be made and recorded time of Trials for head wind, off track, etc. Should a malfunction occur with the electronic timer on any time trial, finalists from that time trial will then be determined by three official and disinterested people. The average of the three hand times will be utilized for the winning time, unless one of the hand times is clearly incorrect. In such cases, the average of the two accurate times will be utilized for the winning time; other horses shall be given times according to the order of finish with the aid of the photo finish, if available. Should a horse be disqualified, he will be given the time of the horse he is immediately placed behind plus 1/1000 of one second. If the front gates of the starting gate fail to open due to a mechanical failure, or if a horse is left behind the gate when the field is dispatched during the running of the trials, the money wagered on the horse is returned to the public, such horse shall be declared a non-starter and all nominating, sustaining and entry fees shall be refunded from the purse to the owner of said horse. During the running of the Final such horse will be declared a non-starter and shall be classified as a scratched horse and shall be paid last place purse money. The decisions of the Stewards and all matters shall be final and entries are accepted only on the condition that those persons nominating and/or starting a horse in the trials and/or Stake agree to abide by their decision. All rules and new rules adopted by the New Mexico State Racing Commission supersede any condition of this race. Entries in trials will be split if possible. SPRC reserves the right to hold trials on a non-race day, subject to the approval of the New Mexico State Racing Commission. The starting gate will be moved after each trial.

All checks returned by the bank will constitute no payment.

Nominators are reminded that they are responsible for making timely payments.

*****Please immediately notify the Sunland Park Nominations Secretary at aanguiano@sprcnm.com or (575) 874-5205, of any of the following:**

1. Sale or change of ownership of horse
2. Change of name of horse
3. Change of address of owner

A fee of 3% will be charged for all credit card transactions.
Subject to the approval of the New Mexico Racing Commission.