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Purse Supplement Added to Indiana Program

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission has announced that Indiana Downs and Hoosier Park have agreed to supplement purses for Indiana bred or sired thoroughbreds competing in open races.

A purse supplement of 25% will be awarded to horses finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in any open race except claiming races for a claiming price of less than \$15,000. The supplement, which is being initiated at the request of the Commission, will be paid from the tracks' purse account.

"Hoosier Park is pleased to offer significant financial incentives to reward Indiana bred thoroughbreds that place in open company in further support of the Indiana horse industry," said Jeffrey Smith, General Manager of Racing at Hoosier Park Racing and Casino.

Jon Schuster, General Manager of Indiana Downs added, "I believe this is an excellent step in improving the quality of racing in Indiana. Indiana breds should be rewarded for competing in open company."

The new supplement will be in addition to an already lucrative breed development program that receives approximately \$12,000,000 of slot generated revenue annually.

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission is currently reviewing its thoroughbred breed development program with an emphasis on improving the quality of its racing program.

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