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## American Graded Stakes Committee Announces Listing of 2007 Graded Stakes Races

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LEXINGTON, Ky. – The American Graded Stakes Committee of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association today presented its listing of U.S. Graded Stakes for 2007, the results of its annual grading session conducted November 30 in Lexington.

The Committee reviewed 722 unrestricted U.S. stakes races with a purse of at least \$75,000, and assigned graded status to 474 of them, one less than were graded in 2006. A total of eight graded races were upgraded, including five new Grade I races and three new Grade II races; five new Grade III races were identified. One race which carried Grade II status in 2006 is no longer eligible for grading.

Five races were upgraded to Grade I status for 2007: the Goodwood Breeders' Cup Handicap, Lady's Secret Breeders' Cup Handicap and Norfolk Breeders' Cup Stakes at Oak Tree at Santa Anita Park, Del Mar Futurity at Del Mar and Darley Alcibiades Stakes at Keeneland.

The Matron Stakes at Belmont Park and Clark Handicap at Churchill Downs were downgraded from Grade I to Grade II for 2007.

Three races were upgraded to Grade II status for 2007: the Mac Diarmida Handicap at Gulfstream Park, Allaire DuPont Breeders' Cup Distaff Handicap at Pimlico and Cashcall Invitational Stakes at Hollywood Park.

Two races were downgraded from Grade II to Grade III in 2007: the Lazaro Barrera Memorial Stakes at Hollywood Park and Long Island Handicap at Aqueduct. The Massachusetts Handicap at Suffolk Downs was not eligible for grading in 2007.

Five races were upgraded to Grade III status for 2007: the Colonial Turf Cup Stakes at Colonial Downs, Alysheba Stakes and Winning Colors Stakes at Churchill Downs, Canadian Turf Handicap at Gulfstream Park and Doubledogdare Stakes at Keeneland.

Five races were downgraded from Grade III to Ungraded status for 2007: the Long Branch Breeders' Cup Stakes at Monmouth Park, Lexington Stakes at Belmont Park, Bay Meadows Derby at Bay Meadows, Fifth Season Stakes at Oaklawn Park and Yerba Buena Breeders' Cup Handicap at Golden Gate Fields.

Following is a summary breakdown of all grade levels and a complete list of all upgraded and downgraded U.S. races for the 2007 racing season.

<b>2007 Graded Stakes</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>% Graded</b>	<b>%Eligible</b>	<b>Change from 2006</b>
Grade I	107	22.6%		+3
Grade II	157	33.1%		-3
Grade III	210	44.3%		-1
All Graded	474		65.7%	
Ungraded	248		34.3%	
All Eligible Races	722			

TOBA American Graded Stakes Committee  
*Summary of Decisions Made at November 30, 2006 Grading Session*

**RACES UPGRADED FOR 2007:**

**Two-Year-Old Fillies**

Darley Alcibiades S. (Keeneland) Grade II to Grade I

**Three-Year-Old Fillies**

None

**Older Fillies and Mares**

Lady's Secret Breeders' Cup H. (Oak Tree at Santa Anita Park) Grade II to Grade I  
Allaire DuPont Breeders' Cup Distaff H. (Pimlico) Grade III to Grade II  
Cashcall Invitational S. (T) (Hollywood Park) Grade III to Grade II  
Doubledogdare S. (Keeneland) Ungraded to Grade III  
Winning Colors S. (Churchill Downs) Ungraded to Grade III

**Two-Year-Olds**

Del Mar Futurity (Del Mar) Grade II to Grade I  
Norfolk Breeders' Cup S. (Oak Tree at Santa Anita Park) Grade II to Grade I

**Three-Year-Olds**

Colonial Turf Cup S. (T) (Colonial Downs) Ungraded to Grade III

**Older Horses**

Goodwood Breeders' Cup H. (Oak Tree at Santa Anita Park) Grade II to Grade I  
Mac Diarmida H. (T) (Gulfstream Park) Grade III to Grade II  
Alysheba S. (Churchill Downs) Ungraded to Grade III  
Canadian Turf H. (T) (Gulfstream Park) Ungraded to Grade III

**RACES DOWNGRADED FOR 2007:**

**Two-Year-Old Fillies**

Matron Stakes (Belmont Park) Grade I to Grade II

**Three-Year-Old Fillies**

None

**Older Fillies and Mares**

Long Island H. (T) (Aqueduct) Grade II to Grade III  
Yerba Buena Breeders' Cup H. (T) (Golden Gate Fields) Grade III to Ungraded

**Two-Year-Olds**

None

**Three-Year-Olds**

Lazaro Barrera Memorial S. (Hollywood Park) Grade II to Grade III  
Long Branch Breeders' Cup S. (Monmouth Park) Grade III to Ungraded  
Lexington Stakes (Belmont Park) Grade III to Ungraded  
Bay Meadows Derby (Bay Meadows) Grade III to Ungraded

**Older Horses**

Clark H. (Churchill Downs) Grade I to Grade II  
Fifth Season S. (Oaklawn Park) Grade III to Ungraded  
Massachusetts Handicap (Suffolk Downs) Not eligible