



2025 BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE SERIES FACT SHEET

**E.P Taylor Stakes, Woodbine Racetrack
Aug.16, 2025**

- The Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: Win and You're In is an international series of 93 stakes races in 15 countries whose winners receive automatic starting positions and fees paid into a corresponding race at the Breeders' Cup World Championships. The full schedule may be viewed at BreedersCup.com/races/challenge-series.
- The \$750,000 E.P. Taylor Stakes (G1) provides the winner with an automatic starting position into the \$2 million Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1).
- Woodbine will host four Breeders' Cup Challenge Series races this year: the E.P. Taylor Stakes (G1) (Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf) and three races on Sept. 13 – the Rogers Woodbine Mile (G1) (FanDuel Breeders' Cup Mile, G1) the Johnny Walker Natalma Stakes (G1) (John Deere Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, G1), and the Summer Stakes (G1), (Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, G1).
- In 2024, five Breeders' Cup World Championships winners earned automatic berths via the Breeders' Cup Challenge series: Lake Victoria (IRE) (John Deere Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf), Citizen Bull (FanDuel Breeders' Cup Juvenile), Immersive (NetJets Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies), Soul of an Angel (PNC Bank Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint), and Moira (ON) (Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf).
- After the 2025 running of the Breeders' Cup World Championships at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, the 2026 edition will be held at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Ky., and the 2027 World Championships will be held at the new Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y.

\$750,000 E.P. Taylor Stakes (G1), 1 1/4 Miles, 3YO & Up, Fillies and Mares

Winner Receives: Automatic starting position in \$2 million Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1); \$60,000 entry fee waived, \$10,000 awarded to Breeders' Cup nominator (when applicable). All Championship starters based outside of California receive a travel allowance.

Recent Winner Highlights: Full Count Felicia (2024) finished seventh in the 2024 Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf; Moira (ON), the runner-up in the 2024 E.P. Taylor, won last year's Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf; Rougir (FR) (2023) finished 11th in the 2023 Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf; Al's Gal (2016) finished ninth in the 2016 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf; and Just the Judge (IRE) (2014) finished third in the 2014 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf.

2025 Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf Division – Challenge Series Races

Race Date	Track	Race Name	Distance	Age	Winner
1/4/2025	KEN	Cartier Paddock Stakes (G1)	1 1/8 Miles (T)	3 YO & UP	Double Grand Slam (SAF)
5/18/2025	TOK	Victoria Mile (G1)	1 Mile (T)	4 YO & UP	Ascoli Piceno (JPN)
6/22/2025	MON	Gran Premio Pamplona (G1)	1 1/4 Miles (T)	3 YO & UP	La Kika (PER)
7/31/2025	GOO	Qatar Nassau Stakes (G1)	1 1/4 Miles (T)	3 YO & UP	Whirl (IRE)
8/16/2025	WO	E.P. Taylor Stakes (G1)	1 1/4 Miles (T)	3 YO & UP	
8/21/2025	YOR	Pertemps Network Yorkshire Oaks (G1)	1 1/2 Miles (T)	3 YO & UP	
8/30/2025	SAR	The Flower Bowl (G2)	1 3/8 Mile (T)	4 YO & UP	
9/13/2025	LEO	Coolmore America 'Justify' Matron Stakes (G1)	1 Mile (T)	3 YO & UP	
10/4/2025	SA	Rodeo Drive Stakes (G2)	1 1/4 Miles (T)	3 YO & UP	
10/5/2025	LCH	Prix de l'Opera Longines (G1)	1 1/4 Miles (T)	3 YO & UP	

ABOUT BREEDERS' CUP

Breeders' Cup Limited administers the Breeders' Cup World Championships, Thoroughbred racing's year-end Championships, as well as the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: Win and You're In, which provides automatic starting positions into the Championships races through partnerships with host countries around the globe, and the U.S.-based Dirt Dozen Bonus Series.

The 2025 Breeders' Cup World Championships, featuring 14 Grade 1 Championship races run during a two-day festival worth more than \$34 million in purses and awards, will be held Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at Del Mar in Del Mar, California. The 2026 World Championships will be

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held Oct. 30-31 at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Kentucky, and the 2027 World Championships will be held Oct. 29-30 at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y. The Championships will be televised live by NBC Sports. Press releases appear on the Breeders' Cup website, BreedersCup.com. You can also follow the Breeders' Cup on social media.



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